

## ANNOUNCEMENTS — SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

### OFFERING TODAY: General Operating Fund

Your donation to this fund allows Grace Community Church to make connections with our church family and our neighbors through ministry opportunities. It also provides us with the means to maintain our church property and compensate staff.

### OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY: Mission Fund

Your donation will help support 6 missionaries around the world and here in the U.S. that our church has chosen to sponsor: Alan Breems-Evangelist Training Program, Moreno Valley, CA; John Hoekwater-Church Planting, Rogers Park, IL; Jerry An-BTGM, Chinese Broadcasting; Sergei Sosedkin-BTGM, Russian Broadcasting; Steve Michmerhuizen, CR World Missions, Romania; and Evy Smith-CR World Missions, Mali, Africa.



**Communion:** This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. We remember Jesus' sacrifice for us, taking our place that we might become like him, a child of God. Our worship will focus on how we are tied to Christ by faith: he is the vine, we are the branches, sustained for life everlasting through his gracious sacrifice and resurrection life.

**Next Sunday,** we will begin a five-part series on baptism and its meaning for our life today. Our baptismal font will be placed in the front at the center, reminding us of the central role of God's covenant with us and his promises that say who we are and where we belong.

**Our GEMS Girls Club is still in need of 1-2 counselors** starting this fall. If you have a heart for ministry and can help out twice a month, please see Pam Johnson TODAY.

### Ladies Bunco Night is starting up again!

The fun begins on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>!



### Tuesday Coffee Break Kicks-Off a new season on September 24, 9:15-11:00am.

Come for a free breakfast, friendship, and a message from our Coffee Break Director, Diane Ritzema, "Recipe for Coffee Break". Coffee Break is a non-denominational Women's Bible Study. No previous Bible knowledge is required. **Women of all ages are invited and bring a friend!**



**Join us, Monday, Sept. 16 at 7pm,** as we discuss "The Oxbow Incident" by Walter Van Tilburg Clark. Set in 1885, this book is an unforgettable, emotionally powerful and vivid portrait of frontier life and mob violence in the American West.

**A Special Congregational Meeting** will be held on September 15 after our morning service. Our Council recommends to the congregation that Matt Mulder be ordained as Elder at Grace Community CRC and will recommend to Classis Chicago South that he be able to administer the sacraments.

**Baptism Photos Wanted:** The Visual Arts team would love to display as many baptism photos as possible with our next sermon series about remembering our baptism. These might be photos of you or a family member—at Grace Church or another church. Please label your photos—who it belongs to, who is in the photo, and the date of the baptism. Email digital copies to [diane.ritzema@sbcglobal.net](mailto:diane.ritzema@sbcglobal.net) or put a physical copy in Diane's mailbox. These will be displayed throughout the series, from September 8-October 6. *Thanks in advance!*



—**ANN O'CONNOR** was hospitalized this past week at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox, undergoing treatment for an irregular heart rhythm. We pray for God's strength and healing mercy for Ann.

—**Our Sympathy** to the family and friends of **Pauline Meekma** who died on August 13. A memorial service will be held at Grace Church this Sat., Sept. 7 at 1:00pm.

—**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, Char Kros, John Langeland, Mason Patterson, Ray Peterson Jr., John Roos, and Jeannette Veen.

## Community News

**CRCNA Groundwork: BAPTISM**—Water is ordinary, so why do Christians think touching a person's body with water in baptism can do extraordinary things? Join Groundwork in studying Matthew 28:18-20 and Colossians 2:9-15 with our guest Jim Brownson to discover what happens in baptism, whom it's for, and the hope it gives to faithful believers. Listen now at [GroundWorkOnline.com](http://GroundWorkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Family Classics Car Show:** Wednesday, September 11, from 5-7:30pm. Help us honor first responders on this Remembrance Day. Join us for a car show including classic cars, trucks, motorcycles, and hot rods, "touch-a-truck" for the kids, great food, and more. Held at Orland Park Church, located at 7500 Sycamore Drive; dinner by donation. Proceeds benefit Orland Park Christian Preschool. For more information or to register a car for free, go to [www.orlandchurch.com](http://www.orlandchurch.com).

**Are you an artist or a crafter?** Your donations make the annual Dutch Fest a success! Please share your giftedness to support children and adults with disabilities at Elim. Donations of new handmade craft items for this event are being welcomed through September. The **annual Elim Dutch Festival** will be held on **Sept. 28**. Questions? Contact Laura at 708-293-6509, or [Laura.Schnyders@elimcs.org](mailto:Laura.Schnyders@elimcs.org). Thank you for blessing Elim's children and adults!

**Calling all Cyclists:** On Sat., Oct. 5, Roseland Christian Ministries will host a bike ride to raise funds for the Women's and Children's Shelter at RCM. The ride (40, 25, or 19 miles) will begin at 8:00am on Trinity Christian College's campus in the parking lot of the Bootsma Bookstore Café and take place on the Cal-Sag and Tinley Creek trails. Registration: \$45.00. Details and registration are at: [roselandchristianministries.yapsody.com](http://roselandchristianministries.yapsody.com) or [www.roselandchristianministries.org](http://www.roselandchristianministries.org). If you cannot ride, you can sponsor a Roseland kid to ride. We look forward to a great day!

There's still time to register for the **Sing! Chicagoland** morning summit and evening concert with **Keith & Kristyn Getty**. Hosted by the Bible League Volunteers on Thursday, October 24 in Crown Point. Go to: [bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets). Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian. To give an opportunity to partner in the Great Commission, an offering will be taken for Bible League Ministry.

**The Banner's Guide** to the Acts of Synod 2019—Every year, following the CRC's annual general assembly, the denomination publishes a hefty volume detailing all the 'acts' of that year's Synod. If you get bogged down in the 50,000 word document or are intimidated to even pick it up, The Banner's 3,000 word guide is for you. Find it at [thebanner.org/synod](http://thebanner.org/synod).

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