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## Preschool Gives Back

**CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE  
OF GIVING THROUGH A FOOD AND TOY DRIVE**

**T**he children at Orland Park Christian Preschool are learning that it is a blessing to be able to share with others! During the month of December, the children and their families responded generously to the opportunity to donate food and toys for those in need here in Orland Park.

We talked with the children about the fact that in our homes, we have toys to play with and enough food to eat every day. However, there are people who live around us that don't have enough food to eat each day. Preschoolers and their families responded by generously bringing non-perishable food to school to give to the food pantry at Orland Park Christian Reformed Church. Each child helped to carry a few items of food from our preschool hall to the food pantry down by the church office. Jessica Clevering, coordinator of the food pantry, graciously gave of her time to welcome us, say thank you, and show us where the food would be kept until people come to pick it up



Preschool children with the donations for the Orland CRC Food Pantry.

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**January 6: Southside Pregnancy Center | [www.southsidepregnancy.org](http://www.southsidepregnancy.org)**

Mission: Southside Pregnancy Center strengthens families by offering hope and help to those affected by unplanned pregnancy and preserves life and purity for generations to come. The inception of the Southside Pregnancy Center in 1984 was the result of a handful of people from southwest area churches recognizing the great need to assist women in crisis pregnancies. The founders were

motivated by the Christian example of giving practical help for mothers in need by providing life-affirming helps. At Southside Pregnancy Center, their vision is a society where the gospel of Jesus Christ reigns, resulting in lifestyle changes that transform culture to recognize the sanctity of human life, reinforce the biblical family unit, and reject abortion.

**January 13: Youth Unlimited | [www.youthunlimited.org](http://www.youthunlimited.org)**

Mission: Youth Unlimited helps churches challenge youth to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and transform this world for Him. Youth Unlimited is a non-denominational, non-profit ministry with the focus of assisting the Church and its many local congregations with their ministry to our youth. They strongly believe that the local church is the

tool God longs to use to reveal Himself to this world. They know that taking the call of ministering to youth today is not easy or for the faint of heart. Therefore, they are blessed by encouraging, supporting, equipping and partnering with congregations across North America to reach this generation for Jesus Christ!

**January 20: Cary Christian Center - [www.carychristiancenter.org](http://www.carychristiancenter.org)**

Mission: Cary Christian Center seeks to actively proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in order to enable individuals to reach their full potential in Christ. Cary Christian Center works to break the cycles of poverty through relationships one person at a time. Through various ministries, they seek to build serious and significant relationships that are based on biblical principles

with individuals by becoming involved in their lives. These ministries include the Thrift Store, Dental Ministry, The Village Ministry (an after school and summer program for children), Parent/Child Ministry (provides parents with skills they need to nurture their families), and a Volunteer program which is organized to serve community members who need serious home repairs.

**January 27: Cadets (Local)**

This offering goes directly to our local Cadets club at Orland Park CRC. The Calvinist Cadet Corps is an independent (non-denominational) youth ministry organization whose purpose is to provide the local church with ministry programs that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys from their church and community. The Basis of the Cadet Corps is the Word of God, whose

ministry encourages studying the Bible as a guide to life. The ministry also encourages experiencing the presence of God as he is revealed in nature through outdoorsman skills and learning to be stewards of creation. Men, as God's servants, dedicate themselves to bringing boys into a loving relationship with their Savior.

## CHRISTMAS AT PRESCHOOL

Every year, the Christmas season is very special for children! The teachers at Orland Park Christian Preschool enjoy the Christmas season with our students just as much as they do! What a joy and privilege it is to introduce the children to the best Christmas gift of all—Jesus! We tell Bible stories, read Christmas books, sing Christmas songs, make Christmas crafts, and dramatize the true story of Christmas found in the Bible to focus on the real meaning of the season.

We were able to enjoy performing two types of special programs for our parents this year. We invited our parents to come to a parent meeting on our Christmas party day at school and while they were there we acted out the Biblical Christmas story. Our teacher narrated while the children played the parts of Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, a star, and wise men to tell the story. After the story, we stood by tables set with muffins and candles lit in them. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Jesus to help us remember that Jesus was born on the first Christmas day! After blowing out the candles we enjoyed the muffins and juice drinks with our families.

Later in that same week, we performed a program of songs and Bible verses for our parents, grandparents, and friends in the church sanctuary. We sang the Christmas songs we learned and shared the Bible story of Christmas. We learned so much about God's love for us and how important it is for us to love God too.

