

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 • September 18, 2016**  
**Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

Prelude	
*Call to Worship and Prayer	
*Psalter Hymnal 28	<i>The Spacious Heavens Declare</i>
*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting	
*Celebration Hymnal 414	<i>O Word of God Incarnate</i>
Call to Confession	Matthew 22:37-40
Prayer of Confession	
Assurance of Pardon	Psalm 91:14-16
Celebration Hymnal 184	<i>Thy Word</i>
Guide for Godly Living	1 Corinthians 13
Lord's Supper Preparatory	Psalter, p. 155
Congregational Prayer	
Offering	Cottage Grove General Fund
*Psalter Hymnal 341	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>
Scripture	John 1: 1 – 18 (pew Bible, p. 1645)
Text	John 1: 1 - 2
Sermon	THE WORD IN THE BEGINNING
Prayer of Application	
*Celebration Hymnal 293	<b><i>Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness</i></b>
*Benediction	
*Celebration Hymnal 407: 2	<b><i>"God Has Spoken by Christ Jesus..."</i></b>
*Postlude	

\*Please stand if able.

**Bold** denotes projected items.

**Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.**

Prelude	
*Call to Worship and Prayer	
*Celebration Hymnal 128	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i>
*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting	
*Celebration Hymnal 129	<i>Great and Mighty</i>
*Confession of Faith	The Apostles' Creed (Psalter, p. 3)
Celebration Hymnal 736	The Lord Is My Light
Psalter Hymnal 48	<i>Jehovah Is My Light</i>
The Prayers of God's People	
Offering	Dordt College
*Celebration Hymnal 409	<b><i>Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken</i></b>
Scripture	John 1: 1 – 18 (pew Bible, p. 1645)
Text	John 1: 3
Sermon	THE WORD AS CREATOR
Prayer of Application	
*Psalter Hymnal 317	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>
*Benediction	
*Psalter Hymnal 372: 2	<b><i>"At His Voice Creation..."</i></b>
*Postlude	

**Today at Cottage Grove**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Intern Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- **No Sunday School** 4 year olds – 4<sup>th</sup> grade today.
- **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade catechism** meets.
- **Fellowship Committee** meets after the morning worship service.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Intern Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Dordt College in Sioux Center, IA, which offers a wide range of academic programs incorporating a biblical, reformed worldview.
- **High School Students**, join us at Peace Church (833 E 168th Street) tonight, September 18, to kick-off our youth group ministry! We will be meeting every other Sunday night, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Peace in the gym. Invite your friends to come out for open gym, snacks, games, music, and more!

**This Week at Cottage Grove**

**Monday, September 19**

- The **Church office will be open**. Note that the bulletin deadline is on Wednesday this week. The Office will be **closed on Thursday**.

- 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. **Men's Bible Study** meets. Join us as we study the Letter of Paul to the Romans. Lesson: Romans 1:18-2:16.

### Tuesday, September 20

- 9:45 – 11 a.m. **Women's Coffee Break Bible Study** meets. Lesson 2: Isaiah 2. **Nursery** provided for infant – 3 year olds. Nursery: Bonnie Brink, Joan Fennema. **Story Hour** for 3 – 5 year olds. We would love to have you join us!
- 9:45 – 11 a.m. **Men's Coffee Break Bible Study** meets. Lesson: Romans 3:17-3:20. We would love to have you join us!
- 6:30 p.m. **Education Committee** meets.
- 7:00 p.m. **Worship & Prayer Committee** meets.
- 7:00 p.m. **Consistory** meets.

### Wednesday, September 21

- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** meets at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).
- 8:30 a.m. **Classis Illiana** meets at Trinity Christian College. Our delegates are: Thomas V K, Luke S, and Gene F. Alternate delegate is Rich K.
- 12:00 Noon. **Bulletin** deadline.
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Fellowship Dinner**. Sign up on the library bulletin board today if you plan to join us for this dinner.

### Friday, September 23

- 6 – 9 p.m. **Cry Out!** Simulcast – a nationwide prayer event for women. Join with women from our community and across the U.S. to beseech God to do in us and in our nation what no man-made effort can accomplish. For more information go to CRYOUT16.com or call 708-331-0391.

## Next Week at Cottage Grove

### Sunday, September 25

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Sermon title: THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE COVENANT. Offering: PASS (Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs). Lord's Supper.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Intern Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: THE WORD AS LIFE AND LIGHT. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.

## Coming Events

**Friday, October 7, 6 p.m. Dinner and a Movie Night.** Looking for a family friendly Friday night activity? Come to church for dinner and a movie. The Fellowship Committee will provide a main dish and asks the congregation to bring a side or dessert. **Sign up on the bulletin board** so we make enough food. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and the movie will start at 7 p.m. If you have questions, contact any member of the Fellowship Committee. All are welcome!

**Saturday, December 10, 1 - 6 p.m. Journey of Joy.** Signup sheets are out! No matter where your talent lies, if you are in high school or older, we have a place for you. We need those who are willing to portray the characters and act as tour guides and assistant tour guides, (memorization of lines is required). We need help with set up, clean up, and refreshments as well as cookie bakers. Check the sheets and sign up today. It will take the efforts of all of us working together for the *Journey of Joy* to become a reality this year. A script is posted for you to look at if you are thinking about a part in the cast. Questions - see Gail V K, Ria B or Bonnie B.

## Our Church Family

- Congratulations to Joanne Z who will celebrate her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 22.
- The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Jim & Edie G in the passing of Edie's brother, Dick B, last week. May the Lord comfort those who mourn the loss of this loved one.
- "Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at Cottage Grove CRC, Please accept our heartfelt thanks for faithfully showing your love and concern for us over the last 7 months. Through all Dick's treatments and hospitalization, your prayers, thoughts, concerns, cards, calls, and visits have blessed us beyond words. We praise God for you, and thank Him for blessing you in return (Proverbs 11:25). As we await scans, tests, and further diagnosis, we ask that you continue to uphold us, asking God for complete healing and strength. To God be the glory!" Love, Dick and Judy S.

