



NEWS & NOTES

Sunday, May 17, 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.

SCHEDULES: Though we plan to resume worship services, there are certain responsibilities that will be not be assigned until it is decided to be safe to do so. There will be no nursery, greeters, early prayer groups, or Welcome Center. We will not be serving coffee & cookies after the services. The Worship Center is done for this season & will resume in the fall. All Education classes are cancelled until 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 were 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.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17:

Hank Otte (81), Ed Rudenga (96)–5/17

Edyn Ooms–5/19

Bob Huizenga (89), Chad Ketelaar–5/21

EXPRESSION OF THANKS: “Thank you for the birthday cards & wishes. My birthday was very different this year, and it was so great to be remembered. God is faithful.”–**Marlene Bush**

GRADUATION PICTURES: We would once again like to honor our graduates this year by placing their picture in our PowerPoint for **Sunday, June 21, which is Father's Day**. Though I know many, if not all, have not had a traditional graduation ceremony, we know many are moving on to higher education or jobs. If you or a family member has graduated this year from eighth grade, high school, college, trade school or received a new degree, please email a picture of the grad to secretary@newlifecrc.com **no later than Monday, June 15. Please include the name of the school and/or degree obtained and what the plans are for the future.**

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

MONDAY, MAY 18
7:00 PM–COUNCIL

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 **Tuesday, June 9**. Donations needed are bread, lunchmeat, cheese, fruit & cookies. **These need to be at church by Monday, June 8.**

Thanks to all who have volunteered so far for the next Warming Shelter, which is **Wednesday, May 27**. If you would like to donate they need: **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.

UPDATED OFFICE HOURS: Starting Monday, May 18, the Church Office will be open each weekday with normal hours: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Mondays & Fridays; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm, Tuesdays thru Thursdays.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 FORGIVENESS OF SINS - What is forgiveness? How can God forgive and be just? Join Groundwork as we study Psalm 103, 2 Corinthians 5:18-21, Romans 8:1-2, and 1 John 2:1-2 to discover the scriptures that lead us to declare with the Apostles' Creed that we believe in "the forgiveness of sins." 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 DeYonger
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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