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Another Great VBS in 2018!

TONS OF KIDS TURNED OUT FOR A GREAT WEEK LEARNING ABOUT JESUS

Orland Park Church's Shipwrecked VBS was a exciting, action-packed week! We had 230 kids come out to learn about God's Word in exciting and unique ways! The kids had a blast during their daily visits from Jim Noland (Pastor Derek) and Captain Dan, who kept the kids engaged in the daily Bible lessons.



Each day, the crews full of kids rotated to different stations, including worship time in both the gym and the sanctuary, Bible stories, games, crafts, and snack time. They had fun signing their names on each other's shirts – a VBS tradition. Kids also enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends. On Thursday, the children were told the story of Jesus's sacrifice for us on the cross,

and they were encouraged to ask Jesus to be their savior. What a privilege it was to have the opportunity to share the gospel with these children! On Friday night, the week concluded with a program, during which the kids sang the songs they learned during the week, followed by an ice cream social for both kids and their parents.

Of course, the week could not have gone smoothly without the help of all the dedicated volunteers – 113 people gave of their time to make VBS happen! Whether serving in the nursery, kitchen, audio/visual team, as crew leaders or helpers, assistants in games, teachers for the Bible lessons, leaders for worship time, or craft leaders and assistants, all our volunteers gave generously of their time and shared God's love with the kids all week. A special thanks goes to the following committee members, who have been working tirelessly for months planning out all the details, large and small, that make our VBS great each year: Sarah Campbell, Jenny Harris, Kim Hospes, Nicole Stoub, Laura Visser, Kristie Voss, and Heather Yonker. Thank you to all our awesome volunteers!

Deacons' Corner

JULY OFFERING SCHEDULE

July 1: World Renew | worldrenew.net

World Renew, formerly the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC), is the relief and development organization of the Christian Reformed Church. It responds on your behalf to the needs of people around the world who are suffering from poverty, hunger, disaster, and injustice.

July 8: Elim Christian Services | elimcs.org

Elim is a Christ-centered community that recognizes the God-given value and purpose of each person, and is committed to learning and to sharing its expertise wherever God calls. Each day, hundreds of people and their families turn to Elim for life-changing services on one of Elim's campuses and through partnerships with over 14 Christian schools nationwide that partner with Elim Outreach.

July 15: Christian Schools International | csionline.org

Christian Schools International (CSI) advances Christian education and supports schools in their task of teaching students to know God and his world and to glorify him through obedient service. Founded in 1920, CSI was the first educational services organization to be established in North America and has been the leader in Christian education for almost a century. CSI's worldview is firmly rooted in scripture and in a reformed tradition of Christian theology.

July 22: Children's Hunger Fund | chfus.org

Children's Hunger Fund (CHF) mission is to *deliver hope to suffering children by equipping local churches for gospel-centered mercy ministry*. CHF provides nourishing food for hungry kids across America and the world by distributing Food Paks and other aid through local churches. They also equip the local church to be God's primary channel of mercy to the poor around the world by training through their training program Rethink Mercy. For over 25 years, CHF has been proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through this ministry.

July 29: The Luke Society | lukesociety.org

The Luke Society is an interdenominational Christian ministry that works internationally with indigenous medical professionals to bring healing and hope through Jesus Christ. They support and empower nationals as they serve the Lord among their own people within their own language and culture. Today, the ministry in Jalapa, Mexico assists at-risk children and includes a health clinic, ministries for education, skills training, nutrition, and Bible studies. Miriam Cruz took over as director of Vida en Abundancia de Mexico in 2018 after the retirement of Dr. Jose Luis Guerrero.

STEWARDSHIP SHORTS

Please take a few minutes to read or listen to this sermon on stewardship.

"We can waste time; we can spend time; or we can invest our time wisely. That's what stewardship is about: faithfully developing and using our gifts, talents and resources within the amount of time God has allotted to us."

-Pastor Kenneth Boa

<https://bible.org/seriespage/stewardship>

THANKS FROM THE LUKE SOCIETY

The summer months bring the excitement of warm weather, vacations and extra time to enjoy creation. Most of our Luke Society ministries are situated in warm climates all year long, but they also face issues such as drought, extreme heat and tropical storms. In the face of these obstacles they are undeterred in their efforts to provide health to their people. It's a joy to serve alongside Orland Park Christian Reformed Church as together we support these directors and their passion to share the Gospel. Thank you for your continued support of the Luke Society.

