

Welcome to Cottage Grove Church and to our worship services. If you are visiting, please sign a guest book at the back of the sanctuary or near one of the entrances and join us for coffee after the morning service so that we can get better acquainted. Recordings of our services are available on our website or on compact disk by calling the church office or using the order form located next to the guest book in the narthex. May the Lord bless you richly as you hear His word and join in worship.

The Lord's Day • May 29, 2016
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

*Call to Worship and Prayer

*Psalter Hymnal 400 *Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns*

*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting

*Song of Praise ***How I Love You, Lord My God***

The Law of God

Celebration Hymnal 678 *We Are an Offering*

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Prayer

Offering *Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs*

*Psalter Hymnal 469 ***By the Sea of Crystal***

Scripture Revelation 21: 1 – 4; 22: 1 – 5 (pew Bible, p. 1937)

Sermon HEAVEN ON EARTH

Prayer of Application

*Psalter Hymnal 471 *Jerusalem the Golden*

*Benediction

*Celebration Hymnal 354 *I Cannot Tell*

*Postlude

*Please stand if able. **Bold** denotes projected items.

Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.

Prelude

*Call to Worship and Prayer

*Celebration Hymnal 720 *Come, Every One Who Is Thirsty*

*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting

*Celebration Hymnal 685 *Footsteps of Jesus*

*Confession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

Song of Praise
 The Prayers of God's People
 Offering
 *Psalter Hymnal 324

Thine Be the Glory
 Cottage Grove General Fund
God Himself Is With Us

Old Testament Lesson Philippians 3: 17 – 21 (pew Bible, p. 1829)
 Sermon WHY ETERNITY MATTERS NOW
 Prayer of Application

*Psalter Hymnal 454

Nearer, Still Nearer

*Benediction

Be Strong in the Lord

*Celebration Hymnal 734

*Postlude

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Dr. David Feddes, preaching. He is pastor of Family of Faith Church, Monee, IL, and provost of Christian Leaders Institute, which provides online ministry training worldwide. From 1991 until 2007, Dr. Feddes was a gospel radio broadcaster on the Back to God Hour. Offering: Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs, a crisis pregnancy center that seeks through the Word of God, to convince women seeking abortion to choose life, and to support them after their decision.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Dr. David Feddes, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- Join us for a **Bonfire Night** immediately following the evening worship service! Please bring one of the following to share: hot dogs/buns, ingredients for s'mores, pudgy pies, chips and dip, or dessert. If you have hot dog forks and/or pudgy pie makers, please bring those too! Feel free to dress casual for the worship service, and make sure to bring a lawn chair! If you have questions, contact Mark U.

This Week at Cottage Grove

Monday, May 30

- 7:30 a.m. **VBS Float assemblers** meet at church. A few more people are needed - please join us if you'd like to help.
- 11:00 a.m. **South Holland Memorial Day Parade** featuring our church's VBS float and the VBS Singing Team. We still need **1 walker** to pass out flyers. See Carol S today!

Tuesday, May 31

- 6:30 p.m. **Prayer for VBS and Council** Tuesday evenings at church. Come when you can and leave when you must.

Wednesday, June 1

- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave.) in Dyer. It's a great and enriching way to start the day and develop rich relationships with the guys. We'd love to meet up with you there!

Thursday, June 2

- 12:00 noon. **Bulletin** deadline.

Next Week at Cottage Grove

Sunday, June 5

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Dr. Joel Nederhood, preaching. Sermon: ZACHEAUS. Offering: Vacation Bible School. We look forward to the public profession of faith from Richard and Kathleen D.
- The Pella Gospel Singers and their families will be joining us for our morning worship service. Following the service, we will be hosting a **potluck lunch** in the Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Committee will provide the drinks and would appreciate the congregation's contributions of appetizers, main dishes, sides, and desserts. Please sign up with your dish on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You can even sign up online! <http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=GHUM0872>.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Dr. Joel Nederhood, preaching. Sermon: ONE NATION, UNDER GOD. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.

Monday, June 6

- 7:00 p.m. **Annual Congregational meeting.** The 2016 – 2017 budget will be presented for approval and election of new Council members will take place. The Faith Promise Budget is in your mailbox. Those nominated for the office of deacon are: Ryan S and Mark U. Those nominated for the office of elder are Luke S (1 year term) and Rick U (3 year term). Agendas have been placed in your mailbox. Absentee ballots and envelopes are available on the piano in the fellowship hall. They will be accepted from professing members and must be signed and returned by June 5. Unsigned ballots will not be counted. Extra agendas are also available on the piano in the fellowship hall.

Tuesday, June 7

- 9:00 a.m. **Volunteers** are needed to **wash dishes, cabinets and drawers** in the church kitchen now that the painting has been completed. Come for an hour or more if you are able. Talk to Gail if you have any questions.

Coming Events

VBS OLYMPION July 25 – 29, 8:50 a.m. - noon, ages 4 - 14. Head Coach Recruiting for Olympion Team! Classroom teachers and Assistant Teachers, nursery help, and more are needed to get Olympion up and running. Please contact Carol S or sign up at the VBS table to join our team!

