

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 • August 7, 2016
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer Psalm 117
 Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations;
 extol him, all you peoples.
**Congregation: For great is His love toward us,
 and the faithfulness of the Lord
 endures forever.
 Praise the Lord.**
 *Psalter Hymnal 324 **God Himself Is with Us**
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Psalter Hymnal 264
My Heart Was Glad to Hear the Welcome Sound
 The Law of God Deuteronomy 5 (pew Bible, p. 282)
 Psalter Hymnal 323 **Father Again in Jesus' Name We Meet**
 Assurance of Pardon Romans 10: 5 – 13 (pew Bible, p. 1760)
 Congregational Prayer
 Offering Cottage Grove General Fund
 *Psalter Hymnal 469 **By the Sea of Crystal**
 Scripture Philippians 3: 12 – 21 (pew Bible, p. 1829)
 Text Philippians 3: 12 – 21
 Confessional reading Canons of Dort
 5th Head of Doctrine, Articles 8 & 9 (Psalter, p. 110)
 Sermon WHAT LIES BEHIND, WHAT LIES AHEAD
 Prayer of Application
 *Psalter Hymnal 462: 1, 3, 5, 6 **Take My Life, and Let It Be**
 *Closing Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 449 **Fill Thou My Life**
 *Postlude

*Please stand if able.

Bold denotes projected items.

Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Opening Song **Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah**
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Responsive Reading **Lord's Day 7, Q + A 21, 22, 23**
Lord's Day 23, Q + A 59, 60
 *Hymn of the Month
 Psalter Hymnal 493 **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**
 The Prayers of God's People
 Offering Rehoboth Christian School
 *Celebration Hymnal 45 **Crown Him with Many Crowns**
 Scripture Hebrews 12: 1 – 6 (pew Bible, p. 1877)
 Sermon FOCUS ON THE FINISH
 Prayer of Application
 *Psalter Hymnal 439 **I Will Sing of My Redeemer**
 *Benediction
 *Closing Song **From Ocean Unto Ocean**
 *Postlude

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Seminarian Joshua Dykstra, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Jim Hollendonner, preaching. Offering: Rehoboth Christian School.

This Week at Cottage Grove

Tuesday, August 9

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

Wednesday, August 10

- 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, August 11

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

Next Week at Cottage Grove

Sunday, August 14

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Dr. Cornel Venema, preaching. Sermon title: BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL. Offering: Pacific Garden Mission – Summer Meals.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Dr. Cornel Venema, preaching. Sermon title: BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.

Coming Events

Monday, August 22

- 10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break Leaders** meeting at church.

Our Church Family

Congratulations to Phyllis V M who celebrated her 87th birthday on August 4 and to Adele B who will celebrate her 80th birthday on August 10.

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.

From Mission Committee

Neighbor Love Idea: Make care packages to send with college students who are leaving for college this month.

Summer Mission Project. Final Week! Today is the final day to turn in your **HOPE Pack** donation. Extra donation envelopes are available by the mission board in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for equipping Elim's adults to serve in His kingdom and for blessing local children in need. Your one gift blesses two people – thank you!

Announcements

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

Saturday, August 20, 4-6 p.m. Lost and Found is partnering with churches in the village of South Holland to bring you an event called "**Pray South Holland.**" Inspired by Moody's "Pray Chicago," our event seeks to unite Christians in the village of South Holland for a joint service of worship and prayer at Thorn Creek Reformed Church. This will be our very first event and we'd love for you to come support us and be a part of what God is doing. Hope to see you there!

Saturday, September 10, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. **Lansing Christian School's Annual Steak Fry** will be held in the gym. Join us for a delicious meal of steak, salad, potatoes, corn on the cob and dessert! Cost: freewill offering benefiting the General Fund. Questions? - Please call school at 708-474-1700.

Thursday, September 22, 6:00 p.m. **Illiana Right to Life Banquet** at Avalon Manor (3550 East US Highway 30, Merrillville). Keynote speaker is Angela Minor. See the library bulletin board for more details.

Friday, September 23, Lansing Christian School's 46th Annual Fall Festival & Auction will be held at the school. Come for dinner at The Food Court which opens at 5:00 p.m. and stay for the Live Auction which begins at 6:00 p.m. Silent auction will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with the gift certificate auction from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Games for the children will begin at 6:00 p.m. Bring the entire family for a fun-filled evening. For more information, you may call the school office at 708-474-1700.

Saturday, October 1, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **A Conference on Restorative Justice** at Trinity Christian College. See the poster on the library bulletin board or pick up a brochure for more details.

October 8, Cyclist reminder: **Roseland Christian Ministries** will host a 40 mile bike ride to help celebrate RCM's 40th anniversary (shorter routes will also be available, including a family option). The ride will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Trinity Christian College's campus in the parking lot of the Bootsma Bookstore Café and take place on the Cal-Sag trail. Registration fee of \$40. Interested cyclists please send your email address to pedal40@roselandchristianministries.org and check out the website at <http://www.roselandchristianministries.org/events/40-mile-bike-ride-for-rcm/>

Thursday, October 13. PASS banquet "Through HIS Loving Eyes" at Odyssey Country Club. Speaker: Dr. George Scipione, Director of the Biblical Counseling Institute at Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, P.A. Would you consider underwriting the cost of a table for \$350 per table for this night? Each table seats 10 people and we would appreciate having people who support the work of PASS be the attendees. Our hope is that those who attend would consider becoming a monthly, quarterly or yearly supporter of our ministry. Our goal is to "defend the unborn and restore the family".

Oct. 28 – Nov. 9, 2017. Dr. Cornel and Nancy Venema will be hosting a **13 day tour to Germany, France, and Switzerland** to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Anyone interested in joining the tour, see the Mid-America Reformed Seminary website (www.midamerica.edu) for more information.

Illiana Christian High School is now accepting applications for a part-time custodian. Hours will be Monday through Friday, 5:00 pm – 10:30 pm. You can pick up an application in the school's office or download it from our website, www.illianachristian.org. If you have any questions please contact AJ Turkstra at 708-474-0515 ext. 15 or Duane Kamstra at 708-474-0515 ext. 47.

In Service		
	August 7	August 14
Organist AM	Joanne H	
Pianist AM		Angela U
Organist PM	Joanne H	
Pianist PM		Barb U
Greeters AM	Ryan & Alecia S	Tim & Bethany T
Greeter-South AM	Bob S	Gene F
Greeters PM	Bob & Cheri S	Mark & Angela U
Nursery AM	Bethany T Bethany W	Will & Gert V M
Ushers	Bob S Mark U Bob T	Ryan S Rich K Carl E
Video AM/PM	Bob S	Gene F
AM Cookies	Beth B	Bonnie B
Holland Home Driver	Ken B	Rich K
Sound Operator		Bob T

	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