

# the Outlook

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Don't forget to check out our church website for more news and information!

[www.orlandchurch.com](http://www.orlandchurch.com)

## Shipwrecked VBS Coming This Summer!

JUNE 11-15 • 9:00-11:45 AM



**T**his summer's Vacation Bible School, Shipwrecked, is coming to Orland Park Christian Reformed Church on June 11-15 from 9:00 to 11:45 am.

**Online registration** for your child, Pre-K (potty-trained, please)-6th grade, runs from May 18 – June 8.

**Volunteers: We need YOU!** VBS is looking for volunteers – stop by the VBS table and see how you can help! Also, if you have already signed up to volunteer, please pick up your t-shirt.

**VBS needs your help through the donations of supplies.**

Stop by the VBS table and sign up to bring in a supply needed to make VBS week happen. Donations need to be returned Sunday, June 3, and perishable items by Sunday, June 10.

**Please continue to pray for the VBS program** – the volunteers, the children, the families represented and the committee. Thank you for partnering with us to make this a successful week.



*Kim Hospes, Jenny Harris, Laura Visser, Nicole Stoub, Sarah Campbell, Heather Yonker, and Kristie Voss*

# Deacons' Corner

## MAY OFFERING SCHEDULE

### May 6: GEMS Girls Club National | [gemsgc.org](http://gemsgc.org)

GEMS Girls' Club is an international relationship-building program created especially for girls. The mission of GEMS is to bring girls everywhere into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Their vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others.

### May 13: Back to God Ministries International | [backtogod.net](http://backtogod.net)

Back to God Ministries International proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world, using media that effectively communicates Christ in the "heart language" of those in need of salvation and discipleship. For more than 70 years, Back to God Ministries International has used media to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to preach the Gospel and disciple believers. As the media ministry of the Christian Reformed Church of North America, Back to God Ministries International part.

### May 20: Resonate Global Mission | [resonateglobalmission.org](http://resonateglobalmission.org)

Resonate Global Mission's vision is to bring the Gospel to people, neighborhoods, communities, churches and the world to embolden them in participating in God's mission and faithfully proclaiming and living out the good news of Jesus. Resonate is a single mission agency equipping the Christian Reformed Church for this calling. Resonate supports, teaches, and equips leaders to plant and sustain churches cross-culturally. There are opportunities to go and serve short term, mid term, or long term alongside Christian leaders around the world.

### May 27: Journey Life and Pregnancy Hub | [journeyhub.com](http://journeyhub.com)

Journey Pregnancy Hub is an organization serving young women and families in Will County through free pregnancy support, baby, mom and apparel items. Their mission is to care for the whole person; by guiding them on a safe journey to Family, Purpose, & Wholeness. Services they provide include counseling, emotional care, baby supplies through 4 years old, pregnancy and family needs, on-going mentoring, life coaching, and life skills. Their 'hub', which is an inviting place to enjoy coffee, goodies, and company, is located in Mokena, IL.

## STEWARDSHIP SHORTS

Another way of being a Christian steward is simply "Stewarding God's Presence." It can be a challenge not to do things our way, but rather to be still and listen to God, giving Him control and letting HIS will be done in our lives. "When we are no more than just a steward of the presence of God, we get to see lives transformed, peoples needs met, and the Bible come to life." –Priscilla Shirer.

Watch the link below to listen more about being "Stewards of God's Presence."

[https://youtu.be/\\_5h5iPs9kWU](https://youtu.be/_5h5iPs9kWU)

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### WATCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE!

You now have the opportunity to watch our services live on YouTube or Facebook! Home sick or on vacation but still want to see the service? This is a great option! Have a friend or relative you want to invite to OPCRC? Have him or her check out a service online to get a sense of what our services are like prior to their visit.

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!



# Preschool News

-Ruth Baas, Preschool Director

## ANIMAL STUDIES

**P**reschool children are always curious about animals. Did you ever notice that so many children's books have animals as characters? Teachers know that if learning involves animals, the children will almost always be attentive and engaged!