It is our prayer that each child's heart is opened to the love of Jesus as they learn at Orland Park Christian Preschool. It is encouraging to speak with parents of former preschoolers who tell us that even after their children have grown and moved on to other schools, the Christmas lessons they learned in preschool have stayed with them. We are grateful to God for the work of His Spirit in the lives of our children.



"Happy Birthday dear Jesus, happy birthday to you!"



The shepherds came to see Baby Jesus.

Thank you so much to our church's pastors, council, preschool board members, and congregation for supporting us with your gifts and prayers so that we have the opportunity to share the important message of God's love at Christmas and always!



## PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

**P**reschool registration time is here! Our annual preschool open houses with the opportunity to register for 2019 fall classes will be held on January 27 from 1-3 pm and January 29 from 9-11 am. On Sunday afternoon, January 27, the school will be open and families are welcome to take a tour of the classrooms and meet the teachers. On Tuesday, January 29, families of future preschool children are welcome to come in to school while it is in session, take a tour, see the current classes in action, and meet the teachers. There will be an opportunity on both days to enter a drawing for one free month's tuition with a paid registration. After January 29, registration will be open until classes fill.

Orland Park Christian Preschool offers sessions for 4-year-old children three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday.) The morning session, held from 8:45-11:30 am has a tuition cost of \$165/month and the extended day session, held from

8:45 am-1:30 pm costs \$235/month. The preschool also offers class sessions for 3-year-old children two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday). This session, held in the mornings from 8:45-11:30 am, costs \$130/month. The board of our preschool is

committed to making this program affordable and available to all families regardless of church affiliation. Our mission is

to provide a clean, safe, happy Christian atmosphere for children where the love of Christ is modeled and shared. We will assist parents in helping their children grow spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally, and intellectually.

Orland Park Christian Preschool is an excellent choice for your child's first school experience, providing a quality Christian learning environment for children who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2019. Please spread the news about Orland Park Christian Preschool to your family, friends, and neighbors who have young children.



Orland Park Christian  
**Preschool**

## PRESCHOOL FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

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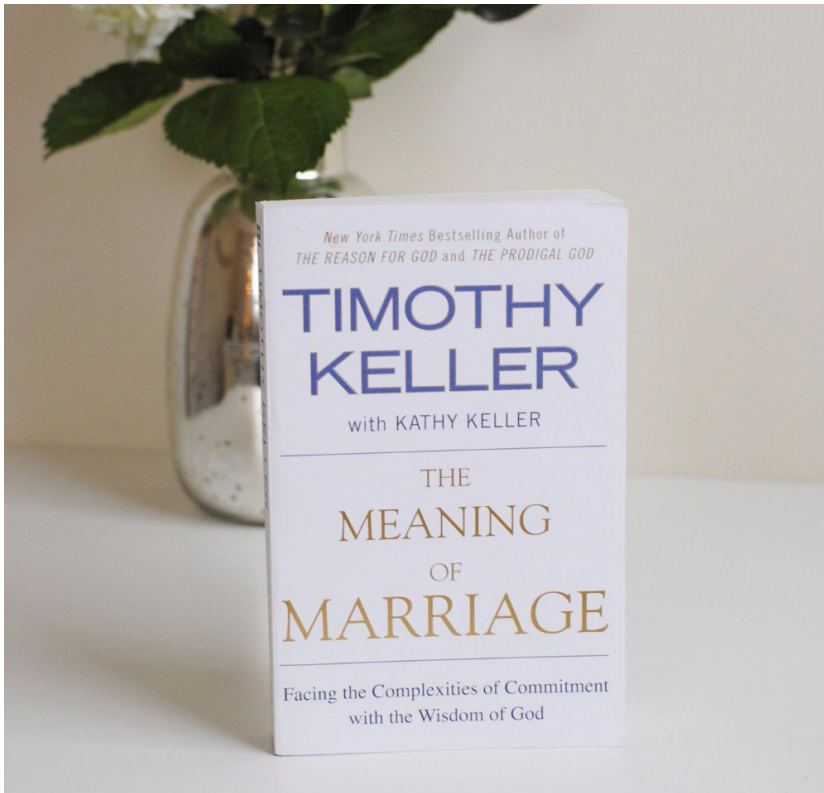
on Wednesday afternoons. She even let us help to load the shelves and put the food in the right places according to its kind.

