

ANNOUNCEMENTS — MARCH 8, 2020—2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

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.

Lent Sermon Series: *Who Is Jesus?*—Throughout the gospel of Mark, people wonder who Jesus is. Over the next 7 Sundays, Pastors Michael and Matt will be preaching on this question from the gospel of Mark. We will see how the key to answering that question is the cross whose shadow lingers over Jesus’ entire ministry. This brief series in Mark will help us see Jesus’ true identity, which shapes and influences our Christian life every day.

Calling All Instrumentalists! The instrumental group will be accompanying the Maundy Thursday worship service on April 9 @6pm. If you play a string or wind instrument and would like to participate in this group, please let Diane Ritzema know as soon as possible, so she can prepare your music. Contact Diane at: 708-636-2848 or diane.ritzema@sbcglobal.net. *Thanks in advance!*

FREE Lunch & Art Connect! Art Connect will meet on Sat., March 14, 1-2:30pm. Join artist Barb Thompson to make an Easter Resurrection garden. You can see a photo of the project in the fellowship hall. Art Connect is a great way to learn a craft or skill while visiting with friends and neighbors. **Come join us for lunch before Art Connect at 12 noon! Everyone is welcome!**

Adult Serve Mission Trip: Grace Church is once again partnering with the Orland Park CRC and World Renew Disaster Relief Services in building a new home for a family that fell victim to a natural disaster in Mississippi. Our group left yesterday, Saturday, March 7 and includes: Jim Wassenaar, Dan Brucken, Jake Brucken, Harry Beezhold, Jim Kamper and Dave Phillips. Please keep these men in your prayers as they travel and work to build God’s kingdom through their witness and skilled labor.

Book Club: Join us for a discussion of “The Rent Collector” by Camron Wright on **Monday, March 16 @7:00pm**. This is a story of hope, of one woman’s journey to save her son and another woman’s chance at redemption.

Our **GEMS Girls Club** is hosting a **Scrapbooking Event, Friday, March 20 (6-10pm) and Saturday, March 21 (8am-6pm)**. Pick up a registration form from the tables in the foyer and register today!

Library News: When taking a book from the library or the cart in the foyer **PLEASE** fill out the card on the inside front cover and place it in the basket on the desk in the library.

LENTEN PRAYER breakfast  **Tuesday Coffee Break invites all women** to our **Lenten Prayer Breakfast** on **March 10** from **9:15-11am**. Pastor Matt Mulder will lead us in a Lenten prayer and meditation. We will have a breakfast potluck, so please bring a dish to share. *And invite your friends!*

LOST AND FOUND:

**Today is the last day to check out the Lost and Found table in the fellowship hall!
Items not claimed will be donated.**



—**Evelyn Luchtenburg** returned home this past week, following therapy. We thank God for his renewing work and pray that the Lord Jesus will continue to strengthen Evelyn as she walks with him.

—**Rosalie Spender** returned to Plymouth Place in LaGrange Park for rehab following her surgery to stabilize her hip. We pray for God's healing mercy for Rosalie in the days ahead.

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



"I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, concern, cards and well wishes after my recent surgery on my hand. Being thought about and remembered is such a Blessing to know that people care about you. So thank you very much."

—Bonnie Mulder

Grace Community Church Window Fund: The work has begun on the stained glass window at the front of the sanctuary. Structural repairs, cleaning and painting are being done. A new outside covering will be put up as well. If you have a moment, take a walk to the front of the church to see the progress being made. That being said, we are still in need of funding to pay for the repairs. A deposit was paid and an additional (approximately) \$35,000 is needed to cover the balance of the repair cost. This is an expense that is outside our normal budget. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to contribute toward this unique expense. Special envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary for your donation. Or you can write it in on the 'other' line on your budget envelope. All donations can be placed in the offering basket or given to a Council member.

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Evy Smith, Resonate Global Ministries, Mali. Evy's newsletter is in mailboxes and on entryway tables today. Read about the January mission school with 40 participants and the creative ways Fulani are learning and sharing the gospel as a story of the danger many face in Mali today. We thank God for Evy's ministry and pray that he continue to pour out his Spirit among the Fulani.

Community News

From Back to God Ministries International: Groundwork—What is a creed? Is the Apostles Creed biblical? Join Groundwork as we begin a study of the Apostles Creed and the scriptures that inform it. Dig into Romans 10:9 and Deuteronomy 6:1-9 to discover the function these summary statements have in the life of faith and the value they offer us yet today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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