Every year during the month of April, the children at Orland Park Christian Preschool are introduced to God's creation of animals in the form of baby chicks that hatch from eggs that we keep in an incubator right in our school! On April 9, the first day back after Spring Break, we received 24 fertile chicken eggs that we purchased from Northern Illinois University Extension Services in Naperville, Illinois. We set up our school incubator equipped with a heater and an automatic egg turner and placed the chicken eggs inside. We learned that the best temperature for the growth of the chicks is 100° F. We studied some pictures of the stages of growth of a baby chick inside the egg, made some chick crafts, read chick stories, and even now are busy counting down 21 days until our baby chicks hatch. We can't wait to meet them, pet them, and watch them grow when they hatch during the first week of May.

To extend our animal studies beyond baby chicks, we also took field trips to a pet shop on April 12 and 13. One of our student's extended family owns and operates a pet shop in Midlothian, IL named "Animal Island." It was a treat to be welcomed to the pet shop by his family members and their employees. They showed us many of God's creatures and let us touch them when we were brave enough to try. They also told us lots of interesting facts about the animals we saw. Some of the animals the children said were their favorite ones to see are listed here: caterpillars, ferrets, fish, frogs, hedgehogs, lizards, mice, baby quails, rabbits, baby sharks, snakes, tomato worms, turtles, and a tarantula! Even though it was a small sample, we were impressed with the variety of animals God has created!



Our chick eggs will stay in the incubator for 21 days before they hatch.



Petting a ferret at Animal Island Pet Shop.



Watching the turtles at the pet shop.



The Guinea pig felt so soft!



The bearded dragon's skin felt bumpy!



The rabbit was one of our favorite animals at the pet shop!

# Choir Notes

-Peggy Mollema

## CHOIR MINISTERS TO RESIDENTS OF PROVIDENCE

On Sunday, February 18, after our usual 9:45 am rehearsal, members of the OPCRC choir went to Providence in Crestwood to continue singing with some of the people who live there. Some members of the OPCRC community currently reside at that Providence setting, so it was fun to see them and interact with them.

We were also joined by some future choir members and grandchildren, who also sang with us and interacted with the people from OPCRC living at Providence. It was encouraging to see these young people singing heartily as well as visiting with persons who had watched them grow!



There were also some persons living at Providence from other churches in the area. We later spoke with one woman we had noticed singing along with us. She had attended Immanuel CRC for years and felt so blessed whenever a group came to sing!

Singing at Providence is something the choir tries to do once or twice a choir season, to minister to OPCRC members who are unable to attend services in our church building. But often the ministering goes both ways; seeing the joy on the faces of people as they sing familiar songs is such a blessing to us!



You do not have to be a choir member to join us on one of these outings. Feel free to contact Carol Vroom, Peggy Mollema, or Jim Kallas for upcoming dates.

## COMBINED SERVICE AT ORLAND CRC SUNDAY, MAY 27 | 6 PM

On Sunday evening, May 27, we will have a combined service here at our church with Palos CRC and Immanuel CRC at 6:00 pm. Pastor Greg Janke from Palos CRC will bring the message that evening.

## PATHWAY TO JESUS SCHOOL: 15 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS FRIDAY, MAY 4 | 7:00 PM

Celebrate 15 years of God's goodness and faithfulness to the Pathway to Jesus School in the Dominican Republic and our missionaries, Shelley and Guillermo Hernandez.

This time of praise, worship, and testimony will be held on Friday, May 4, at 7:00 pm at Bethel Christian Reformed Church. Bethel CRC is located at 3500 Glenwood-Lansing Road in Lansing, Illinois. Dessert and refreshments will be served at the event.

## CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH BANQUET: MAY 15

The Annual Chicagoland Prison Outreach Banquet is being held on Tuesday, May 15, at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. The reception starts at 6:30 with the dinner being served at 7:00. If you are interested in attending please RSVP by May 7 to [cpoministries@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpoministries@sbcglobal.net) or call the office at 708-331-3301 so we can reserve a seat for you.