The families of our children also donated toys through our preschool to the Orland Township Holiday Toy Drive. Two representatives from Or-



land Township came and picked up the toys which will be available to families who need assistance in order to give their children Christmas presents. We thank God for the opportunity to share with others. We are grateful for the opportunity to teach the importance of giving to young children.





## ADULT ED BEGINS MARRIAGE STUDY

**T**he adult education class will have a new offering this January. A 6-week marriage class will be starting on January 6 during the Adult Ed hour on Sundays at 9:40.

Modern culture would have you believe that everyone has a soul-mate and that romance is the most important part of a successful marriage. It would have you believe that marriage does not mean "til death do us part," but merely "for as long as my needs are being met," and that when serious differences arise, divorce is the best solution.

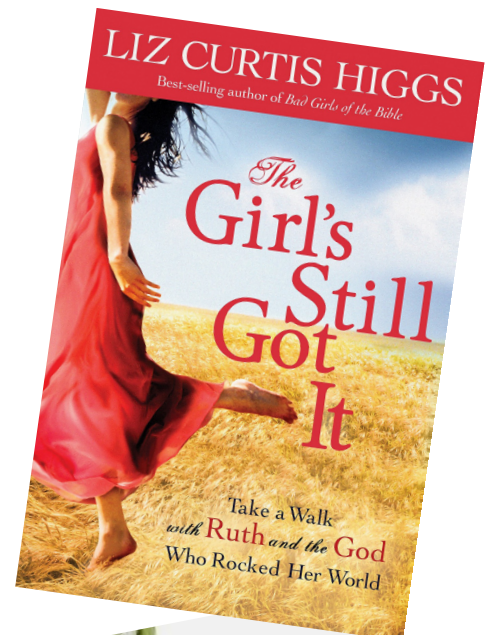
According to the Bible, all of these modern-day assumptions miss what marriage is all about. In *The Meaning of Marriage*, Timothy Keller, along with Kathy, his wife of 36 years, draws a profound portrait of marriage from the pages of Scripture that neither idealizes nor rejects the institution but points us back to the relationship between God and man. The result is a vision for marriage that is refreshingly frank and unsentimental, yet hopeful and beautiful. ***This study is for anyone from singles, to couples considering marriage, to those who have been married recently or for a long time.***

Childcare will be provided. Sign up at the information center and pick up a book for the class.

## NEW STUDIES FOR WOMEN IN THE WORD BEGIN THIS JANUARY

Women in the Word will begin with new studies on January 21. The morning session (9:30 am) will be studying, "The Girl's Still Got It," a study by Liz Curtis Higgs. The evening session (7:00 pm) will be studying, "Finding I Am," a study by Lysa TerKeurst.

Childcare will be available for the morning session only. Please sign up at the information center if you would like to attend either study.



# Orland Park Church Family News



## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Betty and Bob Hofstra as they mourn the loss of Betty's father, James Richardson, who passed away in Louisiana.

We extend our sympathy to Kristin and Bill Slager and Dave and Wendy Kuipers as they mourn the loss of Kristin and Dave's father, Marty Kuipers, who passed away on December 11.

## 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 | Richard Dykstra | Jim Kallas       | Erling Ouwerkerk  |
| Jim Boerema     | Arlene Hoekstra | Ray Kerkstra     | George Schaaf     |
| Carol Boersma   | Betty Hofstra   | Pixie Molenhouse | Al Siegers        |
| Jim Bulthuis    | Bob Hofstra     | Rich Olson       | Terry Vander Laan |
| Len Donofrio    | Ray Iwema       | Rich Oost        | Marv Vis          |

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

## ADULT SERVE HOME BUILD: VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR PROJECT IN MISSISSIPPI

**Hattiesburg, MS Home Build: The Adult Serve home build project is still in need of volunteers** for Week #3 (February 10 to February 15), Week #4 (February 17 to February 22), and Week #5 (February 24 to March 1). Applications are available at the information center. There will be a volunteer organization meeting on Sunday, January 13, at 4:30 pm in the music room to provide an opportunity for you to see how you can serve and to arrange transportation each week. Please prayerfully consider serving on one of these weeks, as all ages and skills are welcomed to help on this house project. See the bulletin board outside the gym and/or talk to one of the committee members.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Henny Bos**

89 years

January 4

**Bob Hoekstra**

86 years

January 6

**George Reddel**

92 years

January 13

**Louise Hofstra**

94 years

January 16

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**Len & Pat Bruinius**

January 2

54 years

**Jeff & Bethany Wendt**

January 4

5 years

**George & Kris Doorn**

January 7

30 years

**George & Jackie Van Ryn**

January 31

61 years



# Orland Park Church Family News



## THANK YOU, OPCRC!

Thank you to the members of the congregation who have given us kind expressions of sympathy after the loss of my brother, Marvin, in Colorado, and thank you also for the many cards that we received.

