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January 23, 2022

North Hills Christian Reformed Church

Today Pastor Engle begins a **SERMON SERIES** on the 10 Commandments. The series was actually started two years ago, but then derailed when North Hills temporarily suspended services due to COVID. When our livestream ministry began, the series was not picked up again—until now. So, just as God gave the law twice (Exodus and Deuteronomy), we'll hear the commandments again! The Ten Commandment series finishes just in time for Holy Week.



At its meeting this past Tuesday the council joyfully welcomed the **GILBERT FAMILY** as new members. Kelly is the Spanish Immersion Director at Oakland Christian School, Jared is a software developer with World Wide Technology, and volunteers as our Media Director. Their son, Ian, is a freshman at Calvin University. Gilberts are at home at 4922 Catalina Drive, Lake Orion, 48359. A public welcome will be scheduled soon.

Birthdays this week:

January 24: Phil Frangedakis
January 26: Allie Born, Judy Freeland
January 28: Cole VanAmberg
January 29: Liam Nyenhuis



When Simon Krum correctly spelled the word ABDOMEN he became the 2022 Greenfield Gator 5th grade spelling bee **CHAMPION!** Simon now moves on to the county level Spelling Bee. Congradulationz Simon!

Dear friends, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior this Christmas, we rejoice in the hope we have in Jesus. For many people in prison, hope seems elusive as they sit isolated from friends and family, trapped in regret. Yet Michael L, a Crossroads student in California, wrote us, “Sometimes in a bleak place like prison, God sends an encouraging word or a note from a friend, a comforting verse or Bible passage, that has helped me to move forward with a lighter step, with hope... I am reassured by the words of my Crossroads mentors. They help me believe and find courage in the truth.”

Your financial gift of \$1,000 for Crossroads is an amazing gift of hope this Christmas season to people like Michael.

Anthony, a student in Louisiana, wrote, “I could not wait to get my letters from the mentors. They gave me strength to continue on and not lose hope. Being in prison has brought me to a choice to lose hope or find hope. Studying these lessons has encouraged me that no matter where I am, Jesus is with me. Jesus, my only hope, my all in all.”

THANK YOU for your financial partnership with Crossroads. Your gifts bring the hope of Christ to men and women in prison around the world.

Full of gratitude,
Lisa Blystra
President & CEO

Our STEWARDSHIP:

Tithes received (through January 16):
\$26,475

Ministry plan need (through January 16):
\$22,356

January 10, 2022

Dear Family at North Hills:

Another celebration of the incarnation of our Lord has left its profundity on those who have “come home to the manger,” recalling their having been birthed by Christ. For them Christmas is an everyday memorable experience.

It is the stack of cards and notes, the splendid gifts, and the renewal of loving relationships which remind us that the Word has become flesh, that the Gift is shared and we have become a communion of saints.

THANK YOU for including me in your celebration of Christmas in the year of our Lord 2021. In Him, of Him, and with Him,

Brother John {Malestein}