



the **Outlook**

A NEWSLETTER OF ORLAND PARK CHURCH

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our church website for more
news and information!

www.orlandchurch.com



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please join us for the following
special services:

- ★ December 10 at 6:00 pm
Kids' Christmas Program
- ★ December 17 at 6:00 pm
Choir Christmas Cantata
- ★ December 24 at 4:30 pm
Christmas Candlelight Service
- ★ December 25 at 10:00 am
Christmas Day Service
- ★ December 31 at 4:30 pm
Old Year's Service

Deacons' Corner

DECEMBER OFFERING SCHEDULE

December 3: Calvin College | www.calvin.edu

Calvin College is an educational institution and ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America located in Grand Rapids, MI. Founded in 1876, Calvin enrolls about 4,000 students with more than 100 programs of study. Calvin seeks to equip students to think deeply, to act justly, and to live wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world. Behind Calvin's mission is a set of deep beliefs tied to the Reformed tradition of historic Christianity.

December 10: Providence Life Services | www.providenceliveservices.com

Answering the call to enhance the lives of those we serve in the name of Jesus Christ. Providence Life Services was founded from a desire to provide high quality affordable care for those in our community that are aging. They serve a wide spectrum of residents and patients and their services reflect the commitment to embracing totality of their clients' lives. Services include: Retirement Living, Townhome Living, Small Home living, In-Home Care, Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing, Memory Care, Respite Care, Hospice, and Rehabilitation Services. They have services in Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan.

December 17: All God's People | www.allgodspeoplechicago.org

All God's People is an organization that ministers to the needs of homeless people in the Chicago Loop area. The second Saturday of the month they distribute clothing, blankets, toiletries, and food to over 500 needy people at State and Van Buren. The organization has a warehouse in Orland Park and accepts volunteers and donations. Volunteers say it is an honor to serve in Christ's name – a blessing to share a smile, a word of encouragement, or a few moments to listen with a caring heart. Being Jesus' hands and feet to those in need.

December 24: Chicago Christian Counseling Center | www.chicagochristiancounseling.org

Chicago Christian Counseling Center provides Christ-centered professional counseling throughout Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana for people in emotional pain. It was founded more than 40 years ago in a joint effort between two RCA and 3 CRC classes in the Chicago area. As the Chicago Christian Counseling Center reaches out to individuals and families to meet mental health needs, they also make a commitment to try to help those with limited financial resources in order to pay fees. Supported by donors, funds help cover costs for hurting people in our communities.

December 25: World Renew | www.worldrenew.net

World Renew's mission is to engage God's people in redeeming resources and developing gifts in collaborative activities of love, mercy, justice, and compassion. Serving worldwide as the development, disaster response, and justice arm of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, the aspects of World Renew's work are three-fold: Community Development, Disaster Response and Rehabilitation, and advocacy.

December 31- Dordt College | www.dordt.edu

Located in Sioux Center Iowa, and associated with the Christian Reformed Church, Dordt College was founded in 1955 and welcomes all students who are interested in a biblical, Christ-centered education. With more than 1,500 students from 30 States and 7 Provinces, Dordt's curriculum is designed to give each student a complete comprehensive education from a solid Reformed, Christian perspective. Dordt equips students, alumni, and the broader community to work effectively toward Christ-centered renewal in all aspects of contemporary life.

Preschool News

THE PRESCHOOL CHILDREN CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

-Ruth Baas, Preschool Director

The children at Orland Park Christian Preschool have had a great month learning what it means to be thankful! Here are the things we decided we are most thankful for this year:

M/W/F 4-year-old class:

Sarah.....my Monster High toy and friends
Connor.....”That’s Not My Cow” book and toys
Luca..... toys
Abigail.....my pet rabbit, Fluffy
Riley.....my family
Gianna.....puppies and my toy box
Trevor.....my stuffed snake Rattley and cake
Reagan.....Cassy & Floppy penguins & family
Heidi.....crafts and pizza
Olivia.....my Mom, Dad, and Grandma
Ronit.....my toy gun and going fishing
Jack K.....Halloween and making pictures
Zander.....my teddy bear and toys
Logan.....my dad
Thomas.....Halloween and Superman
Joshua M.....remote control race car
Gabiella.....my Mom and my swingset
Julia.....American Girl doll and Barbie doll
Travis.....Preschool
Dominic.....my teddy bear and blanket
Lillian P.....my family and Curious George
Gavin.....”Human Body” book and toys
Grace.....my family and dogs
Aaron.....my brothers
Haleigh..... my Ballerina book
Bradley..... sister & brother and transformer car
Elizabeth.....my sisters and cake
Derek.....my Mom, Dad, and blanket
Lily W.....dogs
Hazel.....my dog and duckie

