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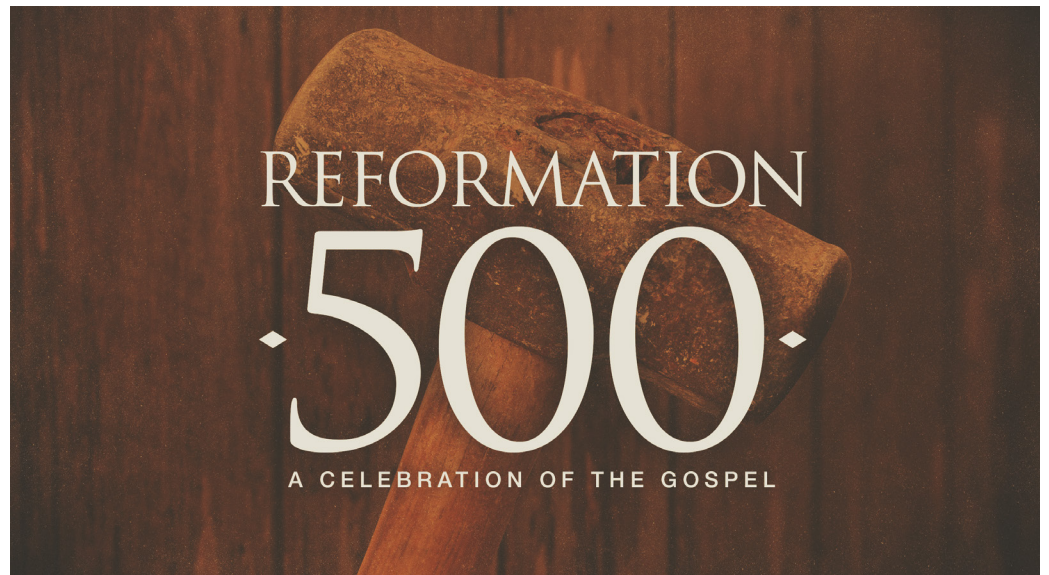
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www.orlandchurch.com

Reformation 500

A CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL



On Sunday, October 29, we will be having special worship services in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In our morning services, Pastor Derek will be preaching on the Reformation as a celebration of the gospel, with participation by the choir and praise teams sharing some special music. During the evening service, the pastors will share about three influential reformers from the time of the Reformation.

The celebration continues with a “Pipes and Pizza Hymn Sing” on Monday, October 30, at 6:30 pm! Everyone is invited to Beggar’s Pizza (the old “Pipes and Pizza”) in Lansing, Illinois, to fellowship and sing hymns together. A sign up sheet will be available at the information centers on October 8. If you will be attending, please sign up by October 22 so that we can provide Beggar’s with an approximate head count. We hope you and your family will join us for this fun evening!

Join us for the Pipes and Pizza Hymn Sing at Beggar's Pizza in Lansing on October 30!

Deacons' Corner

OCTOBER OFFERING SCHEDULE

October 1: CRC Race Relations

The Ministry of Race Relations is mandated by synod “to design, organize, and implement programs that will assist the denomination, churches, and members in eliminating the causes and effects of racism within the body of believers and throughout the world.” Because there is a need for leaders and their congregations to have more effective ministry in the diverse communities they serve, there is also a need to have assistance in becoming culturally intelligent. The Office of Race Relations offers the resources and tools to develop this capacity.

October 8: Self-Help Jobs Program

Unemployment is often filled with disappointment and discouragement, but for those within reach of Self-Help Jobs Program, Laura Vande Werken provides education and encouragement. For more than 15 years, Vande Werken has served as director of the program she describes as a teaching ministry. In her role as job search coach, she helps clients explore career options while providing tools from skills assessments to resume and cover letter training. She provides the free services from an office at Faith Christian Reformed Church. This program is funded by donations and Chicago Classis funds.

October 15: CRCNA Disability Concerns

Disability Concerns helps churches become healthier communities that intentionally seek to end the isolation and disconnectedness of persons with disabilities and their families, nurture the spiritual lives of people with disabilities so that they become professing and active members of their churches, and encourage the gifts of people with disabilities so that they can serve God fully in their churches.

October 22: Journey Pregnancy & Life Hub | journeyhub.com

Journey is a 501c3 organization serving young women and families in Will County through free pregnancy support, baby, mom and apparel items. Offering Continuous Mentoring, Encouragement, Resources & Support for Individuals Seeking to “travel” from Survival to Success. We are excited about this “journey” God has placed us on to help, encourage and equip those in our community.

