



# NEWS & NOTES



Sunday, December 31, 2017

New Life Christian Reformed Church, Highland, Indiana

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** The church office will be closed tomorrow, January 1.

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** have been placed in your mailboxes. A number reassignment needed to be done so you may not have the same number as you did in 2017. **It is very important to stop using 2017 envelopes after TODAY.** Please make note of this when you begin your giving in 2018.

**GEMS & FAMILIES:** "I will be gone for a few GEMS meetings as my family prepares to welcome our 2 new sons. We covet your prayers for a safe delivery and an easy transition for their big brother. Amanda Van Til will be in charge while I am away. She has all the Emergency Contact information for the girls. You are welcome to reach out to her with any questions. Thank you all!"-**Heather Peterson**

**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: Jimmy Edwards, XB-431, Lake County Jail, 2293 N. Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307; Joseph E. Barner, VA-215, (same address). **Please note that envelopes must be white and no glitter on cards. Thank you!**

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEN OF A-CHORD:** Come end the Christmas Season and begin the New Year with song! The **Men of A-Chord** and **Cottage Grove CRC** invite you to join them for **One Last Christmas Carol** on **Sunday, January 7, 2018, at 7:30 pm**, at Cottage Grove Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL. Come join the singing with many of your favorite carols and hymns this year and Dr. Joel Nederhood providing meditations. If you've never attended and wanted to, maybe this is the year to join the evening. A free-will offering will be taken.

## OUR CALENDAR

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 2**

6:00 AM—MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3**

9:30 AM—WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY #6

7:00 PM—ELDERS MEETING

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 4**

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, January 14**, at Faith-Highland, from **6-7:30 pm**.

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

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

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY:** Did you know that Americans currently owe 1 TRILLION DOLLARS in credit card debt, while 64% of Americans cannot cover a \$1,000 emergency? Starting **Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 7 p.m.**, we will be hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at Cottage Grove CRC (16556 South Cottage Grove Avenue, South Holland, IL). This 9-week class is designed for adults, regardless of age and financial status. The class covers how to get out of debt, create a budget, make wise spending decisions, and save for the future, all from a God-centered perspective. The class cost is \$109 and includes Dave Ramsey's book "Complete Guide to Money", Dave's cash envelope system, and 1 year of EveryDollarPlus. Angela has several discounted memberships available for \$80 as well. Please contact Angela Uittenbogaard (708) 240-1187 or [Uittenbogaard.angela@gmail.com](mailto:Uittenbogaard.angela@gmail.com) with any questions.

**GROUNDWORK: A LIGHT SHINING IN DARKNESS** - In the Bible, the coming of the Messiah is often associated with light. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:2-3, Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20, Matthew 5:14-16, and Revelation 22:1-5 to see what this theme means for our understanding of Christ's light and how we live while waiting for his second coming. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

**MORNING WORSHIP: Guest Pastor: Rev. Peter Kelder**  
"A Spirit-Led New Year"; Ephesians 5:15-20  
Offering: Highland Christian School

**AFTERNOON WORSHIP: Guest Pastor: Rev. Rick Williams**  
"Looks Can Be Deceiving"; 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Offering: Ministry Opportunity Fund

**GREETERS: 9:30 AM**—Roy & Sue Smith/Rick & Sharon VanderWoude

**NURSERY: 9:30 AM**—Mary Mitchell & Laura Kortum

**AM & PMN SOUND OPERATOR:** Ron DeYoung/Sean Armendariz

**AM POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Hallie Hofstra

**WELCOME CENTER:** Shelley Boender

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Bill & Harriet Dyke

**COOKIE SERVER:** Sandra Porter

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Shut-ins

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

#### Special Needs

AJ Boender  
Shirleen Brown  
Sandy Corder  
Corrine DeYoung  
Keira Fennema  
Bob & Irene Huizunga  
Fred & Guelda Klooster  
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).*

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