Preschool News

-Ruth Baas, Preschool Director

GRADUATION DAY AT ORLAND PARK CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

The 2017-2018 preschool year came to a close on May 23, 2018. Many family members and friends gathered in the newly remodeled sanctuary at Orland Park Christian Reformed Church to celebrate all 60 of our preschoolers as they performed a spring program titled, "Celebrate God's Creation!" After the main program, a graduation ceremony was held for the 30 children in the four-year-old class.

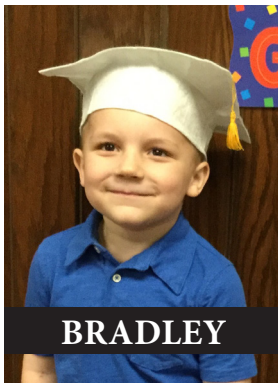
The children did a wonderful job of performing songs that they learned throughout the year, highlighting each of the six days of God's creation that we find in Genesis Chapter 1 of the Bible. We sang songs about light, the sea, trees, stars, birds, butterflies, hippos, and people like us! The children had a great time reminding us that on each day, God saw what He had made and He said, "IT IS GOOD!"

At the close of our program, the students from our Monday/Wednesday/Friday class graduated from preschool. They proudly wore their graduation hats and received their diplomas! We congratulate Sarah Babjak, Connor Blue, Luca Chieco, Abigail Cofran, Riley Darling, Gianna Giorgetti, Trevor Harnew, Reagan Hippenhammer, Heidi Holtrop, Olivia Keogh, Ronit Khanna, Jack Konior, Zander Kuba, Logan Lara, Thomas Lynch, Joshua Marcus, Gabriella Milosovic, Julia Mroz, Travis Nydam, Lillian Paulson, Dominic Peccatiello, Gavin Rasmason, Grace Ryczyn, Aaron Seeman, Haleigh Smit, Bradley Voss, Elizabeth Welter,

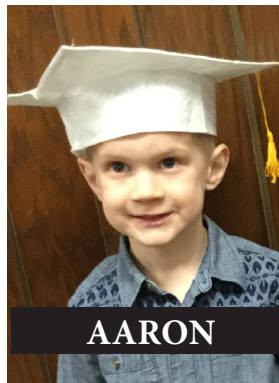
Derek Westercamp, Lily Winkler, and Hazel Zantingh. Please join us in praying for them, that the seeds of faith in our God and His love and the love of learning that have been planted in their hearts will grow and mature through the years. We also pray that their families will continue to remember the love of Jesus that was introduced to them as their children attended Orland Park Christian Preschool.

We want to express our appreciation to many people who helped to make our preschool year a success. Thank you to so many of you who supported us with prayers and gifts. Thank you to Denise Vander Plaats and Josh Siegers for their help with our audio/visual needs at the program. Each family received a DVD of the program to take home that same day! Thank you to Pastor Derek for closing our program in prayer and Pastors Derek and Eli for greeting all the families. We were blessed to work with a wonderful staff at preschool this year. Our dedicated teachers were Ruth Baas, Lisa Cavanaugh, Brenda Harms, Janna Kuyvenhoven, Cindy Schipma, and Barb Vree. God provided everything we needed through the gifts and the love that these ladies shared with the children. We give all the glory to God for the opportunity to be involved in His Kingdom work at Orland Park Christian Preschool.

CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATES FROM OPCRC



BRADLEY



AARON



TREVOR



JOSHUA



TRAVIS

More Preschool News...

SPECIAL VISITOR ON OUR LAST SCHOOL DAY!

The students at Orland Park Christian Preschool were treated to a special visitor on the last day of school. Connor Blue (one of our MWF students) and his mom, Beth Blue, brought their pet tortoise to school for all of us to see and enjoy.

“Congo” the tortoise has lived at Connor’s house for quite a few years now. When he first arrived, the tortoise fit into the palm of Beth’s hand, but he has been steadily growing and now weighs 100 pounds!

We enjoyed learning some interesting facts about Congo. He is able to be outside when the temperatures are warmer than 60 degrees. He mostly sees the color red, and his favorite food is watermelon. Congo also loves to eat green vegetables, and the family garden needs to be protected from him! We thank Beth and Connor for being willing to bring Congo to school and share him with us. What a special treat!



“Congo” the tortoise grew from the size of an adult hand to a 100 pound pet!



Crossroads: An Urgent Request

A LARGE NUMBER OF NEW STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM HAS CAUSED AN URGENT NEED FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS!

The number of prisoners joining the mentorship Bible Study program at Crossroads Prison Ministries has grown incredibly in 2018! In January, Crossroads began covering the cost of postage for students. This change caused hundreds of new students to enroll!