VBS Prayer Requests sheets are on the VBS table. Please pick one up today and remember these people and needs in your prayers as we prepare to minister the gospel to the children in our community. Thank you!!

Prayer Requests

- Phil C as he recovers after having part of his leg amputated.
- Mike K as both of his feet were broken in a fall.
- The first phase of Dick S' cancer treatment has begun as outpatient at University of Chicago. Chemo consisting of clinical trial drugs will, Lord willing, be given each Friday morning through

July 15. Please pray our Lord blesses these treatments, protecting all good cells in his body, and destroying all cancerous ones. Also pray for health and strength for both Dick and Judy during this time.

- Faith S who is at Glenshire Nursing & Rehab Centre in Richton Park, IL. Visitors are welcome. Continue to pray for the work of the Pastoral Search Committee.

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CARD SHOWER for Faith S! Glenshire Nursing & Rehab Centre, 22660 S. Cicero Ave., Room 323, Richton Park, IL 60471.

F r o m M i s s i o n C o m m i t t e e

Neighbor Love Idea: Invite a friend or neighbor to join your family at a Memorial Day parade, picnic or celebration.

Our mission project for the month of May is for Pacific Garden Mission. The Mission has a great need for: Men’s underwear (briefs, undershirts, socks in all sizes), new or lightly used regular size towels, new or lightly used twin size sheets and blankets, toothpaste and tooth brushes. Today is the last day to bring your donations to church. Remember to pray for this ministry and for the Holy Spirit’s transforming work in those who are served. If anyone is willing to deliver our donations to Pacific Garden Mission please contact the church office.

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

Plan on staying a few minutes after the morning service on **June 12** for information on how to participate in our **new prayer ministry** at the South Holland Farmers market.

The **Pastor Search Team** invites you to a series of **four meetings** during which we will discern and discuss our future life and ministry as a congregation. The meetings will take place on four Wednesdays (June 15, 29, July 13, 27) from 7-8:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Search Team encourages participants to attend each of the four meetings.

Summer 2016 Discipleship Challenge is in your mailbox. Additional copies are available upon request. Please talk to Bethany T.

The Worship and Prayer Committee is looking for **Prayer Partners**. Please consider joining this vital ministry of our church. See Alecia S, Rick U, or any member of the committee.

R e q u e s t e d A n n o u n c e m e n t s

"Eat Out for Elim" at Chili's through the month of May! Enjoy your favorite Chili's entrees while raising essential funds for children and adults with disabilities at Elim Christian Services. Simply pick up a Chili's fundraiser voucher (from the library bulletin board) and take it to one of the 10 listed Chili's locations. You can dine-in or carry out and when you present your Chili's voucher (required for fund-raiser)-15% of your pre-tax purchase will benefit the children and adults at Elim! Questions? Contact Laura at 708-293-6509 or lschnyders@elimcs.org

Wednesday, June 1, 7:30 p.m. Calvin Christian School Eighth Grade Graduation at Thorn Creek Reformed Church (1875 E.

170th Street, South Holland). Tickets are not required; everyone is invited to join Calvin's 2016 Graduating Class.

Thursday, June 2, 7:00 p.m. - Lansing Christian School 8th grade graduation at Bethel CRC in Lansing, IL. Tickets are not required; all are invited to celebrate.

Friday, June 3, Illiana Christian High School Graduation at Family Christian Center in Munster, IN. Attendance is by ticket only.

Saturday, June 4, 7:00 p.m. Men of A-Chord concert with the Gospel Singers from Pella, Iowa. The concert will be at First Christian Reformed Church (16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL). This concert is a benefit for The Bible League. We invite you to come ready to pick your favorite hymns to sing throughout the concert! In addition, there will be a special time set aside for the military veterans of our country to be recognized as well! Make your plans now for a great evening of song and praise!

Classis Illiana Home Missions. Our local Home Missions team is working on a couple of exciting projects to grow the kingdom of God, and we'd love your help. We are seeking a task oriented person who enjoys the organizational side of outreach. To learn more about how your contribution can make a big difference, please contact Pastor Kyle Sanford: (219) 314-5406 or PastorKyleS@gmail.com.

I n S e r v i c e

	May 29	June 5
Organist AM	Joanne H	Justin R
Pianist AM		
Organist PM		Joanne H
Pianist PM	Angela U	
Greeters AM	Mark & Ria B	Will & Dorothy B
Greeter-South AM	Gene F	Rich K
Greeters PM	Carl & Judith E	Gene & Joan F
Nursery AM	Will & Gert V M	Judith E Bonnie B
Ushers	Ryan S Rich K Carl E	Bob S Mark U Bob T
Video AM/PM	Gene F	Rich K
AM Cookies	Judy S	Gail V K
Holland Home Driver	Wally L	John S

Elder Districts Deacon Districts

A – C	Frank V	Tom V K
D - G	Rick U	Timothy T
H – K	Luke S	Neil V
L – R	Gene F	Doug B
S – U	Rich K	Ken B
V – Z	Dick S	Bob S