

CONNECTED

May 10, 2026

Welcome to North Hills Christian Reformed Church! A place to **Glorify, Gather, and Grow**. This weekly newsletter, *Connected*, is published each Sunday. During the week, be sure to surf to our website for the latest information and pictures: www.northhillscrc.org. We thank **Ed Cattini** for serving at the Welcome Desk this morning.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES today:

During the service:

Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers meet in the downstairs playroom with **Rachel & Brynn Thompson**. Parents can sign in their child(ren) starting at 9:20am.

After the service Sunday School Hour:

Sunday School Class: Meet at the "big clock" in the Atrium by 10:40 am. Today, combined classes will be led by **Barbara Dawson, Stephanie Dexter, and John Yuhas**.



← **Caption Contest!**

These two birds, at the top of our Sanctuary roof, welcomed all to North Hills on Monday, April 27. Send your best caption to randyengle@aol.com!

Our STEWARDSHIP:

May 2 tithes:

\$12,010

Tithes received through May 2:

\$196,168

Ministry plan need through May 2:

\$199,038

There are four ways to give your offering:

- In person: An offering plate is at the east Sanctuary entrance
- Our website: Click "giving" tab
- Mail: Send a check to North Hills Church / 3150 N Adams Road / Troy / 48084
- On your phone: Download and use Vanco mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement)

Meet our 2026 nominees for Church Council:

For Elder (we'll select two):

Sid Dotinga
Mark Elliott
Gina Grembowski
Ed van Veen

For Deacon (we'll select two):

Kip Drewry
Daniel Gu
Hector Montañez
Jim Zondag

Nominee profiles are in your mailbox.

Our congregational meeting is Sunday, May 17, at 10:45am.



Can you Help? Outreach Opportunity in China!

Last summer, we had the opportunity to pilot a camp program in China, serving about 60 students. Among them were children of pastors from different regions, including several who are being homeschooled. It was a deeply meaningful experience, and we were really encouraged to see how God used the camp not only for learning, but also for building relationships and planting seeds of faith.

This year, we are planning a larger camp in **Chengdu, China (July 19–26, 2026)**, with an expected attendance of around **100 students (ages 8–15)**. The program will include English learning, reading and communication development, leadership activities, and cross-cultural engagement.

As part of this, we are prayerfully seeking to build a small team of **5–6 volunteer camp counselors** from the U.S. to join us for about two weeks (**July 12–26**, including travel, local orientation, and on-site training).

These volunteers would:

- lead small groups of students
- support activities and camp life
- build meaningful relationships with the kids
- participate in a cross-cultural ministry experience

We are especially hoping for individuals who have a heart for:

- youth ministry
- missions
- working with children or students

We also deeply appreciate your prayers—for the students, for the team, and for God to bring together the right people for this work. Thank you so much for your time. This really means a lot to us! Contact Daniel Gu at (947) 205–9293 for more information.

Warmly,
Daniel Gu

Wheels of Grace



North Hills Church

North Hillians, come join the Ride! On June 13 (rain date of June 20) you are invited to join the *Wheels of Grace Recreational Ride* for the support of Oakland Hope and the NHCRC Benevolence Fund. The ride will begin at 9:45am at Belle Isle and end at 11:45am. The loop is 5.4 miles; ride as many scenic loops as you choose. Suggested donation: \$40.00 for individual/ \$55.00 per family. For more information contact: John Kenney at JMKenney57@gmail.com. An additional informational sheet and registration form is located on the mailbox shelf.

Hello North Hills **golfers**, it's that time to start planning the first date for our Golf Association. We are looking at May 17th, at Springfield Oaks—it got the most votes! Dinner will be at either Buckshots on White Lake and Andersonville or HillTop Brewery on Dixie Hwy. If you have a favorite, let me know. Rain date for the 17th will be June 7th. Shooting for a 2pm start! Also shooting to get 6 Sundays in this year!

North Hills Golf Commissioner,
John Grembowski

This week's birthdays:

May 12: Wendy Krogh

May 15: Samuel Drewry

May 17: Beck VanAmberg





Thank you to everyone who helped with the May 2 yard cleanup: **Dan Asma, Polly Ayers, David & Mary Baker, Jack Boughton, Rob & Kristi Bowles, Brouwer family, Don Callihan, Mark Elliott, Pastor Engle, Lance Evert, Jeff Feikens, Jon Feikens, Marty & Terry Hart, Heuker family, Elizabeth Jolliffe, Michael Lopez. Ray Rowell, Michael Rupke, Heather & Sean Sandfort, Zachary Sandfort, Bob Schieferstein, and Jerry Van Wyke.**



Did you know that our Sanctuary is often requested as a recital space? For example, as pictured here, the Roenicke Studio hosted their recital at North Hills on Sunday afternoon, May 3. A volunteer from the church serves as building host (in this case, Pastor Engle) and the rental fees go into our Music Fund. Would you be willing to host? Let Jenna know at Jenna@northhillscrc.org.

Men's Softball will start soon with our first game on Monday May 18 at Our Shepherd Lutheran School in Birmingham. We play doubleheaders starting at 6:15, with a second game at 7:30. Season runs through June, with makeups and playoffs in July. Full schedule will be emailed later this week. Please join us if you have interest in one or all of the games. We play in a church recreational league, 16 and over are welcome. Please see Jeff Feikens for details.



Engle 25 At North Hills July 25, 2026



Save the Date — Engle 25 at North Hills CRC!

The **25th anniversary celebration** of the **Engle's ministry** will be from **1:00 to 4:00 P.M.** on **Saturday, July 25** at the home of Lois and Gene Miller, **232 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.**

Parking will be provided at a nearby parking lot, and you will be shuttled to the Miller's back yard. There will be a supervised play area and other entertainment for the kids. Food and drink will be catered and available shortly after 1:00 P.M.

There will be a short program around 1:30 P.M.

Musical entertainment will be provided for part of the afternoon, and Jeff Saxsma will take photos.

Formal invitations will be sent out by **e-mail** in two weeks with a hearty request that you **RSVP** and include the total number of your family members who will attend.

There will be no charge for the party; however, you may make a **donation to defray expenses.** Indicate on your check or other form of donation: "25th anniversary celebration."

We hope to see you there to celebrate such a momentous occasion!