



# NEWS & NOTES



Sunday, November 26, 2017

New Life Christian Reformed Church, Highland, Indiana

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** On **Monday, December 4**, we will meet in the church sanctuary at **7:00 pm** for a congregational meeting to vote on the proposed budget for 2018. The deacons have distributed the proposed budget to all church members through the mailboxes in church. If you have any questions or comments about the church budget, we encourage you to contact your district deacon, or the finance committee chair, Ray Sikkema, prior to the meeting.

**LOVE INC CHRISTMAS PROJECT:** The Christmas tree is full of mittens to provide gifts for six families. After you carefully select a mitten and purchase the gift(s), please return your package wrapped, with the mitten attached, by **Sunday, December 10**. **We are also providing food for Christmas dinners. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the back with items listed and the number needed. There are different items on each sheet.** Please place your items on the table in the hall by the East entrance by **Sunday, December 10**. We also need volunteers to help deliver dinners and gifts. There is a place on one of the sheets to sign up if you can help. Please contact Candy Piersma if you have questions.

**COFFEE BREAK** is selling almond paste again. The cost is \$7 per pound or \$55 for a 9-pound tub. Please make checks out to New Life Coffee Break. You can get your paste from the church office or Jo Slifko.

**THE LOVE INC GAP MINISTRIES** that have been highlighted each month this year for different churches will not have a specific ministry highlighted for November & December since many churches help families for Thanksgiving & Christmas. A new schedule for 2018 will be coming in the weeks ahead.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Just a reminder that we are still collecting non-perishable food items for the food pantry at St. James Church. This designation was made when Beacon Light closed their pantry, due to construction of their new church building. So, we encourage you to bring in your items & place them in the cabinet across from the Council room.

**JAIL LETTER WRITING:** For your convenience, cards are available in front of the church office—please pick one up and send it to an inmate this week: Kasheng Hayes, 5A, Lake County Jail, 2293 N. Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307; Jimmy Edwards, XB-431, (same address). **Please note that envelopes must be white and no glitter on cards. Thank you!**

## OUR CALENDAR

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

6:00 AM—MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
9:45 AM—COFFEE BREAK  
6:30 PM—HANDBELLS  
7:00 PM—COFFEE BREAK  
7:30 PM—CHOIR

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

9:30 AM—WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY #4  
6:30 PM—CADETS MEETING

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

9:15 AM—PRECEPTS  
6:30 PM—PRECEPTS  
(MEN'S CLASS MEETS)

**JAIL MINISTRY:** Mon.-Thurs.-7 PM

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### **Junior High Student Ministries:**

- **Next meeting** is Sunday, **December 10**, at Faith-Highland, from **6-7:30 pm**. This will be a Christmas Party!

### **Senior High Student Ministries:**

- **Next meeting** is Sunday, **December 3**, at Faith-Highland, from **6-7:30 pm**.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PREVIEW ILLIANA (OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS & THEIR PARENTS):** Discover what Illiana Christian has to offer at Preview Illiana on **Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 pm.** Parents and students interested in learning more about Illiana are welcome. Meet with faculty and administration, tour the campus, observe live teaching, and have all of your questions answered about Illiana. No pre-registration necessary. Call Marie Limback at (708) 474-0515 ext. 49 with any question.

**CROWN POINT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** will be holding a Waffle Breakfast on **Saturday, December 2, from 7:30 am-10:30 am,** in the school gymnasium. Come out and enjoy a delicious breakfast and great fellowship.

**MEN OF A-CHORD:** Come celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with song! The **Men of A-Chord** cordially invites you to join them for their annual **Christmas Candlelight Concert** on **Saturday, December 9, at 7 p.m.** at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL. Come join the singing with the Carols and Songs of the Season celebrating Christ's birth! Justin Rich is the director, Beverly Hoitsma is the pianist, and Nancy Venema is the organist. Betsy Archer will be with us this year as soprano soloist. A free-will offering will be taken.

**GROUNDWORK: GOD'S WORK GOES ON -** Many of us struggle with over-scheduling and repeatedly find ourselves over-committed. Yet we often wonder, "If I'm not around to do it, who will?" Join Groundwork in studying 2 Kings 2:1-18 to learn more about our servant participation in God's kingdom work. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

**MORNING WORSHIP:** "The Bethlehem Journey"; Luke 2:1-7  
Offering: Hammond Warming Shelter

**AFTERNOON WORSHIP:** "The New Jerusalem"; Revelation 21  
Offering: Ministry Opportunity Fund

**GREETERS: 9:30 AM**—Dan & Judy Zandstra/Hank & Mary Otte

**NURSERY: 9:30 AM**—Deb Abbring & Matt Fulton

**AM & PM SOUND OPERATOR:** Ron DeYoung/Craig Menninga

**AM POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Sean Armendariz

**WELCOME CENTER:** Bob Wadkins

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Sam & Judy VanTil/Roger & Betty Yonkman

**COOKIE SERVER:** Beth Kortum

### COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2017

<b>MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY FUND</b> —Received this month	\$36,747.00
Need per month	36,017.50
Over (Short)	729.50
Received to date	310,246.60
Need to date	360,175.00
Over (Short)	<b>(49,928.40)</b>

<b>NEW LIFE COFFEE BREAK</b>	\$60.00
<b>CALVIN COLLEGE</b>	\$276.00
<b>MEN OF A-CHORD</b>	\$238.00
<b>WOMEN'S CENTER OF NW INDIANA</b>	\$375.00

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### Shut-ins

Pearl Adams  
Bea Breuker  
Kathy Boender  
Lois Johnston  
Millie Meekma  
Eleanor Porter  
Virginia Schoon  
Sissy Siersema  
Case Van Til

### Special Needs

AJ Boender  
Shirleen Brown  
Sandy Corder  
Corrine DeYoung  
Keira Fennema  
Bob & Irene Huizenga  
Bob Moes  
Roy Smith  
Marilyn Sodo  
Ed & Sylvia Rudenga  
Joey VanEck  
Nola Witvliet

*If you have a name that should be included or you would like your name removed, please contact the church office (838-0506).*

**New Life Christian Reformed  
Church of Highland  
Dr. Bill Sytsma, Pastor**

Phone – 219-838-0506

Fax – 219-838-1550