-Joanna DeRuiter

It's often said this time of year that it's more blessed to give than to receive. We experience that blessing at the Luke Society as we distribute the financial gifts of Orland Park Christian Reformed Church to our ministries around the world. We see these gifts bearing everlasting fruit in the many new lives won for Christ. Thank you for being a part of the Luke Society family and touching lives in Jesus' name.

-The Luke Society

## SOCIAL GROUP FOR GALS

There will be a short information get-together to discuss the formation of a group for gals (single, divorced, or widowed) for social activities. It will be held on Sunday, January 27, at noon in the music room. Any questions, see Betty Loerop or Bev Leerar.

## IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S CONFERENCE

**Save the date!** Iron Sharpens Iron will be back this year on February 16. The keynote speakers this year are Kenny Luck and Larry Jackson.

Kenny Luck, Leadership Pastor at Crossline Church in Laguna Hills, CA, is an award-winning author of 20 books geared toward men. He is a trusted expert on men's issues and writes the "Every Man" column for the *Christian Post*, addressing men's issues and current events.

Larry Jackson is currently serving as the regional Bishop for the Fellowship of International Churches. He is the founder and president of *True Value of a Woman* movement.

Men ages 13 and up are invited to this equipping conference. Visit [focalpointministries.net](http://focalpointministries.net) for info.



## CONGRATS!

Jake and Hilary Nydam welcomed a baby girl, **Karis Noel Nydam**, into their family on December 6. We congratulate them on this new, wonderful addition to their family. Give thanks for this precious gift from God.

## DORDT COLLEGE CHOIR TO PERFORM IN SOUTH HOLLAND

The Dordt College Concert Choir from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland (16248 South Park Avenue in South Holland). The concert is part of a winter music tour with performances in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa. Directed by Mr. Ryan Smit, the ensembles will perform a wide variety of choral music, including hymn arrangements, gospel, classics from Mozart and Brahms, multi-cultural songs from around the globe, and profound works from exciting new composers. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

# A Year in Review 2018

## Baptisms: 21

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Elijah David Ahrens       | Jade Nicole Matthuis    |
| Hannah Lynn Boersma       | Johanna Maeve Miltzow   |
| Jonah William Buikema     | Alyssa Annette Recker   |
| Henry Andrew Dykstra      | Josiah Steven Schutt    |
| Lucas Paul Dykstra        | Lukas Elliot Staal      |
| Abigail Rae Hoekstra      | Collins Paige Stryker   |
| Marlie Marie Kamin        | Eli Arthur Van Dyk      |
| Matthew David Kamin       | Molly Ann Van Gameron   |
| Jaxon Lloyd Kamp          | Joanna Sue Voss         |
| Charlotte Frances Kincaid | Annika Ruth Waterlander |
| Hunter David Kong         |                         |

## New Members: 43

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Jim & Sandy Aggen     | John & Amy Kargol<br>(Jake, Evelyn, Nathan)      |
| Bob Aliynovich        | Alan & Melissa Kincaid<br>(Charlotte)            |
| Gary Bos              | Paul and Grace Robinson                          |
| Henny Bos             | Bill and Andrea Seeman<br>(Ben, Aaron, and Seth) |
| Jack and Lois Bretall | John and Tania Voss<br>(Haley, Ben, & Brody)     |
| Gertrude Buikema      | Ashley Voss                                      |
| Karen Davis           | Kellie Walker                                    |
| Len & Bonnie Donofrio | Vera Wilken                                      |
| Bud and Barb Dyke     | Neil & Ginny Williams                            |
| Judy Eldrenkamp       |  |
| Sandy Errico          |  |
| Dean & Julia Galemb   |  |
| Dan Hannapel          |  |

