

KELLOGGSVILLE CONNECTIONS

February, 2019

The Connections is a monthly publication of church news and events. The next one will be published on March 10. The deadline for submissions is the Tuesday before publication.

Upcoming Sundays

February 10

Communion

9:30 am: Worship Service
(Pastor Martin)

February 17

9:30 am: Worship Service
(Pastor Martin)

February 24

9:30 am: Worship Service
(Pastor Martin)
11 am: Discovery

March 3

9:00 am: Group Prayer
Time
9:30 am: Worship Service
(Pastor Martin)
11 am: Discovery

What's Next in Discovery

Our Sunday morning Discovery time has been a great opportunity for learning and growth at Kelloggsville. Session 4, which is our final session for the season, will be starting on February 24 and running for 5 weeks. As we journey through Lent and look forward to celebrating Easter, we have decided to try something a little different from the format we've been following. We're calling it Discovery 4 All Ages! During this time adults and youth will combine to participate in activities in preparation for our Palm Sunday and Easter services.



There will 5 main areas where you can be involved depending on ages and interests.

Choir: Some of you may remember when Kelloggsville had the adult and junior choirs. Well, for this session of Discovery, we're bringing it back! Adults, middle school, and high schoolers are all invited to join together in a choir, directed by Sarah Cupery. They will be learning songs that will be sung Easter morning. No robes required!

PreK-5th Graders will be preparing for Palm Sunday where they will lead the congregation in the story "The Tale of Three Trees". They will learn songs and motions, and make art for that service.

Drama: Adult, youth and children actors who have parts in the "Tale of Three Trees" will use this time for practice.

Creativity: Those with artistic flare will use the time to construct sets, make costumes, and create art for the "Tale of Three Trees".

Hospitality and Welcoming: There will be opportunities for adults and youth to take part in various projects, as we seek to make our Palm Sunday and Easter services very outward focused.

We are excited to see how God will bless us as we seek to glorify him in this upcoming Discovery session, and in the Palm Sunday and Easter services. See you in a couple of weeks! -Melissa VanderMeulen

Council—A Place to Serve

The Council has approved and begun to implement a revitalized process for nominating elders and deacons. A Nominating Team has been appointed to lead through the

process. The team has one Elder, Jacque Bolt; one Deacon, Margie Brummel Rowles; and two Congregational Members: Brian Vander Bie and Kevin Wilson.

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The Team's purpose is to match gifted leaders with leadership roles in the church. Basically, the goal is to get the right people in the right roles at the right time for the right reasons.

You will be hearing more about all of this because the Nominating Team would very much like the congregation to be actively involved in this process. You will soon find a letter in your mailbox inviting you to consider who you might nominate for either an Elder or a Deacon. Please give this prayerful consideration. Your input is very valuable because you may well know the gifts and abilities of members better than we do.



The letter and nominating form in your mailbox will include very important information about the leadership roles. Read the information carefully and discern

who God is nudging you to nominate. It may be yourself and it may be someone else. The Council will be going through that same discerning process as they will also be invited

to nominate people.

The Nominating Team will then contact those who have been nominated and invite them to have a conversation to consider the possibility of serving in one of the leadership roles. Eventually the Nominating Team will submit their list of names to be

considered to the Council and the Congregation.

These months of discernment are valuable. God's call into service might be through a still small voice, it might be through a Bible verse or story, and it might be through a personal invitation. There is little doubt that God grows our faith and commitment through service. Please be in prayer that God will call some to step out in faith and step up in leadership. When we serve we grow in our gifting, the church is blessed and God's purposes are advanced. Please prepare yourself to be involved in this process as together we seek the Lord with regard to his call on our lives and the lives of others.

Update from Search Team

The search team recently had a meeting with a late applicant for our Faith Formation Position. This is an application we received near the end of our previous search process, but because it was so late in the process we had not interviewed this person. The council recently empowered the team to continue their work and move forward, so although we have not yet re-advertised for our

two (now three with Worship) part-time positions, in the past two weeks we held a meeting and interviewed the applicant, Andrew Kalthoff.

Andrew is a senior at Hope College and will be graduating with a business major and a worship leadership minor. Andrew expressed interest and excitement for both our part-time Faith-Formation/Youth position,

and our part-time Worship position. So we ask you to welcome Andrew as he leads us in worship at our worship service on February 17, and that you continue to pray for the Search Team and the Council as they discern God's leading in this process.

On behalf of the Committee,
-Pastor Martin

Requested Announcements

The **Christian Reformed Conference Grounds** in Grand Haven, MI is hiring for this summer! They have full-time openings for lifeguards, male youth leaders, and store/Bible School helpers, all of which include

on-site housing. Must be 18 to apply; email ministry@crcg.org.

Stan and Carrie Sinnema no longer have a land line; Carrie's cell phone number is 616-204-9191.

The **Jason and Janna Slot family** has moved! Their new address is 1855 Pinnacle Drive SW, Wyoming, 49519.

Me? A Mentor?

