



- We received a letter from Michelle last week.
- She reported that the Christmas orphans project was able to distribute gifts to **1200 children in 14 different orphanages** in the Odessa region of Ukraine.
- Michelle's friend Slavik and members of his church prepared a Christmas program to share with the children at each orphanage visited. The program

included a skit about the birth of Jesus and the message of Christmas, songs, games and a puppet show. They then ended the program by giving the children the gifts that were sent.

- Some of these orphanages are very poor, and the director of one orphanage said that the **children had not received any visitors for over a year**. Michelle's team will be visiting that one again for sure.
- Michelle's team will continue to visit orphanages to share the Good News. They will be delivering Valentines cards sent by people in the US, and will offer a summer camp that many of the children will be invited to.
- From her letter: *"Thank you again for your help with this Christmas Project! Thank you for caring for orphans and helping to make the holidays special for so many children!"*
- Please also be in prayer for Michelle that she is able to continue reaching children through her work, despite roadblocks that come up.



Prayer & Praise

✠ Praise that **Neil** has new work with BVS in Cedar Rapids, IA that started March 1. He will be working primarily from Omaha.

✠ Praise that **Eduardo** family in Chile are all safe, but they are still having some trouble with infrastructure (phone, water lines, etc.).

✠ Pray that **Mike** will be able to find a new position within IBM by the end of the month.

✠ Prayer for **Jonathan** as he recovers from a second surgery and prepares for chemo for his brain tumor.

✠ Healing for **Marla** starts her rehab therapy.

✠ **Robert** knee surgery which is scheduled for this Thursday.

✠ **Those who are looking for work.**



Welcome to **Prairie Lane Church**. As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. May we together experience the presence of God.

If you have young children, please feel free to use our nursery located upstairs. Please ask the usher for directions.

Before and after the service, we serve coffee and juice in the Fellowship Hall. *Please stay and get to know the Prairie Lane family!*

Prelude Song

"He is Exalted"

Welcome

"All Things are Possible"
"Lord, Reign in Me"

Greeting

Confession

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
"I Exalt Thee"

Children's Message

(Children in Worship Dismissal)

Message

Series: Through Tears to Joy (part three)

"Faith Overcomes Disappointment"

John 6:53-69 (page 974)

"Living for Jesus"

Offerings

Ministries of Prairie Lane Church
The Cadets Boys Club

Closing Song

"He Will Come and Save You"

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"Disappointment"

Sermon Series:

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Welcome to **Prairie Lane Church!** *“I sought the Lord and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears” (Psalm 34:4).* Let us seek the Lord together this day. Let us offer up our fears and doubts, that we may go forth strengthened and empowered for another week. If you are visiting us today, know that we are thankful for your presence. If you are seeking a new church home, we hope it will be with us.

- You are invited to stay after worship so that we may meet you. Give us a chance to greet you personally, in his name during the coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery is available upstairs, you may ask the usher for directions.

Communication Cards: We'd love it if everyone filled out the basic information on the front side.

- If you are a regular attendee, just your name is enough. If you are a guest, please fill out the card so that we can get to know you better, and place it in the offering bag.
- If you have a prayer request or praise, please fill out the back of the card. Pastor Dan and the elders consider it a privilege to lift you up in prayer—if the prayer is of a sensitive nature, it will not be shared beyond Pastor Dan and the elders. Let us know if it is okay to share with the congregation by checking *“please share with the PLC family”*.

Our first offering today is for **Prairie Lane Church**. Bringing a gift to God is a regular part of our worship. If you are a guest today, don't feel you have to contribute—the only gift we'd like from you is your Communication Card. Consider this service our gift to you!

Our second offering today is for **Cadets Boys Club**.

Larger print Bibles are available in the back of the worship center.

If you have a special concern on your heart, the prayer room is open after the service. One of our elders will be happy to meet with you there.

About the Christian Reformed Church (CRC): Prairie Lane Church is part of a Christian denomination which consists of about 1,000 churches across the US and Canada. Our roots can be traced back to the Protestant Reformation, and our doctrinal outlook is "Calvinist". So, we believe in God's sovereignty, in the authority of the Bible and in the transforming work of Jesus; in our worship we emphasize congregational singing and Biblical sermons. You may visit our website omahacrc.org to learn more.

Today is Cadet Sunday. We are glad to have them help with our service today, and thankful for the time and energy of the leaders who help.

Pinewood Derby—After church and Sunday school join us in the Upper Room for a light lunch and the pinewood derby.

Council Nominees — responses are due for our council meeting tomorrow night. We will have our vote & congregational meeting after church on March 28.

Spring Forward: Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour next Saturday night for the daylight saving time change. (Also a reminder to change the batteries in your smoke & CO alarms!)

Daniel Moses Eagle Scout Service Project: Daniel will be helping construct a storage shed at The Hope Center. Next week's 2nd offering will be used to help fund the project. Please look for updates on the church email group, or contact Daniel.

Second Sundaes: Next **Sunday, March 14 at 6PM**—we will continue our study of the Heidelberg Catechism with Pat Durkee.

Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Saturday, March 27th** from 10:30-noon. The Egg Hunt is for children ages toddler-5th grade and there will be lots of other fun activities for the kids to enjoy. Be sure to invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to join us.

- We will be collecting small, wrapped candy donations to put into the Easter eggs. **There is a collection box in the Fellowship Hall.**
- Any questions, please talk to Fara

Mark your calendars—**April 25** we will celebrate the successful completion of our 3-year pledge drive. After worship services, we will have a special program and eat lunch together in the Worship Center.

Vacation Bible School dates will be **June 13-17 from 6:30-8:30PM**. This year we will be taking the children to visit *“SonQuest Rainforest- Follow Jesus on a Life-Changing Adventure!”*. Please start to be in prayer for the children who will be coming and also all the volunteers that will be needed to make this a successful VBS.

PLC Softball - Any men, ages 16+, who are interested in playing softball this summer please contact Josh VT for details and to sign up!

Church Summer Camping Trip: This year's trip will be at Branched Oak Recreation Area, near Lincoln from **June 25-26**. The cost for camping for both nights is **\$42 (note change)** at an electric hook-up site. Please let Adriene right away if you'd like to attend this year, as some of the sites from last year have already been reserved. Adriene would like to get as many campsites close together as possible.