T/TH 3-year-old class:

Evan.....my family and my friend Riley
Mikayla..... my family
Anna.....my Mom, Dad, and Paw Patrol toys
Owen.....transformer robot/truck
Connor.....my sister
Colton.....my family
Lillian K.....Mom, Dad, and racing Mickey Mouse
Leah Kh.....my family
Elliot.....my family
Leah Ko..... my family
Caroline.....my sister
Maksim.....my Mom and Dad
Renee.....my toy monkey
Kayce.....my family
Samuel.....puppies
Andrew.....my family
Christian.....my family and my dog
Kaitlyn..... my brother
Jack S.....my sisters & my light-up bouncy ball
Lily S.....my blanket
Bennett.....my family
Kyle.....breakfast and my brothers
Nathan.....my family
Eva.....my sister and my Cinderella doll
Joshua.....my Mom and Dad and toys
Aiden.....my family

For our Thanksgiving celebration, we sang the songs we learned about the Pilgrims, Indians, and turkeys, as well as our songs that praise God for all His blessings. Then we feasted on foods that reminded us of the first Thanksgiving—turkey, applesauce, popcorn, grapes, and candy corn treats! We were blessed by having so many of our extended family members and friends come to our programs to celebrate with us! We thank God for our school and for all we are learning there.





Choir Cantata: Joy to the World, A Celebration of Christmas Carols

Can you 'name that Christmas carol'?

- a thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices
- the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay
- born is the King of Israel
- glory to the newborn King
- Gloria in excelsis Deo
- repeat the sounding joy

Do you have a favorite? "Joy to the World"? "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"? "O Holy Night"? It is so hard to choose; each one sings with truth about the birth of our Savior. This year, the choir Christmas cantata, "Joy to the World," is filled with our favorite carols. It will be presented on Sunday, December 17, during the 6:00 pm service. The congregation is invited to sing the good news of great joy with us. The Lord is come! Glory to God in the highest! Joy to the world!

STEWARDSHIP SHORTS

Please take a brief moment and view this video, as it's a great reminder of what we are all called to do.

Psalm 24:1 ~ "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=joiSgXzP-ik>

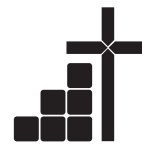
As spoken in the video, stewardship is defined as manager, a treasurer, or one who takes care of the master's business until he returns. The Lord has left this earth, and in turn we, as Christians, are to care for the earth and its people. That responsibility goes on until the day the Lord returns.

Transportation Assistance Provided to Rehoboth Christian School



The purchase of a 9-passenger 2008 Chevy Suburban was coordinated by the Car Ministry Program of the Orland Park CRC and presented to Rehoboth Christian School on November 27. In late July an car ministry application was received from James Wilson, Director of Operations at Rehoboth, and in early November James received a very welcome phone call from Bruce Harnew, chairman of the Car Ministry, to let him know that there is a "like new" vehicle waiting for pickup in Orland Park, for use at Rehoboth. James traveled to Illinois on November 27 to accept the title and keys to this vehicle, and then drove it back to New Mexico. We're sure that this gift will get a lot of mileage! We hope and pray that it will provide blessings to many at this special Christian School which was started 114 years ago in 1903.





CONGRATULATIONS!

Liz (Iwema) and Joe Kelly were united in marriage on November 18.
We celebrate with them and congratulate them in their marriage.

Jackie Kiers and Andrew Bottomly were united in marriage on November 18.
We celebrate with them and congratulate them in their marriage.

Luke and Mary Post welcomed their new baby girl, **Charlotte Grace**, on October 16.

Brandon and Claire Ratliff were blessed with a baby girl, **Jane Louise**, on October 28.

