

## ANNOUNCEMENTS — SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

### OFFERING TODAY: Mission Fund

Your donation will help support 5 missionaries around the world and here in the U.S. that our church has chosen to sponsor: John Hoekwater-Church Planting, Rogers Park, IL; Jerry An-BTGMI, Chinese Broadcasting; Sergei Sosedkin-BTGMI, Russian Broadcasting; Steve Michmerhuizen, CR World Missions, Romania; and Evy Smith-CR World Missions, Mali, Africa.

### OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY: Benevolence Fund

This fund gives the deacons of our church the opportunity to show our loving care and support of those in our church family and surrounding community who may be in need of assistance while facing a hardship.

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

**ART CONNECT is back!** Art Connect returns this Saturday (September 14) from 1-2:30pm. We will be making a Fall themed craft. Art Connect is a great way to learn a craft or art skill while visiting with neighbors and friends. Everyone is welcome!

 **Our GEMS Girls Club starts a new season on Friday, Sept. 20 from 7-8:45pm.** GEMS is for girls in grades 1-8.

**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!**

**Ladies Bunco Night:** The fun begins on Tues., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> @7pm!



**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 is displaying as many baptism photos as possible with our sermon series. They can be photos of you or a family member—at Grace Church or another church and they don't need to be during the baptism, it could be one that was taken later by the baptismal font, or even just on the day of the baptism. Copies of photos, need to be labeled—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 the physical copy in Diane's mailbox. They will be displayed throughout the series, from September 8-October 6. *Thanks in advance!*

A **Council Communique'** summarizing the Council's last meeting is available in mailboxes and on the entryway table.

**Ruth Fellowship Bible Study** for ladies begins on Oct. 8 @9:30am.  
*We'd love to have you join us!*



**Missionary Update** **Steve & Jan Michmerhuizen, Resonate Global Mission, Romania.** Visa requirements call for Steve and Jan to be outside of Hungary for six months. Their temporary residence is in Kandern, Germany, near their son's school. Steve will travel to Hungary periodically to continue their leadership development ministry in Targu Mures. This summer, we also prayed for a family medical issue that required treatment in the U.S. Thankfully the issue is as resolved as it can be and they are well. We thank God for his care and provision.



**—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

**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).

The **annual Elim Dutch Festival** will be held on **Sept. 28**. Questions? For information 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!

**PASS October Banquet**—The 36th Annual PASS Banquet will be held at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park, IL on Thurs., Oct. 3 at 6:30pm. This year's theme is: Extreme Ownership. Join us as we embrace who we are and the work that God has given us to do. To reserve your spot, please call 708-614-9777 x121, or go to [passnetworkforlife.org/custom/donate](http://passnetworkforlife.org/custom/donate). We anticipate a great turnout! Reserve your spot by Sept. 15!

**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.

**Join Providence Life Services** on Friday, Nov. 1, at the Union League Club of Chicago to celebrate the ministry of Providence at our 59th Annual Torchlight Dinner! Go to [www.torchlight2019.com](http://www.torchlight2019.com) to register, or contact Joan at [jshutt@provlife.com](mailto:jshutt@provlife.com) or 708-342-8108.

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