## Marriages: 10

|                                     |                                       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Jeff & Kelly (Mullen)<br>Nyhoff     | Andrew & Danielle (Marx)<br>Camphouse |
| Adam & Amber (Kazmer)<br>Wigboldy   | Adam & Jennie (Kamp)<br>Fischer       |
| Butch & Barb (Kamp)<br>Bruinius     | Dean & Julia (Sant)<br>Galemb         |
| Collin & Emily<br>(Workman) Stewart | Josh & Kiersten (Merrick)<br>Mollema  |
| Kyle & Amanda (Richard)<br>Kuiper   | Simon & Kadee (Wiegers)<br>Summers    |

## Professions of Faith: 7

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Josiah Krooswyk | Carli De Jager |
| Leah Kuipers    | Eddie Damstra  |
| Alyssa Brouwer  | Emily Damstra  |
| Rachel Hultman  |                |

## Deaths: 13

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| George Boerema   | Ada Dekker        |
| Arlene Evenhouse | Marty Kuiken      |
| Florence Buikema | Clair Laning      |
| Tom Van Howe     | Ray Leerar        |
| Annette Hulford  | Judy Bosma        |
| Art Sluis        | Caylee Joy Loerop |
| Peggy Hummel     |                   |



# JANUARY 2018

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY                                |
|---|---|---|--|--|-----------|---|
|   |   | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>Men's Prayer<br>Breakfast - 6:30   | <b>3</b><br>Coffee time<br>with Pastor<br>Derek<br>9:00 am | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                                |
| <b>6</b><br>Choir,<br>Sunday School,<br>Adult Education<br>9:45 am<br>Missions 4:30<br><br>Youth Group<br>Small Groups<br>7:00 pm                     | <b>7</b><br><br>Men's BSF<br>7:00 pm  | <b>8</b><br>Ladies' Craft<br>Night 5:00 pm<br>Admin Elders<br>7:00 pm<br>Prayer Group<br>(sanctuary)<br>7:00 pm                               | <b>9</b><br>Men's Prayer<br>Breakfast - 6:30<br>Coffee Break<br>9:30 am<br>Wife of Noble<br>Character<br>6:30 pm<br>GEMS/Cadets<br>6:30 pm                                 | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br><br>Youth Group<br>7:00 pm |
| <b>13</b><br>Choir,<br>Sunday School,<br>Adult Education<br>9:45 am<br>Adult Serve<br>4:30<br>God's Posse<br>Topic Night<br>7:00 pm                   | <b>14</b><br><br>Men's BSF<br>7:00 pm   | <b>15</b><br>Prayer Group<br>(sanctuary)<br>7:00 pm<br>Admin Elders<br>7:00 pm<br>Council 7:30 pm<br>Shepherding<br>Elders/Deacons<br>8:00 pm | <b>16</b><br>Men's Prayer<br>Breakfast - 6:30<br>Coffee Break<br>9:30 am<br>Wife of Noble<br>Character<br>6:30 pm<br>Theme Dinner<br>Work Night<br>7:00 pm                 | <b>17</b><br>Oasis<br>12:30 pm                             | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b>                               |
| <b>20</b><br>Choir,<br>Sunday School,<br>Adult Education<br>9:45 am<br>College Lunch<br>12:00 pm<br>Youth Group<br>LOFT 7:00 pm                       | <b>21</b><br>Women in the<br>Word<br>9:30 am<br>Women in the<br>Word<br>7:00 pm<br>Men's BSF<br>7:00 pm | <b>22</b><br>Ladies' Craft<br>Night 5:00 pm<br>Prayer Group<br>(sanctuary)<br>7:00 pm   | <b>23</b><br>Men's Prayer<br>Breakfast - 6:30<br>Coffee Break<br>9:30 am<br>Coffee &<br>Comfort 1:00 pm<br>Wife of Noble<br>Character<br>6:30 pm<br>GEMS/Cadets<br>6:30 pm | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b>                               |
| <b>27</b><br>Choir,<br>Sunday School,<br>Adult Education<br>9:45 am<br>Small Group<br>Leaders<br>9:45 am<br>Preschool<br>Registration<br>1:00-3:00 pm | <b>28</b><br>Women in the<br>Word<br>9:30 am<br>Women in the<br>Word<br>7:00 pm<br>Men's BSF<br>7:00 pm | <b>29</b><br>Preschool<br>Registration<br>9:00-11:00 am   | <b>30</b><br>Men's Prayer<br>Breakfast - 6:30<br>Coffee Break<br>9:30 am<br>Wife of Noble<br>Character<br>6:30 pm  | <b>31</b>  |           |   |