



NEWS & NOTES



Sunday, January 8, 2012

New Life Christian Reformed Church, Highland, Indiana

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHOIR is scheduled to sing this evening, January 8. Please meet in the Fireside room to practice at 4:30 pm today. Regular rehearsals start Tuesday, January 10. **THE HANDBELL CHOIR** will start rehearsals on Tuesday, January 24.

STATE STREET LUNCH ITEMS should be at church by today, January 8.

THE PRAISE TEAM is looking to add members to their group. If you are interested in playing an instrument or singing periodically or would like more information to contact Kelli Hofstra.

THE BANNER: If any church member does not receive *The Banner*, the monthly publication of the Christian Reformed Church, but would like to do so, please contact the church office. *The Banner* is a free subscription to all members of a Christian Reformed Church.

BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY will begin its next 11-week session Jan. 23. We will study *The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*. Classes are Mondays, 12:30-2:30, with nursery provided or 6:30-8:30 (no nursery). To register call Sharon Kooistra, 838-5053, or Juli Robertson, 924-9916, or sign up by the church office. Cost of the book is \$16.00.

SOUP SUNDAY DELIVERY SIGN-UP: We are in need of individuals who would be willing to transport soup to Roseland on the 4th Sunday of each month for 2012. You can sign up for as many months as you are willing and the sheet is located at the church office window. Please consider this opportunity for ministry.

MISSION TRIP 2012 – A group is forming to go to Nashville, Tennessee for a week, arriving February 11, 2012. The group will be volunteers for the CRWRC. We don't know the exact type of construction work we'll be doing, but experience suggests it will be renovating damage done by the natural disaster, this time by floods. A donor has purchased Blackhawk vs. Predators hockey tickets for one of the nights in Nashville for the first eight people to sign up for the trip. Please pray about and consider joining the group for a week of service helping others. Please contact Roger Harasty or Tim Abbring if you are interested.

JAIL LETTER WRITING: For your convenience, cards are available in front of the church office—please pick one up and send it to an inmate this week: Melanie McNeish YB, 2293 N. Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307; Kevin Williams 3E, (same address).

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL will be hosting a **Preschool and Kindergarten Open House** on Monday, January 9, 2012, 6:30-8:00 pm. If you have young children in your family, we invite you to learn more about how we can partner with you in your child's early education. Come visit our campus, meet our teachers, and view our curriculum. Preschool: 2, 3 and 5 day preschool classes are available; Kindergarten: 3 or 5 full day classes are available.

OUR CALENDAR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10:

STATE STREET LUNCH
6:00 AM—MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
9:45 AM—COFFEE BREAK & STORY HR.
6:30 PM—BUILDING & GROUNDS
7:30 PM—CHOIR & COFFEE BREAK

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11:

9:30 AM—WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY #9

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13:

Vida Winter Retreat, 1/13-1/15

JAIL MINISTRY:

Monday-Thursday-7:00 PM

STUDENT MINISTRIES

www.vidaencounter.wordpress.com

OPEN GYM COFFEEHOUSE on Tuesday, January 17, 7-9 pm, at Highland Christian School. Come for a night to play some games and hang out with friends.

JR. HIGH-GRADES 6-8 (VIDA)

- Vida meets tonight at New Life, 6-8 pm. All 6th-8th grade students are invited to join us for a night of food, Bible study and games.

SR. HIGH-GR. 9-12 (ENCOUNTER)

- Encounter's next meeting is January 15. All High School students are welcome to join us, 6-8 pm, at First Church for dinner and Bible study.
- High School Coffee House is back starting January 10 and will be the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm. We will be meeting at Panera in Schererville. Come the 10th and enjoy a free beverage of your choice with Kelli.
- High School Ski Trip is Friday, February 17 thru Sunday, February 19. Sign up with Kelli and turn in a \$25 deposit to hold your spot.

SONSHINE ENRICHMENT CENTER, (the preschool of Highland Christian School), is now accepting registrations for 2012-13. Classes are available for children ages 3 through 5. Our primary goal is to instill within each child the awareness that he/she is God's unique creation, highly valued by Him and unconditionally loved by Him. Our theme based curriculum includes a combination of teacher-directed and hands-on discovery activities. To learn more, visit us online at www.highlandchristian.org or call Jodi Lineburg at 219-838-0356 x165 to arrange a personal appointment.

A CALVIN COLLEGE financial aid representative will be at Illiana Christian High School on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7 pm to lead a seminar on financial aid for college. The seminar will provide information about financial aid programs, eligibility criteria, and will provide guidance on completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Parents of current high school juniors and seniors are especially encouraged to attend.

CROWN POINT CRC invites women to attend Comfort Within, for women struggling with infertility, which begins January 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Pentwater Clubhouse in Crown Point. If you're looking for medical answers to your infertility questions, please bring them with you to be answered by a local nurse practitioner. To join us in a private and confidential Christian environment for a time fellowship or for more information, please contact Tracy at comfort_within@yahoo.com, or call 219-313-5533, or visit us at www.cpcrc.org. We welcome walk-ins to join us!

CROSSROAD CONNECTIONS: A restorative justice pioneer. A prison chaplain with forty years of experience recounts his journey to bring restorative justice issues to the church. Go to www.cbi.fm on the web to listen to *Crossroad Connection*-a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 15, 2012

GROUNDWORK: Hope: Hope seems to be in short supply today. The world is unstable, with terrorism and war looming large. And many people today experience family problems, health issues, money challenges—generally suffering in mind, body and spirit. Ultimately, can we experience any kind of real personal hope in the face of inevitable death? Join the January 15 Groundwork conversation based on Romans 5 and 15. Tune in to Groundwork on your local radio station, WMBI (1110) or listen at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

MORNING WORSHIP: "Disciples under Construction"; Matthew 28:19
Offering: Ministry Opportunity Fund

AFTERNOON WORSHIP: "Battling the Beast"; Revelation 13
Offering: Illiana Right to Life

GREETERS: 9:30 AM—Dennis & Liz Fledderjohann/
Rick & Sharon VanderWoude
5:00 PM—Hank & Mary Otte

NURSERY: 9:30 AM—Kathi Fulton/Nikki Moes/Jana VanTil

AM & PM SOUND OPERATOR: Roger Harasty/Brad Gossman

AM POWERPOINT OPERATOR: Tim Abbring

WELCOME CENTER: Bob Wadkins

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Shut-ins

Pearl Adams
Deb Bakker
Bea Breuker
Ida Bush
Ouy & La Chanthvyong
Laverne Cronch
Grace Dyke
Grace Elzinga
Lois Johnston
Millie Meekma
Louise Shacklett
Sissy Siersema
Sylvia Swart
Pearl Terpstra
Jane Van Willigan
Grayce Witvliet

Special Needs

AJ Boender
Cody Brummel
Sandy Corder
Wayne Elzinga
Keira Fennema
Fred & Alice Johnson
Bob & Bea Moes
Bud & Nuke Moes
Dot Plohg
Marilyn Sodo
John Swart
Janet Terpstra
Dutch & Lyd VanDyk
Nola Witvliet

If you have a name that should be included or you would like your name removed, please contact Jerry Kuiper (838-4632) or the church office (838-0506).

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