# Orland Park Church Family News



## THANK YOU!

Thank you, Orland CRC, for your prayers, many cards, meals, and words of encouragement before and after our recent surgeries and recovery. We so appreciate them all. Thanks also for the many beautiful birthday cards you sent on my birthday! (Marlene).

*-Marlene and Clarence Vos*

## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Peggy Hummel**, who passed away on April 13 at the age of 78.

*May the Lord grant his loving comfort during this difficult time of loss.*

## CONGRATS!

Congratulations to Garrick and Courtney Stryker, who were blessed with a baby girl, Collins Paige Stryker, born April 20.

*Give thanks for this precious gift from God!*

## Happy Anniversary

**Robert and Carol Ettema**

May 6  
58 years

**Ken and Jamie Deckinga**

May 20  
30 years

**John and Carol DeBoer**

May 21  
53 years

**Harold and Elsie Van Drie**

May 25  
62 years

**Sam and Karley Staal**

May 25  
5 years

**Rich and Carol Brouwer**

May 29  
54 years

## BAD GIRLS & WHAT WE *of the* BIBLE CAN LEARN FROM THEM



### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Begins Wednesday, May 2 9:30-11:00 am

Join us in studying God's Word! A new women's Bible study will be meeting on the first, third, and fifth Wednesdays in May and June, from 9:30-11:00 am, in room E/F. We will study "Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them" by Liz Curtis Higgs. No sign-up required. Contact Marlene Steinfort or Grace Kamp with any questions.

# Orland Park Church Family News



## 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	George Lindemulder	Carol Slagter
Jim Boerema	Christopher Novak, Jr.	Bettie Triezenberg
Ron Callahan	Rich Oost	Darrell Van Gameron
Bob Hofstra	Erling Ouwerkerk	Terry Vander Laan
Jim Kallas	James Rynberk	Jim Venhuizen
Marty Kuiken	George Schaaf	Clarence Vos
Clair Laning	Al Siegers	

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.

## Happy Birthday

**Louise Van Lonkhuyzen**  
97 years | May 1

**Mary Lou Bos**  
81 years | May 3

**Camille Dykstra**  
81 years | May 13

**Carolyn Van Hal**  
86 years | May 18

**Bettie Triezenberg**  
82 years | May 24

**Fred DeRuiter**  
84 years | May 29

**Fred Huizinga**  
82 years | May 31

# MAY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div> Submissions for the June issue of the <i>Outlook</i> are due on <b>Sunday, May 13</b>. Send to Denise Vander Plaats at <a href="mailto:denise@opcrc.org">denise@opcrc.org</a> or drop off in the office. </div>		<b>1</b> Congregational Discussion Time (sanctuary) 7:00 pm  Prayer Group (music room) 7:00 pm	<b>2</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 am  Women's Summer Bible Study 9:30 am	<b>3</b> Oasis 12:30 pm	<b>4</b> God's Posse Year-End Bubble Ball Extravaganza 5:00 pm	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY</b>  Sunday School Year-End Celebration 9:45 am	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Prayer Group (sanctuary) 7:00 pm  Admin Elders 7:00 pm	<b>9</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>  God's Posse Topic Night 7:00 pm	<b>14</b> Education Committee 7:00 pm	<b>15</b> Prayer Group (sanctuary) 7:00 pm Admin Elders 7:00 pm Council Mtg 7:30 Shepherding Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00 pm	<b>16</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 am  Women's Summer Bible Study 9:30 am	<b>17</b> Oasis 12:30 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Youth Group End-of-Year Party
<b>20</b> New Member Mtg 9:45 am Cadet Informational Mtg 9:45 am Mission Comm 4:30 pm Youth Service 6:00 pm LOFT 7:00 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Prayer Group (sanctuary) 7:00 pm  Ladies' Craft Night 5:00 pm  Education Committee 7:00 pm	<b>23</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Prayer Group (sanctuary) 7:00 pm	<b>30</b> Women's Summer Bible Study 9:30 am  Coffee & Comfort 1:00 pm  Rummage Sale Donation Drop-off 3:00–6:00 pm	<b>31</b>  Rummage Sale Donation Drop-off 7:00–9:00 pm		