

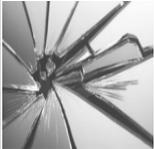
ANNOUNCEMENTS — MARCH 24, 2019 — 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

OFFERING TODAY: Christian Education Fund

Your donation to this fund helps provide our church families with the assistance they may need to provide a Christ-centered education for their children when they otherwise would not be able to meet the cost on their own.

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY: PARTNERS WORLDWIDE/DENNIS & JENI HOEKSTRA

Dennis & Jeni periodically travel to Africa where they provide knowledge and resources to local people that enables those people to provide a better life for themselves through clean water, farming, dairy farming techniques and computer skills. Pray for continued blessings on Dennis & Jeni's work in Africa. All support for Partners WW is given through collections on the 5th Sundays of the month throughout the year. No distribution from the Mission Fund is given to Partners WW.



Visual Arts: LENT is a time of reflection on our life and faith. The mirrors invite us to remember that we are broken in sin, and we often don't see ourselves for who we really are. Written on the mirrors are statements we might believe about ourselves that don't fit with the gospel message. Jesus calls us to reflect him in our lives of faith and obedience.

ALL groups are asked to please submit a budget for the upcoming fiscal budget year no later than the 2nd week of April.

Fellowship Luncheon: The Deacons, MAST and Finance Team will host a Fellowship Luncheon at noon on Sunday, April 7. We will share a meal and have opportunity to share stories about a time when you gave or received and felt blessed, motivated, or enthused. (*We have in mind any kind of gift: a gift of your time, a gift that used your skill, a gift of attention, or a financial contribution*). The host teams will provide the entree'; you are asked to bring a vegetable or potato dish, salad, or dessert. An information sheet is in the mailboxes; a **sign up poster is available in the foyer**. Plan now to participate in the Fellowship Luncheon!

BOOK CLUB: Join us **Monday, April 8 @7pm** to discuss "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah. "Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison."



—**Our Sympathy to Bill Bruinius and family** in the death of Bill's brother-in-law, Louis Haan, whose funeral was this past Thursday. We pray for God's comfort and peace for Bill and those grieving, through Christ our risen Lord.

—**Evelyn Luchtenburg** continued to improve while recovering at Manor Care. We give thanks to God for his healing and pray for increasing strength for Evelyn as she waits on the Lord.

—**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** those serving in the military & their families, and those in continuing care or homebound, including: Carol Breems, Dorothy Brink-Schutt, Helena Creaney, Marv DeVries, Jay Dorn, Ben Dykstra, Connie Dykstra, Rich Knudsen, John Langeland, Pauline Meekma, Mason Patterson, John Roos, and Jeannette Veen.

The **GEMS Girls Club** of Grace Community will have a booth at the St. Gerald's Craft Show (in St. Gerald's gym, 9300 S. Central, OL) on Sat., Apr. 13 from 9am-3pm. Free admission and no stairs! The GEMS will have a variety of items for sale! We look forward to seeing YOU there!

Journey with Christ: These Lenten Prayer Stations will guide participants chronologically through the biblical accounts of the events on Good Friday leading to Christ's crucifixion. Each station will include scripture, an activity, and a focus for prayer. All ages are welcome to participate. Come during the times the stations are open, and stay at each as long as you wish.

April 18: 9-noon April 19: 9-noon; 8:15-9:30pm April 20: 9-noon

Community News

You're INVITED to the **ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON** HOSTED BY BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS ON THURS., APRIL 11 at 11:30AM at TEIBEL'S IN SCHERERVILLE, IN. You'll enjoy a violin concerto by Katie Mattix and get a special "inside scoop" on the Bible League International ministry from Andrew Earnshaw. Tickets can be purchased from a Bible League volunteer for \$18 for chicken or \$22 for perch. Please contact Judy VanderWall (708-745-1617) if you have questions.

Roseland Christian Ministries invites you to join us at our **Spring Banquet, "Come as You Are"** on **Thurs., April 25 at Georgios**, 8800 W. 159th St. in Orland Park. Doors open at 6:30, dinner served at 7. No tickets will be issued, but reservations are needed. Please restrict guests to high school age or older. Contact Kisha Pleasant: 773-264-5665 for reservations or more details.

Luke 13:6-9

6Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. 7So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' 8" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. 9If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

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