October 29: CRC Home Missions (Resonate Global Missions)

Christian Reformed Home Missions follows God’s lead in the movement of the gospel in North America. Working through regional teams, Home Missions supports a diverse group of church planters, pastors, campus ministers, and others who are called to renew communities together.

STEWARDSHIP SHORTS

“What do we do in a world that is falling apart?” A sermon Pastor Derek preached on a couple of weeks ago really tugged at my heart. It made me think of love and how it relates to stewardship.

The first and most important point we have to remember is that God is still in control, He is still King.

The second point we have to remember is in loving one another we show Christ’s love in us. That means we love others no matter what color, shape, or size they are. The conflicts we see on social media seem far way but can happen anywhere. The way we act or speak can either build others up or tear them down. The smallest gesture of love can reduce the hatred in this world and make it a kinder place.

-Kristie Voss

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

-John 13:34 (NIV)

Preschool News

A NEW YEAR AT PRESCHOOL BEGINS

-Ruth Baas, Director

Fifty-five excited three- to five-year-old children have gotten off to an excellent start in a new year of growing in faith and learning at Orland Park Christian Preschool! Thirteen of the children come from families that attend Orland Park Christian Reformed church while the other forty-two are from other churches and from the surrounding community. A number of neighborhood families have seen our sign while driving by, come in to meet us and take a tour, and then registered their children in the school.

The school year began on Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12 with bright, freshly-cleaned classrooms and beautiful weather to enjoy our outdoor playground. The adjustment has been made to using the south entrance to our preschool (the doors that face Sycamore Drive) due to church construction areas blocking off our usual entrance on the north side of the building. Inside the first floor of the church education wing, new hallway carpeting is inviting and our preschool classrooms are set up beautifully to encourage young children to explore and learn through play and group instruction.

The themes we have used to plan our stories, lessons, and activities during this first month of school have been leading each child to understand and appreciate that “God Made... Me!”, “God Made...My Family!”, and “God Made...My Friends!” We are thankful for each unique and special child that God has brought to our classrooms. We are also thankful for their families and we pray that the children and their families will be introduced to the love of Jesus as it is modeled and taught through our daily activities. The

children are having so much fun sharing and learning with the new friends they have met at school! Everyone is busy learning names and getting to know how to treat each other with respect and kindness.

Hearing Bible stories from God’s Word is a very special part of our learning at Orland Park Christian Preschool. We have started with stories from the beginning of the

Bible. The children love to see the Bible stories portrayed through flannel board pictures as well as hear the teachers tell the narrative in their own words. We sing songs that tell about God making the world good, and we sing our thanks to God for making each child. Another way the children experience the story of God’s creation is by painting a wall mural of the many things that God made. (See accompanying photo.)

Thank you for supporting the ministry at Orland Park Christian Preschool with your prayers and your encouragement. We appreciate the generous support from all who came out to the Family Classics Car Show and donated to the preschool through dinner donations, general donations, and purchases of mums. We are also grateful to those of you who

supported us with gifts even if you were unable to attend the show. The Family of God at Orland Church is a blessing to the preschool ministry. Please continue to pray that God will bless the children and their families as they grow in Him. Thank God that He is using the preschool ministry to reach many families in His name.



The children enjoyed adding animals they colored to the mural.



We painted a mural of God’s beautiful creation!

Car Show Reaches Out to Community

2017 EVENT IS A SUCCESS, BRINGING MANY VISITORS

It was a misty, cloudy afternoon as the 9th annual Family Classics Car Show got underway on Wednesday, September 13. The temperatures were very comfortable and the mist in the air (hurricane after-effects) didn't keep anyone away. Cars



started driving in to register for the show and people began arriving. The aroma of pulled pork sandwiches (made by Ed Kawa), cheesy potato casseroles (made by the preschool staff), and popcorn (made by Becky VandeKamp in the youth group's popcorn machine) filled the air. By the end of the evening approximately 600 sandwiches had been served, along with 60 pounds of cheesy potatoes, 150 hot dogs, salad, watermelon, chips, and desserts.

Along with the main event of showing and viewing classic cars, there were five trucks that were invited to be a part of a fun and interesting Touch-a-Truck display. Many children and adults enjoyed exploring a New World Van Lines moving truck (complete with beds and a shower), Wendy the Homewood Disposal recycle truck, an Ozinga concrete mixer, an Orland Park Fire Department fire engine, and a Wentworth Tire truck with a HUGE back tire! Other children's activities that were popular were the jumpy house, the popcorn machine, and the opportunity to vote for the "Kid's Choice" category winner. Car show trophies were awarded for categories such as "Best in Show," "Best License Plates," "Best Paint Job," and "Pastor's Choice."



