

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 • October 30, 2016
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 35 *All Ye That Fear Jehovah's Name*
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Celebration Hymnal 2 *Holy God We Praise Thy Name*

The Law of God
 Psalter Hymnal 406 ***Comfort, Comfort Ye My People***
 Assurance of Pardon
 Congregational Prayer
 Offering *Cottage Grove General Fund*
 *Psalter Hymnal 360 ***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Scripture *John 1: 19 – 28 (pew Bible, p. 1646)*
 Text *John 1: 19 – 28*
 Sermon *JOHN THE FORERUNNER*
 Prayer of Application

*Psalter Hymnal 405 *Far and Near the Fields Are Teeming*
 *Benediction
 *Celebration Hymnal 668: 1 *I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go*
 *Postlude

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

Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 84: 1, 2, 4, 5 *God is Our Refuge and Our Strength*
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Confession of Faith **The Apostles' Creed** (Psalter, p. 3)

*Psalter Hymnal 426 *Jesus with Thy Church Abide*
 The Prayers of God's People
 Offering *Bible League International*
 *Psalter Hymnal 486 *O Lord, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand*

Scripture *Ephesians 5: 21 – 33 (pew Bible, p. 1823)*
 Text *Ephesians 5: 25 – 27*
 Sermon *AS CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH*
 Prayer of Application

*Hymn of the Month –
 Psalter Hymnal 444 ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***
 *Discipleship Challenge Memory Work **John 10: 37 – 38**
 *Benediction
 *Psalter Hymnal 488 ***Now Blessed be Jehovah God***
 *Postlude

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Intern Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon. **Sunday School** for 4 year olds – 6th grade meets. Lesson 7. Homework due: lesson 6.
- 4:00 p.m. **Choir members old and new:** We will be rehearsing for Thanksgiving Day and a short Christmas Cantata.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Joseph Brinks, preaching. Offering: Bible League International which serves the under-resourced Church globally through the provision of Bibles, biblical resources, and training to transform lives worldwide through God's Word.

This Week at Cottage Grove

Monday, October 31
 ▪ 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. **Men's Bible Study** meets. Join us as we study Romans 7:7-25.

Tuesday, November 1
 ▪ 9:45 – 11 a.m. **Women's Coffee Break Bible Study** meets. Lesson 8: Isaiah 9. **Nursery** for infant – 3 year olds. Nursery: Bonnie B, Edie G. **Story Hour** for 3 – 5 year olds.
 ▪ 9:45 – 11 a.m. **Men's Coffee Break Bible Study** meets. Lesson: Romans 8:1-17.
 ▪ 7:00 p.m. Special **Council** meeting to nominate officebearers.

Wednesday, November 2

- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** meets at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).
- 7:00 p.m. **Calvinette Gems** meet.
- 7:00 p.m. **Illiana Council Cadet Skating Party.**

Next Week at Cottage Grove

Sunday, November 6

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Intern Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD. Offering: Journey of Joy.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Intern Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: AS CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- Deadline for the **November/December Profile**. Please e-mail the church office or place items in the mailbox by the church office. Your contributions of articles, news items and pictures will be most welcome. Articles received after the deadline will be published in the next issue. See Dave & Gail Van Kuiken with questions.

Saturday, November 12, 9:30 a.m. to Noon. In the season of Thanksgiving, join the Local Outreach Committee in helping others at **Restoration Ministries Food Pantry**. We will meet at Restoration Ministries Harvey House, 253 E 159th St. Harvey IL. to pass out food to those in need. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we have an idea of how many are going. Many hands make the work light.

Coming Events

Sunday, November 13, 12 Noon. Our missionaries Harold & Elsbeth Kallemeyn will be with us for the day. Everyone is invited to join us for a **potluck lunch** following the morning service. Sign up on the library bulletin board.

Saturday, December 10
 ▪ 1 - 6 p.m. **Journey of Joy.** There are only 6 weeks left before *Journey of Joy!* A few key positions still need to be filled. We need a servant to King Herod, a scribe, a tax collector and an assistant tax collector, 2 shepherds, a tour guide & an assistant tour guide. Can't commit to the entire time? Talk to us & let's work it out.

- Rehearsal is Monday, December 5.
- If you love to bake cookies, please bake a few extra batches and bring them to church to share with our guests. (last year we served over 60 dozen cookies!)
- Pray that the Lord will use this outreach event to bring glory to our Lord Jesus and to touch the hearts and lives of our neighbors with the story of the Savior's birth. Be sure to sign up today. Questions - see Gail V K, Ria B or Bonnie B.

