

# What's New On The Horizon...

We invite you to come see what we're all about.

We'd love to have you as our guest.



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## Worship Services 10 AM Sunday

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## Bringing Affordable Food to Those in Need

*Horizon Community Church  
becomes a host site for Angel  
Food Ministry*



*Reaching out to our community to be  
able to serve the low income and those  
struggling with rising grocery prices!*

Starting in September, Horizon became a host site for Angel Food Ministry. Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and contributing to benevolent outreaches in communities throughout the United States.

The program began in 1994 with 34 families in Monroe, Georgia (between Atlanta and Athens), and has grown to serve hundreds of thousands of families every month across 35 states.

**In just the first week we've been listed on the Angel Food Ministry's web we've gotten dozens of orders!!!**

**We are committed to join with our community!**

## Horizon Brings Community to Downers

In this first of, hopefully, many newsletters we'd like to share with you a little bit about Horizon Community Church to give you an idea of what we're all about. Next, we'd like to let you know about some of the exciting things we're doing in the community and in our church. Last, we'd like to invite you to stop by and share in the joy and satisfaction of doing God's work.

### Our Mission

We are committed to join with our community, to share God's blessings and to demonstrate the love of Jesus to others; being a body of people learning to experience the depth of God's love for us.

#### The church "in" the community:

- does not desire to influence the community
- does not desire community members to influence it
- invests nearly all of its various resources on his own members.

#### The church "to" the community

- desires to bless and make contributions to the community (on its own terms)
- does not desire community members to influence it
- spends some resources in the community.

#### The church "with" the community:

- desires to influence the community
- desires community stakeholders to influence it
- spends significant resources (time, talents, goods) in the community.

## English as a Second Language (ESL) class begins at Horizon

Luis Ortega, a member of Horizon, has been excited for over a year now about starting an ESL class when we moved into our new home.



Luis' dream became a reality in August when our first class started with 4 students. Luis is joined by Gini, a recent new attendee who just moved from Puerto Rico to find work for her family. Gini brings a strong educational background as she was a grade school teacher in Puerto Rico.

Together Luis and Gini, both fluent in Spanish and English, will show God's love in a very practical way by helping members in our community learn to speak English more fluently – opening more doors of opportunity. God is at work and we are excited to join Him in an effort to serve our community.

## Middle School Ministry Begins

*Horizon is committed to sharing God's love with our children. Through programs such as SonRise Station and our Middle School Ministry, young lives are being touched and shared the wonderful news of God's love!*

In the last few months, there have been 6 families from Prentiss Creek Apartments (our neighbors in the community) that have started to call Horizon their home. There have also been 4 kids, 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade, who have made Horizon there home as well. These children, along with our very own middle school students, have shown a keen interest in learning more about God and our beliefs. God has brought these kids, literally to our back door, and we have an opportunity to join God in the great work He has started in their lives.

In response to their desire to learn, we have a Sunday School class just for them before church, taught by Pastor Jon. Ten 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders (including our kids AND kids from the neighborhood) are studying the book, "What we Believe and Why."

In the class they will learn the basics of the faith and apply them to their lives. Horizon also offers a bi-monthly Wednesday night ministry for middle school children. The focus of this ministry is to bring them together for some fun and teaching God's perspective on different life issues that they will face.

## Other Events

### **Veritas -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Month**

**6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

An in-depth Seminary Level Bible study

### **Men's Breakfast Study**

**Tuesday Mornings 6 AM**

**Steven's Restaurant**

**2393 63rd St, Woodridge**

Men's "small group" sharing breakfast and wrestling with many different topics together

### **Monthly Potluck**

Held at the church once a month after the service.

### **Chick Flick Nights**

Exactly what it sounds like!

Bring Kleenex!

**For more information call**

**630-434-9500**

***As we build God's Kingdom in a high need section of our community, God is doing some great things in the short time we've been here. While we are meeting needs and discovering the strengths and talents of people in this neighborhood, we are in need of financial help to meet the costs of operations and ministry. If you are able to help financially support the ministry of Horizon, one time contributions or continuing contributions can be sent to Horizon Community Church 2129 63<sup>rd</sup> St. Downers Grove, IL 60516***