

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 • July 17, 2016
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 204 **O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord**
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Celebration Hymnal 343 **Amazing Grace**

Call to Confession Romans 3: 9 – 20
 Prayer of Repentance **Holy Spirit**
 Assurance of Pardon Romans 3: 21 – 26
 Guide for Christian Living Matthew 22: 37 – 39
 Lord's Supper Preparatory **Responsive Reading**

·Congregational Prayer
 ·Offering Calvin Christian School
 *Psalter Hymnal 448 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

·Scripture Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14 (pew Bible, p. 1345)
 ·Sermon DRY BONES AND SPIRIT EMPOWERMENT
 ·Prayer of Application

*Psalter Hymnal 393 *Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid*
 *Benediction
 *Celebration Hymnal 436 *Freely, Freely*
 *Postlude

*Please stand if able.

Bold denotes projected items.

Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 210: 1, 2 *O Praise the Lord, His Deeds Make Known*

*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Psalter Hymnal 267 **All Who with Heart Confiding**
 *Confession of Faith **The Apostles' Creed**

Celebration Hymnal 49 Exalted Above the Heavens
 (Responsive Reading)
 Celebration Hymnal 32 **Be Exalted, O God**
 The Prayers of God's People
 Offering Cottage Grove General Fund
 *Psalter Hymnal 79 *Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth*

·Scripture Luke 4: 14 – 21 (pew Bible, p. 1596)
 ·Sermon GOOD NEWS FOR THE POOR
 ·Prayer of Application

*Psalter Hymnal 400 *Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns*
 *Closing Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 399: 1, 4, 5 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*
 *Postlude

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Eric Schering, preaching. Offering: Calvin Christian School.
- **Fellowship Committee** meets.
- Our missionaries Eric & Penny Schering will be with us for the day. Everyone is invited to join us for a **potluck lunch** following the morning service. Please bring a dish of your choice to share. Come fellowship with us as we share a meal together. If you have questions contact Angela U or Carol S.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Eric Schering, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.

This Week at Cottage Grove

- Monday, July 18**
- **7:00 p.m. sharp. VBS Teacher/Assistant Teacher Staff Meeting.** We will have a brief meeting and then walk through the day.
- Tuesday, July 19**
- 6:30 p.m. **Prayer for VBS and Council** at church. Come when you can and leave when you must.
 - 6:30 p.m. **Education Committee** meets.

Wednesday, July 20

- 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, July 21

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

Friday, July 22

- 7:00 p.m. **VBS Registration Committee** meets in Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, July 23

- 10 – 11 a.m. **VBS Singing Team** practice at church.

Next Week at Cottage Grove

Sunday, July 24

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Rick Williams, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund. Lord's Supper.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Mr. Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Lansing Christian School.

VBS OLYMPION July 25 – 29, 8:50 a.m. – 12 noon, ages 4-14.

1. **NEEDED:** 1 Classroom **Teacher** (for 4 year olds – K) and 1 **helper**.
2. **VBS Prayer Request** sheets are on the VBS table.
3. **VBS needs your help** to invite family, friends, or neighborhood children to VBS. Please visit the VBS table and pick up as many information bags as you can use.

Wednesday, July 27

- 7:00 - 8:45 p.m. The **Pastoral Search Team congregational meeting** to discern and discuss our future life and ministry as a congregation. The meetings will take place in the Fellowship Hall. The Search Team encourages you to attend.

Coming Events

Saturday, August 6

Annual Church Picnic. There will be a time of games and fellowship beginning at 3 p.m., including a bean bag tournament (signup sheet is on the bulletin board) and guessing games. Dinner will begin at about 5 p.m. The Fellowship Committee will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings, and asks that the congregation bring a side dish or dessert to share. No sign up is needed for the food. We hope to see you there!

The Fellowship Committee is looking for three **bean bag/cornhole** sets to be used for the Church Picnic. If you have one that you're willing to share, please contact Mark U.

Prayer Requests

- Myrtis H is at Manor Care in Homewood for rehabilitation therapy.
- Dick S as he continues his treatment for cancer.
- Faith S who is at Glenshire Nursing & Rehab Centre, 22660 S. Cicero Ave., Room 323, Richton Park, IL 60471.
- The members of the **Pastoral Search Committee** are thankful that God has provided candidates for Interim Pastor. Please pray

for us to have wisdom, patience, and discernment as we examine these men.

Our Church Family

Congratulations to Marge K who celebrates her 86th birthday today and to Neil V who will celebrate his 83rd birthday on July 22.

From Mission Committee

Neighbor Love Idea: Invite families with young children to Vacation Bible School.

Pacific Garden Mission. Thank you to everyone who contributed to serving the needs of the homeless in the name of Christ! If you are willing to deliver our gifts to the Mission, please contact Carol or Gail.

Mission Project Kick-Off Sunday. Today is the first day of the **HOPE Packs** drive. You will have three weeks to return your donation for local disadvantaged children and bless the men and women at Elim’s Adult Services by providing meaningful work. Please fill out the gift information completely for accurate receipting of your tax-deductible donation and place your envelope in the box by the mission board. Thank you for your participation!

Announcements

The Council and congregation express **thanks** to the newly retired Council members for their service and dedication. May the Lord continue to bless you as you pursue other kingdom work for a time.

GEMS is looking for a few ladies to join our counseling staff. If you can spare a few Wednesday nights each month to encourage girls in their walk with God, we’d love to have you join us! Contact Grace H (708.305.7365 or cottagetrovegems@yahoo.com) if interested.

Requested Announcements

Seeking Two Home Missions Committee Members: The Classis Home Mission Committee is looking for two new task-oriented members who want to see the kingdom grow in Classis Illiana. Committee members are not expected to become church planters or street evangelists; we do the organizational work of equipping local congregations in growing the kingdom. For more information, please contact Pastor Kyle Sanford: 219-314-5406 or PastorKyleS@gmail.com

Cyclists - Save the date: **Saturday, October 8.** Join a group of Roseland Christian Ministries' supporters for a 40 mile bike ride, to help celebrate RCM's 40th anniversary, starting in Palos Heights (shorter routes will also be available, including a family option). Send your email address to: pedal40@roselandchristianministries.org to occasionally receive more information and updates.

In Service

	July 17	July 24
Organist AM	Jan H	
Pianist AM		Angela U
Organist PM		Joanne H
Pianist PM	Barb U	
Greeters AM	Joel & Mary Lou N	John & Betty S
Greeter-South AM	Rick U	Neil V
Greeters PM	Pearl R	Luke S
Nursery AM	Candy D Y Dillon H	Gail W Hannah W
Ushers	Terry W Rick U Hank B	John H Tom V K Dave V K
Video AM/PM	Rick U	Neil V
AM Cookies	Cele B	Doris B
Holland Home Driver	Dave V K	Dick S
Sound Operator	Marv S	Jon K

Elder Districts

Deacon Districts

A – C	Rick U	Tom V K
D - H	Luke S	Neil V
I – P	Gene F	Ryan S
R – T	Rich K	Ken B
U – Z	Dick S	Bob S