



NEWS & NOTES

Sunday, May 10, 2020



New Life Christian Reformed Church, Highland, Indiana

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RETURNING TO WORSHIP: On May 4, Governor Holcomb released the plan for the state of Indiana to return to normal activities in a series of stages. Our Elders have decided that we will return to worshipping in our sanctuary on **May 24**, in conjunction with Stage 3 as outlined in Governor Holcomb's plan. We will have future announcements about the social distancing precautions that will be observed. PM services will resume in the fall.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: On **Sunday, May 31**, our church will be electing two new elders and two new deacons at our morning worship service. Our nominees for the office of Elder are: **John Boender, Rich Hartmann, Fred Leep, and Kevin Van Til**. Our nominees for the office of Deacon are: **Jeff Boender, Drew Eenigenburg, Tim Piatek, and Chris Porter**. Absentee Ballots will be emailed to everyone on the church email list. If you do not have access to email, but would like an absentee ballot, please contact the church office to have ballots mailed to you or you can pick them up at the church office.

NEW ADDRESS: Ryan & Nicole Jansma, 14032 W. 132nd Place, Cedar Lake, IN 46303.

MEMBERSHIP: At the Elders' Meeting on May 4, the memberships of Pat & Cecelia Szeplakay were lapsed.

MEMBER TO REMEMBER: This month's Member to Remember is **Bill McQueary, 3135 Ridge Road, Highland, IN 46322**.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10:

Austin Brummel, Jodi Johnson-5/11

Matt Johnson-5/12

Jessica Leep, Jacylin Sitter-5/13

Macy Glemby, Bob Wadkins-5/14

Sheila Wadkins-5/16

EXPRESSION OF THANKS: Dear Friends at New Life CRC: About ten years ago Guadalupe's husband was kidnapped in Guadalajara; she and her two young sons never heard from him again. Last year they visited New Life Church, and, just before COVID-19 hit, all three of them finished their profession of faith class. Once the pandemic is over she and her sons (now young men) will become members and her sons will be baptized. In the midst of her struggle Guadalupe declares: "I don't have family in Guadalajara; New Life Church is my family." Thank you for sending us to Mexico as your missionaries! We also are praying for you in these stressful times; thank you, too, for your most recent sacrificial gifts in December, February, and March. -**Rev. Ben and Amy Meyer and family, Resonate Global Mission, Guadalajara, Mexico (bmeyer@crcna.org)**

MUSIC COORDINATOR SEARCH: Earlier this year, Council approved a new job description for the Music Coordinator at our church. We are looking for someone to coordinate the Praise Team, Choir, Handbells, and other worship music for our Sunday morning services. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to Pastor Bill Sytsma at billsyts@hotmail.com.

OUR CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MAY 12

STATE STREET LUNCH

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

COFFEE BREAK HAS OFFICIALLY ENDED ITS SEASON. There might a social gathering early this summer. Watch for an announcement.

GEMS UPDATE: GEMS Sunday is postponed to the summer.

CADET UPDATE: The remainder of the Cadet season has been cancelled.

THE HANDBELLS & CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

PRECEPT CLASSES will resume in-person classes when they are able. (They are still doing their homework and connecting online and through text messages.)

STUDENT MINISTRIES

A message from Faith Church:

"We are suspending our meetings until further notice! We ask students to connect with us on our Instagram and Facebook social medias.

Instagram is @faithstudentmh
Facebook is Faith Students M/H

We will be posting video messages and have different ways of connecting students utilizing those platforms.

Thank you!"

CHURCH DONATIONS: Our deacons completed the process of setting up a way to financially support our ministries via online giving. If you are interested in utilizing this option, you can make a donation in one of the three following ways:

1. Online at <https://abundant.co/newlifecrc>
2. On the Abundant Giving - ACS Technologies App (available through the App Store or Google Play).
3. By text - for example, text "newlifecrc 50" to 73256 in order to donate \$50. You will be sent a link which will take you to the site where you can select funds and payment options (credit, debit, bank account).

You will be able to find a link to give online at our church website (www.newlifecrc.com) under the "Announcements" heading.

You can also mail your contribution to church at: New Life Christian Reformed Church, 3010 Ridge Road, Highland, IN, 46322.

STATE STREET LUNCH & WARMING SHELTER: The next date for the lunch is **next Tuesday, May 12**. Donations needed are bread, lunchmeat, fruit & cookies. **These need to be at church by Monday, May 11.**

Thank you to all who donated for **Warming Shelter**. The next date is **Wednesday, May 27**. We are in need of donations which can be: **2 pkgs of hot dogs, potato chips, buns, and cookies or bars (they already have a good supply of pork n beans.)** Please call (838-0506) or email secretary@newlifecrc.com, if you can donate for May.

OFFICE HOURS: The Church Office will be open **8:30 a.m. to 2:30 pm, Tuesdays thru Thursdays**, until further notice. On Mondays & Fridays the office phone calls & emails will be accessed remotely.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL, IN has an opening for an Administrative Assistant/Marketing Coordinator. This position is full-time and would provide administrative support to Lead Pastor with a wide variety of managerial, communication, technical, internal and external marketing responsibilities to support the ministries and mission of Hope Community Church of Lowell. More information: www.hopechurchlowell.com/join-our-team.

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AUCTION: The Annual Highland Christian School Auction, originally scheduled for Saturday, April 18, **has been rescheduled for June 6.**

GROUNDWORK: I BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH, GOD'S COMMUNITY - What is the Church? Dig into John 10:14-16, Colossians 1:15-18, Ephesians 4:4-6, John 17:21, and 1 Peter 2:9, Acts 2:42-27 with Groundwork to gain a biblical understanding of the Church and the communion of saints. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pearl Adams
A.J. Boender
Kathy Boender
Sandy Corder
Jean Davids
Corrine DeYoung
Keira Fennema
Macy Glemby
Bob & Irene Huizenga
Guelda Klooster
Sam Kooistra
Cindy Kuiper
Pet Kuiper
Bill McQueary
Millie Meekma
Bob Moes
Ed Rudenga
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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