Because of this growth in student enrollments, the ministry is struggling to keep up with the lessons flooding into the Crossroads office. Right now, over 2,500 lessons are in the Crossroads office waiting to be sent to the next available mentor. Each lesson represents a student who is waiting to hear the Gospel and to hear encouraging words from a mentor on the outside who cares for them. Could you become that men-

tor who speaks words of hope to someone in a hopeless situation? Will you respond to this urgent need?

Please contact Ruth Baas at (708) 846-8745 or rrbaas@comcast.net if God is calling you to answer this request!

Also watch for the opportunity to learn more about Crossroads Prison Ministries when they visit our church in early Fall 2018.



Congrats Graduates!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Allie Boss	Corey Kamp
Alyssa Brouwer	Leah Kuipers
Katie Decker	Mark Schaaf
Hannah Dieck	Catherine VanLonkhuyzen
Ellie Gallman	Blake Vande Kamp
Jackie Huttenga	Emma Vander Plaats
Tori Iwema	Lauren Voss

8th GRADE GRADUATES

Matthew Belstra	Emma Huizenga
Alyssa Boersma	Jacob Schaafsma
Victoria Campbell	Landon Stoub
Hannah Clevering	Jacqueline Voss

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Corey Bulthuis
Trinity Christian College
Entrepreneurial Management

Ryan Kuyvenhoven
Valparaiso University Graduate School
Master of Health Administration

Kiersten Merrick
Calvin College
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Josh Mollema
Trinity Christian College
Bachelor of Science in Finance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE ORPHAN MINISTRY!

His Heart and Hands Orphan Ministry would like to thank the congregation for supporting our rummage sale. Thank you for donating, baking, and helping at the sale. It was a huge success! We are so grateful for a church that is passionate about caring for vulnerable children!

PASS HIKE FOR LIFE 2018

Thank you to all who came out to Hike for Life. Thank you to those who sponsored hikers, also. It was a good turnout and a successful hike for PASS.
-Grace Kamp and Mary Vos

WATCH OUR SERVICES LIVE!

Sick or on vacation? Have a friend you'd like to share a service with? Check out the livestream of our worship services! All you need to do is go to our church Facebook page or our church YouTube page (go to YouTube.com and search "orland church.") to see the livestream video. A special thanks goes to our tech team for making this feature available!

Disability Concerns Report

As a committee, we are grateful for and excited about the recent renovations that included making our church more accessible. We are thankful for the ways in which you listened to people with disabilities as you made these plans, and we encourage you to keep doing that.

Even more important, we are grateful for our education and children's programs which have worked alongside our committee and parents to ensure that all children are included. Over the last few years, the Education, Cadets and GEMS groups have faithfully worked to support a variety of needs within their programs, and we are looking forward to assisting these programs as they include more and more of our children who have disabilities.

We also appreciate the continued support, with volunteers and drivers, for the OASIS ministry run by Kim and Joe Kuster. OASIS continues to be in need of volunteers and drivers. Please feel free to connect with Joe and Kim if you have an interest in helping out with the OASIS program (kjkuster@juno.com).

Finally, we want to pass along compliments from a friend at Bethshan association. We are told that Bethshan residents feel welcome as full members of this body, and that is a real blessing. Thank you for showing our friends that they are indispensable members of this body.

On May 6, we celebrated all these blessings with our annual Disability Emphasis Services. Thank you to everyone who supported and participated in these services. Our hope is that the impact of that service would be a constant reminder that each person that God calls to join us here at Orland Park Christian Reformed Church is indispensable to this body. He has put each of us here ON purpose, and FOR a purpose.

If you recall those Sunday services, you might remember that the singing was great, and it was a reminder that God has given gifts to each one of us, to share with others, certainly with joy, but also with abandon – that's not always easy for us in the Christian Reformed Church. We were reminded by our mutual greeting, however awkward it might have felt, that we really need to tell each other how important we are to this body, whether we have a disability or not.

The point is this: each part is needed, no matter how different, or how similar it is, to any other part of the body. All parts are indispensable to the Kingdom work to which God has called us. Thank you for your support of the Disability Concerns team and for each day co-laboring with the "others" around you, as we are all indispensable parts of the body.

Disability Concerns Team: Tami Kuipers, Chair, Chad Boersma, Deacon, Lisa Cavanaugh, Sharon Ruesz, Kim Van Ryn, Becky Vande Kamp, Dan Vander Plaats, Katie Vree

Orland Park Church Family News



SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to:

Hank and Mary Lou Bos, as they mourn the loss of their daughter, Cathy Steen, who died suddenly and tragically in Michigan on May 30. Pray for Hank and Mary Lou and their family as they endure the pain of this sudden loss.