This event brought many church members and community visitors together to enjoy the activities. They spent time sharing a meal, looking at all the displays, voting for the cars of their choice, and visiting together on the grounds of the church. One family from the community was heard to say, "Everyone is so friendly here! We are looking for a new church home and are thinking about coming to a Sunday worship service soon."



Many volunteers from the church gave generously of their time to help with all the details of running the show, serving the food, and making personal connections with visitors. Opportunities were presented for visitors to learn more about the church and many ministry options that are available for all ages – children, youth, and adults. The main goal of having this car show event is to make the love of Jesus visible, and it is our prayer that God will use this witness to lead people to Him.

The car show committee is grateful for the support of the church and so many others who made this event a success. The preschool staff is very grateful for the generous dinner donations and mum sales that will benefit Orland Park Christian Preschool, a ministry of Orland Park Christian Reformed Church.

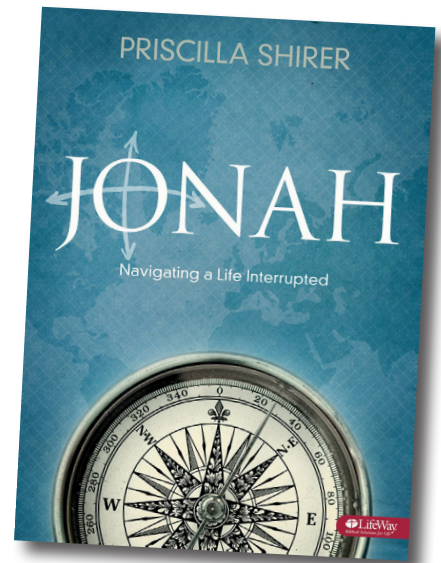
-2017 Car Show Committee: Ted and Alyce Camphouse, Sheila Cook, Ruth Baas, Dave Dennison, Marc Van Gameron

PIPES & PIZZA

Reformation Hymn Sing

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 | 6:30 PM
BEGGAR'S PIZZA | LANSING, ILLINOIS

HOSTED BY ORLAND PARK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



“Women in the Word” to Begin New Study

**MONDAYS BEGINNING
OCTOBER 16**

You are invited to a new 7-week
“Women In The Word” Bible study:
Jonah by Priscilla Shirer.

Life’s interruptions shock us, shake us, and compel us to change. Dive into the study of Jonah and discover that what you see as an interruption may truly be God’s divine invitation to a life so much bigger than you can imagine.

Sign up at the information center!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN ON OCTOBER 1!

Stop by the table in the outer narthex on October 1 to find out classroom assignments or to register if you have not done so already.

OPCRC
**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

Orland Park Church Family News



Orphan Sunday will be held on October 15 at the morning services. The theme this year is “Defend the Fatherless” from Isaiah 1:17. Pastor Dan will be preaching about how “True Worship Leads to the Defense of the Fatherless,” based on Isaiah 1:1-20. We will share how God is working through His Heart and Hands Orphan Ministry – and through you –to bless orphans.

The next Honduras orphanage trip will be January 12-19, 2018. We will visit several orphanages (including Hogar Amor), do light projects like painting, and build relationships with the children and workers. It is a life-changing trip and is open to anyone ages 12 and older! If you are interested, forms are available at the information center. Contact Jan Kamp at kampers07@sbcglobal.net if you have questions. **Deadline to sign up for the trip is October 22.**

THANK YOU OPCRC!

Thank you Orland Church for your many expressions of support received as result of Dan’s health issue(s), surgery and recuperation. We are so appreciative of the prayers, calls, visits, meals and supportive cards and notes.

-Dan and Kathy Davis

Thank you for the many cards, visits, prayers and words of comfort we received in the sudden passing of our brother, Brent Van Dyk. We appreciate the continued prayers for our families during this difficult time. OPCRC is such a caring community of believers!

-Deb & Scott Mels, Don & Gerry Van Dyk

The Orland Park Christian Preschool staff would like to say “THANK YOU!” to so many people who were involved in the success of the car show with dinner, kids activities, and touch-a-truck opportunity. The generous donations received will benefit the preschool ministry of Orland Park Christian Reformed Church. We were so blessed to be a part of this evening of fellowship and outreach to our community. Thank you to:

- everyone who volunteered to help set up, serve, and clean up;
- Ed Kawa for the delicious pulled pork at the dinner;
- the members of the car show committee who gave many hours of their time to take care of all the details of running the show. The committee consisted of Ted and Alyce Camphouse, Sheila Cook, Dave Dennison, Marc Van Gameron, and Ruth Baas;
- Pastor Derek and Pastor Dan for their participation;
- and everyone who came out and enjoyed the activities!

