

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 • March 18, 2018**  
**Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

Prelude  
\*Call to Worship and Prayer  
\*Psalter Hymnal 330: 1 – 3 *O Jesus, We Adore Thee*  
\*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting  
\*Psalter Hymnal 439: 1 – 4 ***I Will Sing of My Redeemer***

The Law of God  
Celebration Hymnal 486: 1 – 4 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*  
Assurance of Pardon  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering *Cottage Grove General Fund*  
\*Celebration Hymnal 491: 1 – 4 ***Jesus, I Come***

Scripture *Luke 23: 35 – 43 (pew Bible, p. 1641)*  
Text *Luke 23: 43*  
Sermon "TRULY I TELL YOU,  
TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE"  
Prayer of Application

\*Celebration Hymnal 492: 1 – 4 *At Calvary*  
\*Benediction  
\*Psalter Hymnal 487: 1 – 2 ***May the Grace of Christ Our Savior***  
\*Postlude

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

**Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.**

Prelude  
\*Call to Worship and Prayer  
\*Celebration Hymnal 68 *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer*  
\*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting  
\*Psalter Hymnal 119:1, 3 *O All Ye Peoples, Bless Our God*  
\*Confession of Faith **The Apostles' Creed** (Psalter, p. 3)

Celebration Hymnal 708 *Behold, What Manner of Love*  
The Prayers of God's People  
Offering *Cottage Grove Vacation Bible School*  
\*Celebration Hymnal 680 *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

Scripture *Genesis 50: 15 – 21 (pew Bible, p. 85)*  
Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 9 and 10 *Psalter, p. 16*  
Sermon *MY FATHER, MY PROVIDER*  
Prayer of Application

\*Celebration Hymnal 681 *In His Time*  
\*Benediction  
\*Celebration Hymnal 33 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
\*Postlude

**Today at Cottage Grove**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Joseph Brinks, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon. **Sunday School** for 4 year olds – 4<sup>th</sup> grade meets. Lesson 7. Homework due: Lesson 6.
- 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon. **Catechism** for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade meets. Lesson 20. Memory work: lesson 19.
- 11:00 a.m. **Fellowship Committee** meets.
- 11:15 a.m. **Adult Education video series Gravity and Gladness. Session 9: A Philosophy of Music and Worship, Part 1.**
- 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove Vacation Bible School.

**This Week at Cottage Grove**

**Monday, March 19**

- 6:45 p.m. **Men's Bible Study.** Lesson 9: Acts 16:16-17:15.

**Tuesday, March 20**

- 9:45 – 11 a.m. **Women's Coffee Break Bible Study.** Lesson 8: Esther 6-7. **Nursery:** Bonnie B, Joan F.
- 9:45 – 11 a.m. **Men's Coffee Break Bible Study.** Lesson 11: Acts 18:23-19:20.
- 7:00 p.m. **Education Committee** meets.
- 7:00 p.m. **Worship & Prayer Committee** meets.

**Wednesday, March 21**

- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave., Dyer, IN).
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. **Mid-Week Meal.** Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall TODAY if you plan to attend. Following the meal at 7 P.M. there will be a DVD from Ray Vander Laan. Join us for a time of food and fellowship

**Next week at Cottage Grove**

**Sunday, March 25**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Pastor Joseph Brinks, preaching. Sermon title: PALM SUNDAY: JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening worship. Pastor Cary Gephart, preaching. Sermon title: MY BROTHER, MY SAVIOR. Offering: Cottage Grove Education Fund.
- 7:00 p.m. **Praise Ensemble Practice**

**Friday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.** Good Friday Communion Service.

**Coming Events**

**VBS Space Probe – July 30 – August 3.**

**Our Church Family**

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Ken and Bonnie B in the death of Ken's step-father Richard S; to Elverna D in the death of her brother Richard V W; and to Cary and Karese G and family in the death of Karese's mother, Mазzie Darlene U. May the Lord comfort those who mourn the loss of these loved ones.

**From Mission Committee**

**Neighbor Love Idea:** Start a neighborhood prayer group.

**Mission Committee** would like a few more **volunteers to write our missionaries.** We would like to encourage some of our younger members to consider this ministry. Letters can be sent via email or on your phone. Volunteers receive notification which missionary they should write and a copy of the latest correspondence from that missionary. Any questions contact Gail or Carol.

**Our Mission Project** for March is a **P.A.S.S. Baby Shower.** Donations of diapers of every size, baby bottles, shampoo, lotion, bibs, receiving blankets, crib sheets, clothing, formula, etc. for our local P.A.S.S. center will be much appreciated. You may bring your items to church any time during the month of March.

**Announcements**

- Fannie May candy bars are still available!** Calvinette Gems are selling Fannie May candy bars at \$1.25 a bar. There are a few mint cookie and dark plain left. They are in the display cabinet along with an envelope for money. Please help yourself. Grab them up before they're gone. They freeze well for up to one year.
- Our **Wifi** domain is CGC-Guest, and the password is Cottagegrovecrc.

Illinois Family Institute has compiled and produced an Illinois **General Election Voter Guide** to help Illinois citizens make educated and informed decisions about the candidates on the primary ballot. The Voter Guide is non-partisan and is not intended to endorse or oppose any candidate, whether explicitly or implicitly. It simply provides pertinent information about the candidates themselves (when available), and their positions on issues of importance. A limited number of Voter's Guides are available on the piano in the Fellowship Hall. Complete information can be found on the website at: [IllinoisFamily.org](http://IllinoisFamily.org).