Bill and Gert Terborg, as they mourn the loss of Bill's brother, James Terborg, passed away on May 30.

John and Nina Ahrens as they mourn the loss of Nina's grandfather, who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in his sleep on June 4.

Berdy Kuiken as she mourns the death of her husband, **Marty Kuiken**, who passed away on June 11.

The family of Clair Laning, who passed away on June 15.

May God comfort all those who mourn.

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	Jan Deckinga	Linda Schutt
Joyce Beenes	Bob Hofstra	Al Siegers
Jim Boerema	Owen Huizenga	Bill Terborg
Clarence Boonstra	Jim Kallas	Terry Vander Laan
Judy Bosma	John Kloosterman	Jim Venhuizen
Andy Buikema	Christopher Novak Jr.	Clarence Vos
Tillie Bulthuis	Rich Oost	
Kathy Davis	George Schaaf	

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.

Happy Birthday

Bernice Bosma
88 years
July 4

Tillie Bulthuis
87 years
July 5

Frieda Machamer
95 years
July 10

George Schaaf
85 years
July 12

Hank Kamp
84 years
July 14

Gert Buikema
88 years
July 16

Grace Kamp
84 years
July 24

Orland Park Church Family News



CONGRATS!

Congratulations to Jeffrey and Ashley Kamp, who welcomed a baby boy, **Jaxon Lloyd Kamp**, into their family on June 4.

We rejoice with John and Nina Ahrens, who were blessed with a baby boy, **Elijah David**, born on June 22.

THANK YOU, OPCRC!

The family of Ada Dekker wishes to thank all who offered their condolences and shared their own memories of mom on her recent passing into Glory. To match her 101 years, we believe there are 101 ways in which she was remembered by members of her church family with love, care, and kindness during her many years of active participation, and also in recent years when she was no longer able to be present in worship. Please accept our grateful thanks.

-Betsy Kluck

Thank you to the congregation for their prayers, cards and words of support during the last 3.5 years that Marty fought his battle with cancer. A special thanks to Pastor Dan for his support, phone calls, and encouragement the past 3.5 years and to Pastor Derek for his support, words of comfort, and wonderful message during Marty's funeral service. I am so thankful that we are part of the family of God!

-Berdy Kuiken and Family.

Thank you to the congregation for your prayers and cards during my recent hospitalization. To Pastor Dan for his phone calls and to Elder Bob Van Lonkhuyzen for his visits and calls. Praising God for complete healing!

-Joyce Beenes

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

It is with deep appreciation that we thank you all for your cards of grace and comfort. We know that God loaned Cathy to us to nurture and raise, but now He has called her to His heavenly home. We thank Him for every precious moment she was with us. Please continue to remember us in your thoughts and prayers. They mean so much. An extra special thank you to Pastor Dan for the time he spent with us and our family with words of encouragement and prayer. God loves you all and so do we!

-Hank and Mary Lou Bos; Janet, Mark Wood and family

We would like to thank the pastors and congregation for their visits, prayers, and condolences in the recent loss of Pete's brother, Bill Greendyke.

-Pete & Dorothy Greendyke

Happy Anniversary

Ryan & Mary Catherine Baas
July 6
5 years

Kurt & Barb Recker
July 13
5 years

Joseph & Anna Czelusniak
July 15
56 years

Dave & Laura Meter
July 18
15 years

Jim & Susan Kamp
July 22
30 years

Curt & Kara Marcus
July 26
10 years

John & Lisa Pausma
July 28
30 years

Bill & Gertrude Terborg
July 30
57 years

Scott & Lisa Cavanaugh
July 30
25 years

JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Prayer Group (sanctuary) 7:00 pm	4 Church office closed	5 Coffeetime with Pastor Derek 9:00 am Oasis 12:30 pm	6 God's Posse Movie Night at Odyssey 7:30 pm	7
8 Hymn Sing & Potluck 6:00 pm	9	10 Ladies' Craft Night 5:00 pm Prayer Group (sanctuary) 7:00 pm	11 Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 am	12	13	14
15	16	17 Prayer Group (sanctuary) 7:00 pm	18 Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 am Bethshan Picnic 5:00 pm	19 Oasis 12:30 pm	20	21
22	23	24 Prayer Group (sanctuary) 7:00 pm	25 Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 am Coffee & Comfort 1:00 pm	26	27	28
29 Mission Committee 4:30 pm	30	31 Prayer Group (sanctuary) 7:00 pm	<div> <p>Submissions for the August issue of the <i>Outlook</i> are due on Sunday, July 15. Please send to Denise Vander Plaats at denise@opcrc.org or drop off in the office.</p> </div>			