

An update from the Strategic Ministry Planning Team

In January, 2019, the Strategic Ministry Planning Team (SMPT) was formed. Members were Pastor Randy, Eunice Cramer, Clark Liesveld, Dick Marolf, Marian Schmid, Mike Vande Griend, Cindy Widhalm, Ann Wubbels, Randal Wubbels. (At a later date, Mike stepped aside because of other responsibilities.) Under the leadership of Steve Norman (California) and Phil Assink (Oregon), our first step along the Vitality Pathway was the Veritas workshop, held in March. In the process of completing the Pathway, we as a congregation discerned that our main goal was to create relationships in both our church and in our community. With this always in mind, we have undertaken the following:



Take and Bake meals



Some of the things we planned were squelched because of Covid, such as a Patriotic Picnic in July, 2020, and a Community Town Hall meeting to get input from our Holland neighbors.

We as a team had on-line weekly Zoom meetings during Covid.



April, 2020 We, as a team were feeling the need to check in with our church family, so we published a Holland Church Family News that was mailed to everyone.

High School and College graduates were honored by having their names on the marquee.



June, 2020: At the recommendation of Phil Assink, and with suggestions given to him by an architect consultant, we had the sanctuary painted and simplified the appearance of the front of the church.

The old marquee sign had served us well, but we felt it was time for an update, so we spent several months exploring our options. Many were quite expensive. Randal Wubbels researched, found and ordered an affordable replacement. It arrived this past winter. Recently Clark Liesveld flagged the sprinkler system to determine appropriate placement, and then the sign was installed by Dick Marolf, Jerry Widhalm, and Kevin Cramer. Faye Weckle who has been putting inspirational messages on the previous sign, is very excited that the letters won't be blowing off this new one!



In April, our team arranged for the placement of the City Mission Toss box. It has been very well utilized and we are very appreciative of the people who have delivered the donations to the Help Center.



Our team was asked to provide dinner for the Classis meeting held in Omaha on July 21. The Thursday evening group was predominantly Spanish-speaking individuals, who were very appreciative of the meal, and so full of joy for the Lord that the serving team (Kevin and Eunice Cramer, Dick Marolf and Cindy Widhalm) was humbled and honored to be part of the worship service held after the meal.

COMING SOON

The walking path to be located south of the ball field is a work in progress.





Holland Church

August 2022



WinGS

(Women in God's Service)

WinGS Bible study will be Tuesday, August 2. We will begin at 7:00, with our Bible study being led by Marian Schmid. We will begin on page 65 of our book Living Victoriously in Difficult Times. Marian will also provide the lunch.

Our Mission Project for August is Matt Talbot. They need the following items: blankets, bike locks, bottled water, men's and women's deodorant, razors and body wash.

INCREDIBLE! That's how to describe the amazing generosity of the Holland Church in donating school supplies for the Norris Food Pantry backpack program. Bags and boxes and sacks and tubs of supplies were delivered to the Pantry.

Wednesday Nights Alive September 14.

Wednesday Nights Alive is more than a meal and Bible Study for children. It's a Family night! On Wednesday night at 5:30 you can; enjoy a meal (you haven't prepared) and visit with friends. Bible study start at 5:30 for preschool –high school.

We are considering an Adult Bible study time.

All activities are done by 7:30 p.m.



guess who's coming to dinner

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- 4 Eugene Huenink
- 7 Julie Liesveld
- 16 Clark Liesveld
- 17 Russ Brauer
- 18 Damon Driskell
- 18 Angie Godtel
- 19 Spencer Peters
- 20 Robin Townsend
- 21 Joan Huenink
- 23 Barb Pence
- 27 Kevin VanCott
- 29 Andrew Knudtson
- 29 Donna TeSelle
- 30 Jenn Auman
- 30 Carrie Driskell
- 30 Evelyn Essink
- 30 Bette Jo Evans
- 31 Judy Nyhof



2022 Church Life Sponsored Activities

- September 18** Miniature Golf at Adventure Golf
- October 16** Movie Night at Cramer's Home
- December 4** Meal after Congregational Meeting

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 3 Gordon and Pam Essink
- 27 Paul and Faye Weckle