## Prayer Requests

- Dorothy B as she struggles with various health concerns and weakness.
- Betty C who is at Manor Care for rehab following a fall.
- Myrtis H is at Manor Care in Homewood for rehab.
- Dick S as he recuperates following cancer treatments. Pray for continued healing, strength, and ability to eat.
- Faith S who is at Glenshire Nursing & Rehab Centre.
- Joanne Z who is struggling with pain.

## From Mission Committee

**Neighbor Love Idea:** Ask a neighbor over for supper and game night.

**September is Baby Bottle Boomerang** month for P.A.S.S. in South Holland. Please sign up today for a baby bottle and fill the bottles with your coins, dollars, or a check. Bottles should be returned by Sunday, September 25. Your support for P.A.S.S. makes a difference for life! Thanks everyone!

## Announcements

**GEMS** needs one more counselor! 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

**Friday, September 23, Lansing Christian School's Fall Festival & Auction** at the school. Come for dinner at The Food Court at 5:00 p.m. and stay for the Live Auction which begins at 6:00 p.m. Silent auction is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with the gift certificate auction from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Games for children begin at 6:00 p.m. Bring the entire family for a fun-filled evening. For more information, 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 details.

**Friday, October 7. Calvin Christian School Auction.** Doors open, dinner, and Silent Auction begin at 5:00 p.m.; live auction begins at 6:00 p.m. There is something for everyone in the family. Hope to see you there!

**Saturday, October 8, 8 a.m. to noon.** Registration is open for the **Roseland Christian Ministries Bike Ride**, celebrating 40 years with a 40 mile ride. 40 and 25 mile routes available, along with a 2.5 mile family route. Register at <http://www.roselandchristianministries.org/events/40-mile-bike-ride-for-rcm/> or send an e-mail to [pedal40@roselandchristianministries.org](mailto:pedal40@roselandchristianministries.org) to get more info and a registration form.

**Saturday October 8, Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary Clay Shoot Fund Raiser** at the Oakwood Gun Club in Wheatfield beginning at 7:00 a.m. For details or to register, please contact Ron Beezhold at [tcbeezhold@yahoo.com](mailto:tcbeezhold@yahoo.com) or at 708-473-1393.

**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, PA. **RSVP** to Tim Dilbeck at 614-9777x126 by October 1.

**Thursdays, October 13, 20, November 3 & 10**, 7:30 p.m. Mid-America invites you to the 2016 Fall Evening Class, led by Rev. Marcus Mininger. Classes will be held at Mid-America Reformed Seminary. The topic of the class will be "The Dwelling Places of God: Past, Present, and Future." The class will explore the various locations God has designed for his special presence with his people throughout history, from the Garden of Eden to the New Jerusalem. Special emphasis will be given to where God's presence is now, where it will be found in the future, and how these truths can nurture and direct our present Christian hope. The cost is free and registration is online at [midamerica.edu](http://midamerica.edu).

**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. See the Mid-America Reformed Seminary website ([www.midamerica.edu](http://www.midamerica.edu)) for more information.

**Lansing Christian School** Parents' Club is holding its **Annual Deep Dish Dutch Apple Pie fundraiser**. The pies make great gifts and are perfect for the holidays! Cost: \$10.00 each. Only 1,000 will be made. Pre-order your pies today! It's first come, first served with payment. Secure online ordering available. Accepting Visa and MasterCard. Go to <http://www.lansingchristian.org/donate/pies.cfm> to order online or to download the form. Pick up at Lansing Christian School on Thursday, October 6, from noon-5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, September 24**, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. **ELIM DUTCH FESTIVAL.** Don't miss this year's Elim Dutch Festival! With free admission, free parking, and fun activities for all ages, this year's Dutch Festival is sure to become an annual highlight for your family! The 21st Annual Elim Dutch Festival is held on the grounds of Elim Christian Services (13020 S. Central Avenue, Palos Heights, IL), the event features great food, shopping, entertainment, and a farmer's market. All proceeds directly impact the children and adults of Elim. Mark your calendar now!

Elim Christian Services is in need of volunteers for this year's annual Dutch Festival (great service opportunity for church small groups and students who need school service hours!) This event raises money for much-needed equipment and resources for the students and adults with disabilities served by Elim. We are in need of volunteers for both morning and afternoon shifts for the Children's Games area, face painting, bag check, ticket takers for indoor shows and outdoor train rides, kitchen help and kitchen runners, and more! Please consider blessing Elim's students and adults with the gift of your time for part of the day, and enjoy the remainder of the day with over 5,000 other attendees at a day of Dutch foods, shopping and other activities, as well as great music and entertainment for the whole family – all to benefit Elim. For more information, please contact Laura Schnyders, at 708-293-6509 or [lschnyders@elimcs.org](mailto:lschnyders@elimcs.org)!

I n S e r v i c e		
	September 18	September 25
Organist AM		
Pianist AM	Barb U	Joan F
Organist PM		
Pianist PM	Angela U	Barb U
Greeters AM	Frank & Chris V	Tom & Cele B
Greeter-South AM	Rich K	Neil V
Greeters PM	Doug & Beth B	Ken & Bonnie B
Nursery AM	Gail V K Joan F	Kathy K Daniel K
Ushers	Terry W Rick U Hank B	John H Tom V K Dave V K
Video AM/PM	Rich K	Neil V
AM Cookies	Lee M	Beth H
Holland Home Driver	Gene F	Rich K
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