



NEWS & NOTES

Sunday, November 25, 2018



New Life Christian Reformed Church, Highland, Indiana

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: On **Monday, December 3**, our Congregation will meet at **7:00 p.m.** to vote on the proposed budget for 2019. Copies of the proposed budget were placed in your mailboxes. Once you review the budget, please contact your district deacon if you have any questions or comments.

COFFEE & COOKIE SERVERS: **Thank you** to the many volunteers who faithfully served coffee and cookies every Sunday morning. We are currently making the 2019 schedule. If you are currently a volunteer and want to be taken off the schedule or if you would like to volunteer and be placed on the schedule, please contact Larry Moes (219) 864-0069 by **Sunday, December 2**.

COFFEE BREAK is again selling almond paste, \$7 per pound or \$55 for a 9 lb. tub. Please make payment to Jo Slifko, Judy Van Til, or our church secretaries. Checks should be made out to New Life CRC Coffee Break.

LOVE INC CHRISTMAS PROJECT: The Christmas tree full of mittens to provide gifts for six families. After you carefully select a mitten and purchase the gift(s), please return your wrapped package with the mitten attached by **Sunday, December 9**. We are also providing food for Christmas dinners. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the back of church 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 9**. 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.

OUR LOVE INC HEALTHCARE KITS: We need hairbrushes and Band-aids for the healthcare kits we give out thru Love INC. If you want to donate, please place your items in the cabinet across from the Council room.

WARMING SHELTER: The Warming Shelter Committee needs some new members. We need 1-2 men for serving at the shelter the **fourth Wednesday (5:30- 7:00 p.m.)** of each month. If you can help us, please contact Marlene Bush at 219-513-9570 or any other committee member. Thank you.

LOVE INC GAP MINISTRY: Love INC is asking participating churches to collect **NEW** underwear and socks for their winter distribution. Adult sizes are always needed for children, in addition to smaller sizes. All items must be new and in the package. Your donations can be placed in the Love INC bin that is located by our Welcome Center by **Sunday, December 2**. Love INC churches are also invited to adopt families during the month of November and December to help for the holidays. Additional information will be coming soon.

JAIL LETTER WRITING: Cards are now available in front of the church office. We encourage you to pick one up & sent it to an inmate this week: Adam Ferrell, XA-444, Lake County Jail, 2293 N. Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307; Sandro Espinoza, XA-341, (same address). ***Please note that envelopes must be white and no glitter on cards. Thank you!***

OUR CALENDAR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:30 AM—WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY #3
6:30 PM—CADET MEETING
7:00 PM—COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:15 AM—PRECEPTS
6:30 PM—PRECEPTS
(MEN & WOMEN'S MEETINGS)

JAIL MINISTRY: Mon.-Thurs.-7 PM

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Junior High Student Ministries:

• **Our next meeting is Sunday, December 9**, at Faith-Highland, from **6:00-7:30 p.m. (No meeting November 25)**

Senior High Student Ministries:

• **Our next meeting is Sunday, December 2**, at Faith-Highland, from **6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Please note there will be a combined Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16 at Faith-Highland from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. There will be no meetings on December 23 and December 30.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREVIEW ILLIANA (OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS & THEIR PARENTS): Discover what Illiana Christian has to offer at Preview Illiana on **Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.** Parents and students interested in learning more about Illiana are welcome. Meet with faculty and administration, tour the campus, attend informative sessions, and have all your questions answered about Illiana. No pre-registration necessary. Call Director of Admissions, Marrie Limback at (219) 558-7066 ext. 49 for more information.

ILLIANA ORATORIO SOCIETY cordially invites you to attend their annual presentation of **Handel's Messiah**. The concert will be on **Sunday December 2, at 2:00 p.m. at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL (16248 South Park Ave.)** Please join us for the Christmas season as we present this marvelous work to God's praise!

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH: The very funny "Laugh Anyway Mom", Tracy DeGraff, Christian author, speaker and comedian, will be performing at Crossroads Community Church (1538 Janice Drive, Schererville, IN) on **Thursday December 13 at 7:00 p.m.** This event makes for a great Christmas gift, date night, ladies' night or a family fun night. Tickets can be purchased at www.aboutccc.com. Hope to see you there!

MEN OF A-CHORD cordially invites you to join them in **A Festival of Nine Lessons in Carols for Christmastide** on **Saturday, December 15 at 7 p.m.** at Thorn Creek 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.

THE ILLIANA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION is planning an **eight-day, seven-night** trip to Boston, Martha's Vineyard and surrounding areas for alumni and friends of Illiana. The trip will take place June 11-18, 2019; and will be led by Jeff White, a history teacher at ICHS. This guided tour will include two days on Martha's Vineyard, visits to New Bedford, Concord, Lowell and Plymouth, and several days in Boston. The cost is \$1,850 per person for double occupancy or \$2,600 for single occupancy and includes airfare, transportation during the week, lodging, admission to all attractions and at least two meals a day. No Sunday activities will be planned. We are looking for commitments (\$250 non-refundable deposit) by **December 20** and full payment will be due by **February 1**. For any questions regarding the trip or to receive an informational brochure, please contact Bonnie Trepton (708) 474-0515 ext. 24 or Jeff White at jeff.white@illianachristian.org.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 2, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP: "The Purpose of Christmas"; John 1:1-4
Offering: Hammond Warming Shelter

AFTERNOON WORSHIP: "Lessons from the Well"; John 4:1-45
Offering: Ministry Opportunity Fund

GREETERS: 9:30 AM—Arie & Yvonne Swets/Burt & Ardess VanProoyen

NURSERY: 9:30 AM—Deb Abbring/Makayla Hoeksema

AM & PM SOUND OPERATOR: Ron DeYoung/Jamie Kostelyk

AM POWER POINT OPERATOR: Hallie Hofstra

WELCOME CENTER: Shelley Boender

COFFEE SERVERS: Terry & Tamie Kuiper

COOKIE SERVER: Marlene Bush

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pearl Adams
A.J. Boender
Kathy Boender
Bea Breuker
Sandy Corder
Jean Davids
Corrine DeYoung
Keira Fennema
Macy Glemby
Bob & Irene Huizenga
Lois Johnston
Gelda Klooster
Sam Kooistra
Cindy Kuiper
Lori McQueary
Millie Meekma
Bob Moes
Ed & Sylvia Rudenga
Virginia Schoon
Sissy Siersema
Roy Smith
Marilyn Sodo
Coralee VanAmstel
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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