**Requested Announcements**

**Tuesday, March 20**, 7:00 p.m. You're invited to use your singing voices in the Easter Cantata, "How Great Thou Art" with the Community of Praise Chorale. Rehearsals are held at Lynwood United Reformed Church. Performances will be on **Saturdays, April 14 and April 21**. Help us fill the choir loft and the church with song!! If you have any questions, please call Justin Rich at 219-374-7920 or email at [iamrich4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:iamrich4@sbcglobal.net)

**Thursday, March 22**, 11:30 a.m. **Bible League Women's Luncheon** at Teibel's Restaurant, (Rt. 30 & 41, Schererville, IN). The program will feature soloist Sarah Van Drunen. Bring a friend, enjoy fellowship, and learn about the Bible League's work in Latin America. An offering will be taken for Bibles for Latin America. Contact Evelyn Zoeteman (708-331-2903) for your reservation by March 18. Tickets are \$18 for chicken or \$22 for perch.

**Saturday, March 24**, 7:00-10:30 a.m. Lansing Christian School's annual 8th grade **Pancake Breakfast**. It's all you can eat pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee. Donations at the door! It's for a great cause, so bring the whole family. Hope to see you there!

**Saturdays, April 14 and 21**. The "Community of Praise Chorale" invites you to their Easter Cantata program, *How Great Thou Art*. The program will be at Lynwood United Reformed Church (1990 Glenwood-Dyer Rd., Lynwood, IL) on **April 14** and at Immanuel United Reformed Church (9991 W. 1200 N., DeMotte, IN) on **April 21**. Both programs will begin at 7:00 p.m. Justin Rich director, Nancy Venema organist, and Rebecca Walstra pianist. Joining them are soloists, Betsy Archer, Susan Van Kley, Mark Uittenbogaard, Doug Van Til, and Evan Vander Zee. Make your plans now for a great evening of song and praise. A free will offering will be taken.

**Wednesday, April 18. Lansing Christian School BBQ Fundraiser!** Order LCS' famous BBQ (sloppy joes) today. Go to [www.lansingchristian.org](http://www.lansingchristian.org) to place your order or call the school office at 708-474-1700. The price is \$6.00/lb. They are only making 600 lbs. so first come, first served! Orders are due by April 13. Pick up for the BBQ will be from 12:00-5:30 p.m. on April 18 by the kitchen.

**Thursday, April 19. Roseland Christian Ministries Spring Banquet** "Roseland: A Glimpse of God's Kingdom in a Good

Community" at Georgio's (8800 W. 159<sup>th</sup> St., Orland Park). Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner served at 7:00 p.m. No tickets will be issued but reservations are needed. Please restrict guests to high school age and older. Contact Kisha Pleasant at 773-264-5665 for reservations or more details.

**Friday, April 20**, 45th Annual **Lake County Right to Life Fundraiser Banquet**. Doors Open at 6 p.m. Banquet begins at 7 p.m. at Avalon Manor (3550 E Hwy 30, Merrillville, Indiana). Bobby Shindler, brother of Terri Schaivo, will be our featured speaker. You are invited to attend, and we'd appreciate your financial support. RSVP by calling 219-838-1138 or e-mail: [office@lakecortl.org](mailto:office@lakecortl.org).

**Saturday, April 28**, 7:00 p.m. and **Sunday, April 29**, 2:00 p.m. **Men of A-Chord's annual Night of Song Concerts**. Are you ready to hear over 100 male voices joined together to sing God's praises? Both concerts will be held at First Christian Reformed Church (16248 South Park Ave., South Holland). The concerts this year will include the Heritage Singing Men of Jenison, MI, the Singing Crusaders of Kalamazoo, MI, and the Gospel Singers from Pella, IA. Each choir will sing numbers separately and a number of songs together as a mass chorus. There will be plenty of audience participation as well with favorites you love to sing! Make your plans now for a great evening and afternoon of praise to our great God. A free will offering will be taken. For information please see our website at [www.menofachord.org](http://www.menofachord.org) or contact any member of the Men of A-Chord.

**In Service**

|                     | March 18          | March 25               |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Organist AM         | Jan H             | Arlene V Z             |
| Pianist AM          |                   | Beth H                 |
| Organist PM         | Barb U            |                        |
| Pianist PM          |                   | Joan F                 |
| Greeters AM         | Eileen H          | Karen K                |
| Greeter-South AM    | Bob S             | Rich K                 |
| Greeters PM         | Marv & Carol S    | Judy S                 |
| Nursery AM          | Gail W<br>Leah W  | Bethany T<br>Bethany W |
| Ushers              | Terry W<br>Rick U | Dave V K               |
| Video AM            | Bob S             | Rich K                 |
| Video PM            | Neil V            | Neil V                 |
| AM Cookies          | Doris H           | Gail W                 |
| Holland Home Driver | Dave V K          | Ria B                  |
| Sound Operator      | Marv S            | Jon K                  |

**Elder Districts**

A – G Rick U  
H - S Gene F  
T – Z Rich K

**Deacon Districts**

A – D Ryan S  
E – K Mark U  
L – T Rich D  
U – Z 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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