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

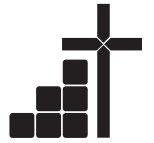
Life Chain Sunday is **October 1!** Our church’s location is on the sidewalk in front of the Patio Restaurant: 7830 W. 159th Street, Orland Park from 2:00-3:30 pm. Pick up a sign there from Henry and Grace Kamp, bring a chair, and join nearly 1900 other locations across North America.

MEN’S BSF

-Kent Hook

Men’s Bible Study Fellowship began on Mondays in September at Calvary Reformed Church, Orland Park, at 6:45 pm. There are many men from OPCRC who attend BSF. All men are welcome, and bring a friend! We are studying the book of Romans this year.

BSF is an international organization that promotes the reading and understanding of the Bible. BSF provides opportunities for men, women, and children to study God’s Word in small groups, a teaching group, and through Christian singing.



CONGRATULATIONS!

We rejoice with **Kevin and Michelle Buikema** who were blessed with a baby boy, Jonah William Buikema, on September 20.

We rejoice with **Heather (Kamp) and Matthew Sharp** who were united in marriage on August 19.

We rejoice with **Ashley and Dave Voss, Jr.**, who were united in marriage on September 8.

SYMPATHIES

We express our Christian sympathy to:

Karen and Bill Kamp as they mourn the loss of Karen's father, Rev. Franklin Spoolstra, who passed away on August 21.

Terry and Lori Matthuis as they mourn the loss of Terry's father, John Matthuis, who passed away on September 7 at the age of 81.

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.

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

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 Anniversary

Louis & Etta Haan
October 2 – 58 years

William & Betty Boersma
October 2 – 53 years

Gerald & Arlene De Horn
October 3 – 61 years

Henry & Carolyn Solle
October 3 – 36 years

Matt & Valerie Jager
October 5 – 5 years

Bill & Pat Schaafsma
October 14 – 57 years

Bob & Arlene Hoekstra
October 23 – 64 years

Peter & Louetta Voss
October 25 – 60 years

Vince & Michaelene Hultman
October 31 – 25 years

Happy Birthday

Theresa Vander Laan
85 years – October 16

Mannie Van Byssum
86 years – October 20

Marilyn Bosma
83 years – October 23

Dick Molenhouse
80 years – October 23

Ada Dekker
101 years – October 24

Richard Dykstra
89 years – October 26

Hank Doorn
81 years – October 28

George Van Ryn
82 years – October 30

OCTOBER 2017

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| <p>1</p> <p>Choir, Sunday School 9:45 am</p> | <p>2</p> <p>College & Career Christ & Culture Night 6:30 pm</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Prayer Time 7:00 pm</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 am Cadets/GEMS 6:30 pm</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Coffee Time With Pastor Derek (Victorian Village) 9:00 am</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>Choir, Sunday School, Adult Education 9:45 am God's Posse Topic Night 7:00 pm</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Admin Elders 7:00 pm Prayer Time 7:00 pm</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 am Coffee Break 9:30 am Adult Serve 7:00 pm</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Preschool Fall Fest 6:45 pm Car Ministry 7:00 pm</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> <p>God's Posse - Gizmo's 4:00 pm (offsite) Orphan Ministry auction and dinner 5:00 pm at SCCS Tinley</p> |
| <p>Orphan Sunday 15</p> <p>Choir, Sunday School, Adult Education 9:45 am Small Group Leaders Training 1:30 pm Youth Service 6:00 pm LOFT 7:00 pm</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Women in the Word 9:30 am Women in the Word 7:00 pm</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Prayer Time 7:00 pm Admin Elders 7:00 pm Council Mtg 7:30 Shepherding Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00 pm</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 am Coffee Break 9:30 am Cadets/GEMS 6:30 pm</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>Choir, Sunday School, Adult Education 9:45 am</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Women in the Word 9:30 am Women in the Word 7:00 pm</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Prayer Time 7:00 pm</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 am Coffee Break 9:30 am Coffee & Comfort 1:00 pm</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm</p> | <p>27</p> <p>GEMS Bonfire 6:30 pm (offsite)</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Youth Group County Line Orchard 5:00 pm</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>Reformation Sunday Choir, Sunday School, Adult Education 9:45 am Small Group Leaders Training 1:30 pm</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Women in the Word 9:30 am Pipes & Pizza Hymn Sing 6:30 pm Women in the Word 7:00 pm</p> | | | | | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Submissions for the November 2017 issue of the <i>Outlook</i> are due on Sunday, October 15. Please drop them off in the office or email denise@opcrc.org.</p> </div> |