Three times a year, Kelloggsville Public Schools (KPS) hosts a Community Coalition Meeting. They invite people from area churches, local businesses and organizations, law enforcement, and social service agencies. This group meets to share highlights of their organizations, especially about their interactions with and their impacting of families and students in the Kelloggsville and Wyoming communities. The group's vision is "Strengthening our community through relationships, with dignity, mutual support, respect, and opportunities to serve each other."

Since Kelloggsville Church is invited to participate in these Community Coalition Meetings, I have had the privilege of attending many of these gatherings. I have always come away astonished at what I hear and learn. Anti-bullying campaigns, rewards given to



students (and parents) for improved or perfect school attendance, and business owners welcoming and training student interns are just a few initiatives presented at these meetings. All participants strive to come alongside students, parents, teachers and school administrators to enhance the quality of life for families in our community.

One of the greatest challenges for Kelloggsville Public Schools this past year was the enrollment increase of more than 100 students. This has caused large class sizes and a need for mentors for more students. Teachers see improvement in a student's grades and behavior when a struggling student has a mentor. KPS has a list of many students in the elementary schools that would benefit from having a mentor. They are asking for adult volunteers to come and spend an hour a week mentoring a child

who is currently on the waiting list for a mentor.

To help meet this request, Steve Roobol, the Director at the DOCK Ministries, is acting as an area Coordinator for Kids' Hope. He, along with a few members from Friendship CRC, have begun mentoring some students. However, there is still a need for more mentors. If a Kelloggsville Church member is interested in becoming a Kids' Hope mentor for a student at KPS, they can contact Steve at The DOCK (531-4955), receive the online training, and get signed up to be a mentor.

So what about you? Will you be a mentor? Can you invest one hour a week to encourage a struggling student? If you are employed, would your employer allow you to take one hour out of your work week or a longer noon hour to be a mentor? Think of the blessings you'll receive as you establish a caring relationship with a young student.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Geerlings (246-7909).

Cadets/Gems Derby Car Races

On Wednesday, February 6, the Cadets and Gems, along with family and friends, gathered in the Family Life Center for the annual Cadets/Gems Derby Car Races. It was a great night of fellowship, food, and racing! About 100 people came to eat, hang out, and support our boys and girls. Thanks to everyone who came—it was a great night!

Congrats to all the boys and girls for making such creative cars, and to our winners of the night, who were as follows:

Speed Division:

1st: Ava Wit
2nd: Emily Olivier
3rd: Noah Wilson

Best in Show:

Syann Benckhuysen

Turtle Car:

Norah Slot



Left to right: Syann, Ava, Emily, Noah, and Norah

Rest of February/Early March Church Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY/SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 10 Communion 8:30 am: Chin Sunday School 9:30 am: Worship 10:30 am: Congregational Meeting 12:30 pm: French Service 1 pm: Chin Service	11 3:30 pm: Kids' Life Bible Club 6:30/8 pm: Women2 Women Bible Study	12 5:30-8 pm: Alliance FC	13 3:15 pm: GRiver Prep Student Bible Study 6 pm: Deacon 7 pm: Council	14 8:15 am: Griv Prep Prayer Group 5:30-8 pm: Alliance FC	15/16 Sat: 5-8 pm: French Prayer Group Sat: 5-10 pm: Chin Choir/ Youth Group
17 8:30 am: Chin Sunday School 9:30 am: Worship 12:30 pm: French Service 1 pm: Chin Service	18 3:30 pm: Kids' Life Bible Club 6:30 pm: Appletree Family Dance (FLC)	19 5:30-8 pm: Alliance FC 7 pm: Men's Network Bible Study	20 9:30 am: Joy Club 3:15 pm: GRiver Prep Student Bible Study 6:45 pm: Cadets 6:45 pm: Gems Father/Daughter 7 pm: Shepherd Leaders	21 8:15 am: Griv Prep Moms in Prayer 5:30-8 pm: Alliance FC	22/23 Fri: 5-9 pm: Chin Bible Training Sat: 10am-3pm: Chin Bible Training Sat: 5-8 pm: French Prayer Group Sat: 5-10 pm: Chin Choir/ Youth Group
24 8:30 am: Chin Sunday School 9:30 am: Worship 11:00 am: Discovery 12:30 pm: French Service 1 pm: Chin Service 4 pm: MS/HS Youth Group	25 3:30 pm: Kids' Life Bible Club 6:30/8 pm: Women2 Women Bible Study	26 5:30-8 pm: Alliance FC	27 9am-3pm: GRiver Prep Student Testing (Rm 5/6) 3:15 pm: GRiver Prep Student Bible Study 7 pm: Elders	28 8:15 am: Griv Prep Prayer Grp. 9am-3pm: GRiver Prep Student Testing (Rm 5/6) 5:30-8 pm: Alliance FC	MARCH 1/2 Sat: 5-8 pm: French Prayer Group Sat: 5-10 pm: Chin Choir/ Youth Group
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Birthdays to Celebrate

Birthdays of Members 70+

February

12 Joyce Swanson (85)
 14 Jennie Hoekstra (98)



March

26 Don Knight
 30 Kaye Noorman (90)

Staff/Missionary Birthdays

February

26 Angie Sliedrecht

March

Rev. George deVuyst