

ANNOUNCEMENTS — APRIL 7, 2019 — 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

OFFERING TODAY: General Operating Fund

Your donation to this fund allows Grace Community Church to continue to offer the many ministry programs we have here. It also provides us with the means to maintain the church property and compensate staff. Please prayerfully consider a donation to this fund as we come to the close of another year.

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY: Mission Fund

Your donation today will help support 6 missionaries around the world and here in the U.S. that our church has chosen to sponsor: Alan Breems-Evangelist Training Program, Moreno Valley, CA; John Hoekwater-Church Planting, Rogers Park, IL; Jerry An-BTGMI, Chinese Broadcasting; Sergei Sosedkin-BTGMI, Russian Broadcasting; Steve Michmerhuizen, CR World Missions, Romania; and Evy Smith-CR World Missions, Mali, Africa.



Visual Arts: LENT is a time of reflection on our life and faith. The mirrors invite us to remember that we are broken in sin, and we often don't see ourselves for who we really are. Written on the mirrors are statements we might believe about ourselves that don't fit with the gospel message. Jesus calls us to reflect him in our lives of faith and obedience.

TODAY we celebrate God's grace for us, remembering the immeasurable gift of his life for us. All who confessed their faith in Jesus as the one who forgives our sins and restores us to new life in Him and who want to follow Christ, ought gladly obey our Lord's command and come with joy to the table of the Lord.

Fellowship Luncheon—TODAY: The Deacons, MAST and Finance Teams, are hosting a fellowship luncheon. We'll share a meal together and share stories about a time when you gave or received and felt blessed, motivated, or enthused. The hosts are providing a chicken entrée' and members are providing vegetables, potato dishes, salads and desserts. Everyone is welcome!

ALL groups are invited to submit a suggested budget for the upcoming fiscal budget year, no later than the 2nd week of April.



Coffee Change Cups: The Deacons' invited you to fill a coffee cup with your loose change. The cups were distributed on the first Sunday in March and will be collected today. If you've forgotten yours today, please return it next Sunday. Thank you for participating in this special fundraiser!

BOOK CLUB: Join us **Monday, April 8 @7pm** to discuss "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah. "*Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison.*"

Art Connect: Saturday, April 13, 1-2:30pm: Art Connect is a time to learn a new craft or join in an art project with friends from our neighborhood. Everyone is invited!

Journey with Christ: These Lenten Prayer Stations will guide participants chronologically through the biblical accounts of the events on Good Friday leading to Christ's crucifixion. Each station will include scripture, an activity, and a focus for prayer. All ages are welcome to participate. Come during the times the stations are open, and stay at each as long as you wish. April 18: 9-noon; April 19: 9-noon; 8:15-9:30pm; April 20: 9-noon



—**Evelyn Luchtenburg** was able to return home this week. We thank God for his strength and healing mercy.

—**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** those serving in the military & their families, and those in continuing care or homebound, including: Carol Breems, Dorothy Brink-Schutt, Helena Creaney, Marv DeVries, Jay Dorn, Ben Dykstra, Connie Dykstra, Rich Knudsen, John Langeland, Pauline Meekma, Mason Patterson, John Roos, and Jeannette Veen.



*April 14 10:00am
Palm Sunday Service*

*April 19 7:00pm
Good Friday Communion Service*

*April 21 8:30-9:30 am
Breakfast
10:00 am
Easter Communion Service*

The **GEMS Girls Club** of Grace Community will have a booth at the St. Gerald's Craft Show (in St. Gerald's gym, 9300 S. Central, OL) this coming Saturday, April 13, from 9am-3pm. Free admission and no stairs! The GEMS will have a variety of home décor items for sale! We look forward to seeing YOU there!



Evy Smith, Resonate Global Mission, Mali, writes: "Thank you for your faithful giving and prayers on behalf of the Fulani. Two of the Fulani families have had to leave their villages and are now moving to hopefully more secure areas. Please keep Aliou and his family (7 people) and Moumouni and his whole family (14 people) as they search for a new place to start over. 'I thank God every time I remember you.' (Philippians 1:3).

Easter Breakfast: REACH Youth Group is hosting an Easter breakfast, from 8:30-9:30am on Easter Sunday morning. As we gather to celebrate our new life in Jesus, the risen Lord, join for a breakfast celebration hosted by REACH.

Community News

You're Invited to the **ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON** HOSTED BY BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS ON THURS., APRIL 11 at 11:30AM at TEIBEL'S IN SCHERERVILLE, IN. You'll enjoy a violin concerto by Katie Mattix and get a special "inside scoop" on the Bible League International ministry from Andrew Earnshaw. Tickets can be purchased from a Bible League volunteer for \$18 for chicken or \$22 for perch. Please contact Judy Vander Wall (708-745-1617) if you have questions.

Roseland Christian Ministries invites you to join us at our **Spring Banquet, "Come as You Are"** on **Thurs., April 25 at Georgios**, 8800 W. 159th St. in Orland Park. Doors open at 6:30, dinner served at 7. No tickets will be issued, but reservations are needed. Please restrict guests to high school age or older. Contact Kisha Pleasant: 773-264-5665 for reservations or more details.

The **Men of A-Chord** is pleased to announce their annual "Night of Song". The concert will be on Sat., May 4 at 7pm at the First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland (16248 South Park Ave.). The concert will include the Heritage Singing Men of Jenison, MI and the Singing Crusaders of Kalamazoo, MI. Make your plans now for a great evening of praise to our great God. A free will offering will be taken. For more information visit: www.menofachorc.org.

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