Prayer Requests

- Betty C is on hospice care at Manor Care (Room 338).
- Paul E is at the Villa for rehab (Room 115).
- John S who has an infection and irregular heartbeat. Pray for strength and healing.
- Dick S is scheduled for surgery on Nov. 9 pending results of testing on Nov. 2. Pray that the blood clots have dissolved so surgery can move forward in God's grace.
- Faith S who is at Glenshire Nursing & Rehab Centre.

Our Church Family

Congratulations to Elmer D Y who celebrates his 86th birthday today.

From Mission Committee

Neighbor Love Idea: Hand out tracts or invite neighborhood children to Sunday School.

Food Drive for Chicagoland Prison Outreach "Angels of Hope" through November 13. CPO volunteers distribute hampers of food to needy families of prisoners and have a Bible study with them. Look for food sales early in the month to prepare your best gift. Please purchase only those items that are listed on the flyer in your mailboxes as these will be included in the food hampers. Thank you for your participation and prayers for this outreach ministry of love!

From the Consistory

1. Mike Bultema of Pathway Church in St. John, IN is in need of a kidney transplant. He has been placed on the National Kidney Transplant List, but that may take 4 to 5 years. Classis Illiana is appealing to the Churches in Classis to see if anyone is willing to be a kidney donor for Mike. If you are open to assisting please contact Indiana University Transplant Team at 317-944-4370. See the library bulletin board for more details.
2. On Tuesday, October 25, Pastor Cary and Karese Gephart met with the Elders and Deacons and made profession of their faith. They are looking to make a public profession on November 20, at which time they would present their 3 children for baptism. We praise the Lord for this profession and how God has worked in their lives bringing them to embrace the Reformed Faith.

From the Deacons

General Fund Revenue for September	\$11,920.43
General Fund Expense for September	\$14,692.38
Over for August	(\$2,771.95)
General Fund Revenue for Year	\$39,989.28
General Fund Expenses for Year	\$37,231.33
Over for Year	\$2,757.95

Announcements

- **Nursery help is needed** for Sunday evenings. Please contact Bonnie B at 596-7774 or call the church office at 331-0391 if you are willing to help out.

- A sincere **thank you** to everyone who attended our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and /or advertised on our placemat. We really appreciate your support. A heartfelt gratitude to past counselors, Gail V K, Chris V, and Joan F who graciously offered their help on Wednesday; to Ria B who made extra desserts for us; and to Gene F and Dave V K who helped in various ways. We couldn't have done it without you! It was so good to see the Christian fellowship around the tables. **Calvinette Gems and Counselors.**

Requested Announcements

Friday, November 4, Torchlight Dinner, a ministry celebration for Providence Life Services at the Art Institute of Chicago. Join us for an elegant dinner, access to select galleries, and complimentary valet parking. Make your reservations online at www.providenceliveservices.com/events, or by contacting Joan Schutt: (708) 342-8108 or jschutt@provlife.com.

Monday, November 7, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Calvin Christian School Fall Open House for families interested in PK-8th grades for the 2017-18 school year. To RSVP, please contact Tanya Harper, Director of Enrollment, at 708.288.9939.

Tuesday, November 15 & Wednesday, November 16. Mid-America Fall Lectures led by Dr. Dennis Johnson, Professor of Practical Theology & Director of Field Education at Westminster Seminary California. Dr. Johnson will be speaking on the topic "Preaching the Scriptures Like Peter and Paul." The cost is free and registration is online at midamerica.edu.

In Service

	October 30	November 6
Organist AM		Jan H
Pianist AM	Beth H	
Organist PM		
Pianist PM	Barb Ui	Angela U
Greeters AM	Terry & Beth H	Eileen H
Greeter-South AM	Gene Fe	Ryan S
Greeters PM	Doris H	Jodie K
Nursery AM	Bethany T Bethany W	Judith E Bonnie B
Ushers	John H Tom V K Dave V K	Bob S Mark U Bob T
Video AM/PM	Gene F	Ryan S
AM Cookies	Kathy K	Arlene L
Holland Home Driver	Dave V K	Ken B
Sound Operator	Jon K	

Elder Districts

A – C	Rick U
D - H	Luke S
I – P	Gene F
R – T	Rich K
U – Z	Dick S

Deacon Districts

Tom V K
Neil V
Ryan S
Ken B
Bob S



Empowered by
GOD'S SPIRIT,
 we are called to
 COMMUNICATE Christ in word and deed
 CONNECT new and established believers in fellowship
 COME together around God's word, His table, and in prayer
 CULTIVATE disciples for His service.

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