



# NEWS & NOTES

## Sunday, April 25, 2021



*New Life Christian Reformed Church, Highland, Indiana*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH:** During the Month of May, the Elders are asking our church members to join us to pray for the future of our church. After the morning worship services on **May 2, 16, and 23**, our Elders will lead times of prayer and discussion in the church basement. We are recommending that members of Districts 1 and 2 join us on May 2. Members of Districts 3 and 4 can join us on May 16. Members of District 5 can join us on May 23. However, you are welcome to join us on any of those dates that works in your schedule.

**COUNCIL MEETING:** At the meeting of the Council on Wednesday, April 21, two motions were approved. They approved to change our mask policy wording from “required” to “recommended”, effective May 2. They also approved the renovation of the Fireside room and narthex. They would like to remind everyone that **absentee ballots for the elections must be sealed in an envelope and signed** and turned in to the church office.

**OFFICER ELECTION:** On **Sunday, May 2**, our church will be electing 2 Elders and 2 Deacons to serve three-year terms. Those nominated to the office of Deacon are: **Tim Brummel, Erik DeVries, Tim Piatek, Chris Porter, and PJ Wiltjer**. Those nominated to the office of Elder are: **Fred Leep, Larry Moes, Herb Sitter, and Bob Wadkins**. Please pray that God will guide our process to lead us to the right people to serve in these offices. Absentee ballots can be found in front of the church office or you may email the office to have a copy emailed to you.

**MOTHER'S DAY BILLBOARDS:** Illiana Right to Life Committee has run a pro-life Mother's Day ad, originally in The Times, more recently on billboards throughout northwest Indiana and the south suburbs in Illinois. This year we plan to run pro-life ads on digital billboards along heavily traveled US highways in Lake County, IN for one week (May 3 thru May 9). Copies of the ads will be circulated on flyers and on Facebook. Our Pro-Life declaration and names of supporters will not appear on the ads but will be posted on our Illiana Right to Life Facebook page. Please contact your Illiana Right to Life representative, **Shelly Ketelaar**, if you would like your name included. We ask for a minimum donation of \$5 per name to help defray the cost (additional donations are very much appreciated). **All names and donations must be received by Sunday, April 25. You may place them in Shelly's church mailbox.**

**NURSERY RE-OPENING:** The nursery is available during Sunday morning worship services. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office.

**LOVE INC DONATIONS NEEDED:** We are currently in need of large combs (not pocket size) for our Love INC healthcare kits. Donations can be placed in the cabinet across from the Council room.

### OUR CALENDAR

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 27**

6:00 AM—MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 PM—CHOIR REHEARSAL

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28**

WARMING SHELTER  
6:30 PM—CADET PIZZA PARTY &  
AUCTION NIGHT

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 29**

9:00 AM—PRAY FOR OUR NATION  
6:30 PM—MEN'S PRECEPTS

### STUDENT MINISTRIES

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

- We will be meeting **every Monday** from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at Faith-Highland.

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

- We will be meeting **every Sunday** from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at Faith-Highland.
- **There will be no meetings on Sunday May 9, and Monday, May 10.**

**PLEASE PRAY** for our Elders and Deacons. Our church faces some significant transitions in the near future. We are looking for volunteers to fill some key positions within our church's ministries. **Please see the announcements below:**

**CADET HEAD COUNSELOR:** Our Cadet Head Counselor, Jamie Kostelyk, has notified us that he will be stepping down from this responsibility at the end of this school year. We are looking for someone to step into that role for the next school year. If you are interested or would like to recommend someone who might be a promising candidate for this role, please contact your Deacon, Elder, or Pastor Bill to make a suggestion.

**POWERPOINT OPERATORS:** We are looking for volunteers to help run the video equipment during our morning worship services. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Pastor Bill.

**STATE STREET LUNCH & WARMING SHELTER:** The next date for the lunch is **Tuesday, May 11**. Donations needed are bread, lunchmeat, cheese, fruit & cookies. **Donations need to be at church by Sunday, May 9.**

The next Warming Shelter date is **Wednesday, April 28**. **Donations should be brought to church by Monday, April 26.** The office will continue to take calls & emails for volunteers to donate if you cannot come to church to get a donation sheet.

**BEACON LIGHT CHURCH** is currently running their food pantry. We encourage you to bring donations for their pantry. Items should be placed in the cabinet across from the Council room in the west hall. A member of our church will deliver them to Beacon Light.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING** will be held on **Monday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m.** in the school gym. On the agenda will be the approval of three board nominees – Curt DeGraff, Julie Sitter, Deanne Van Rosendale and the approval of the 2021/2022 budget. The Society Meeting Agenda is available at [www.highlandchristian.org](http://www.highlandchristian.org) and printed copies of the agenda and absentee ballots are available in the school office.

**GROUNDWORK: BUILDING BLOCKS FOR BIBLICAL SUCCESS** - How can we deal with opposition when we are trying to rebuild after our life has fallen apart in some way? Study Nehemiah 2:11-18, Nehemiah 4:1-15, and Nehemiah 5:1-12 with Groundwork to discover what we can learn from Ezra and Nehemiah's experience with opposition. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## NEXT SUNDAY, May 2, 2021

**MORNING WORSHIP:** "Purpose"; Matthew 5:13-14; 7:15-19  
Offering: Ministry Opportunity Fund

**NURSERY:** Jill Boender/Owen Ooms

**SOUND OPERATOR:** Craig Menninga

**POWERPOINT OPERATOR:** Cameron Zandstra

**ROVING ELDER:** Mark Hoeksema

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

A.J. Boender  
Jun & Kathy Boender  
Sandy Corder  
Jean Davids  
Corrine DeYoung  
Keira Fennema  
Wilma Gard  
Macy Glemby  
Guelda Klooster  
Sam Kooistra  
Bill McQueary  
Millie Meekma  
Ed Rudenga  
Don Saxsma  
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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## CHURCH DONATIONS

- Online at <https://abundant.co/newlifecrc>
- On the Abundant Giving - ACS Technologies App (available through the App Store or Google Play).
- 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](http://www.newlifecrc.com)) under the "Announcements" heading.
- You can also mail your contribution to: New Life Christian Reformed Church, 3010 Ridge Road, Highland, IN, 46322.