Darren and Dana Kong were blessed with a baby boy, **Hunter David**, on November 28.

SYMPATHIES

We extend our Christian sympathy to:

Kent and Sue Buteyn and Kris and George Doorn and their families as they mourn the loss of Kent and Kris's father, Arthur Buteyn.

The family of Stella Kostelyk, who passed away on November 5 at the age of 104.

The family of Brenda Venhuizen, who passed away on November 13 at the age of 82. We express our sympathy to Jim and Carol Venhuizen and Ed and Liz Venhuizen and their extended families in their time of loss.

Don and Sandy Waterlander as they mourn the loss of Sandy's father, Stafford Langland, who passed away on November 13 at the age of 93.

John and Patti Van Groningen as they mourn the loss of John's mother, Harriet Van Groningen, who passed away on November 21.

Karen Schultz, as she mourns the sudden loss of her husband, **Rick Schultz**, who passed away on November 28. May the Lord comfort the family in this time of mourning.

*Happy
Anniversary*

**Ray & Lee
Dekker**
December 2
51 years

**Earl & Ruth
Eng**
December 4
62 years

**CJ & Mary
Bulthuis**
December 18
25 years

**Dan & Allison
Loerop**
December 27
20 years

**Tom & Judy
Yonker**
December 30
40 years

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember these people in prayer who are recovering from recent hospitalizations, who are shut-ins, or who are dealing with other health problems.

Jessie Alderden	Dan Davis	Marty Kuiken	Mary Sasveld	Carol Van Kuiken
Jim Boerema	Doris Doorn	Clair Laning	George Schaaf	Katie Vree
Diane Brouwer	Bob Hofstra	Erling Ouwerkerk	Al Siegers	Kay Wiersum
Arlene De Horn	Annette Hulford	Nelva Piersma	Art Sluis	

To request prayer or give thanks for answered prayers, please send your request by email to prayer@opcrc.org or contact the church office at (708) 532-4900.



THANK YOU OPCRC!

Thank you so much to everyone who signed Christmas cards with encouraging notes to prisoners. Crossroads Prison Ministries will distribute the cards during the holiday season with Bible Study lessons that are sent to individual prisoners so that they will be able to enjoy a holiday greeting in the name of Christ. The total cards collected and sent from Orland Park CRC was 367. May each one be a blessing.

Thank you to many caring peopel for your prayers and cards during the past weeks since my shoulder replacement surgery. I appreciated Pastor Dan's calls and visit very much. Pleae continue to pray for full recovery.

-Ray Kerkstra

We offer our warmest and heartfelt thanks to the faithful who remembered our dear mother's recent 101st birthday with greetings and caring thoughts. Our gathering and celebration was small but meaningful, with mom's own testimony of her gratitude and God's faithfulness.

Sincerely, the family of Ada Decker

Thank you for the many prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy in the recent passing of Sandy's dad, Staff Langland. We are blessed to have a church family that supports us and provides a vivid example of Christ's love.

-Don & Sandy Waterlander

AROUND THE COMMUNITY...

Illiana Oratorio Society cordially invites you to attend their annual presentation of Handel's Messiah. The concert will be on Sunday December 3, 2017 at 2:00 pm at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. Please join us for the Christmas season as we present this marvelous work to God's praise!

Come celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with song! The Men of A-Chord cordially invites you to join them for their annual Christmas Candlelight Concert on Saturday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. at First Christian 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.

*Happy
Birthday*

Bernice Schaver

December 7

83 years

Mel Dokter

December 9

85 years

Louis Ouwerkerk

December 11

86 years

Marv Hooker

December 13

87 years

Raymond Leerar

December 14

81 years

Blanche Staal

December 16

81 years

John DeBoer

December 20

98 years

Mavis Wasil

December 21

82 years

DECEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Choir, Sunday School, Adult Ed 9:45 am Small Group Leaders 1:30 pm Mission Committee 4:30 pm Youth Group Christmas Karaoke 7:00 pm 3	4	5	Men's Prayer Breakfast - 6:30 am Coffee Break 9:30 am GEMS/Cadets 6:30 pm 6	Coffee Time With Pastor Derek (Victorian Village) 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm 7	8	Sunday School Program Practice 9:00 am Church Open House 12:00-2:00 pm 9
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