

July 18, 2021

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Joe

Call to Worship

Psalm 124:8, Psalm 68:19-20

Greeting

Children's Message

ACTS Prayer

Congregational Prayer

Special Music

Nearer still nearer

Scripture and Message*

Summer in the Psalms – Penitential

Psalm 51:1-13, Psalm 130

Confession & Assurance

Call to confessions: Psalm 32:1-5

653 A Prayer: Confession of Idolatry

678 Affirmation: The forgiveness of sins

Special Music

Just as I am – I come broken

Blessing

Revelation 1:4-6

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SERVICE ELDER SCHEDULE

July 18 Mike D, Jim K

July 25 Jim K, John G

Aug 1 John G, Eric D

Aug 8 Eric D, John M

2ND COLLECTION

July 18 The Bible League

July 25 M&K Lubbers-Odel

Aug 1 Ottawa CR Campus
Chaplaincy

Aug 8 Benevolent Fund

SERVICE LIVE STREAM

You are welcome to join our live-stream on Facebook **Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** Just click the "streaming live" link on the home page of our website and request to join the group.

WORSHIP NIGHT JULY 18

Everyone is welcome to come together tonight, Sunday July 18 at 6:00pm in the yard behind the church for an evening of worship. Please plan to bring your own chairs, bug spray and sunscreen. Please also maintain social distancing. We look forward to seeing everyone.

THURSDAY MORNING LADIES

BIBLE STUDY: We are planning to meet July 22 from 10:30 until 1 at the Morrisburg Waterfront Park for a time of fellowship. Bring your lunch and lawn chair. Other ladies from the congregation and friends are welcome to join us. Rain date: July 29. For further information contact Margo or Christine.

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Hans & Alice Schuler and their family with Hans' health declining. We remember others who struggle with different mental, physical or relational concerns.
- Our travels and our work. What a blessing is it to have jobs to do and may our times of vacation be safe and relaxing as we enjoy family, friends and the beautiful creation around us.
- Persecuted Christians around the world who can't gather as freely as we do. The freedom we have to gather for worship is something we should be thankful for.
- Those we love who have walked away from Christ and His church. May the Holy Spirit work in their hearts to bring them back to Him.

YOUNG ADULTS BARBECUE

All young adults 18+ are invited to a BBQ dinner at the home of Pastor Ron Hosmar (28 Carola St., Ottawa) this Wednesday June 21st, 6pm. Food and drinks will be provided - just bring your lawn chair. Any questions - contact Pastor Joe.

*SERMON NOTES

With the Lord there is forgiveness! We observe the Psalmist's: **1 – Cry, 2 – Confession, 3 – Confidence, 4 – Call**

THANK YOU

Dear congregation, Many thanks to you for the birthday cards, the phone calls and the love I always receive from you. I'm glad I belong to the family of God, and all thanks to our dear Lord and Saviour for His unspeakable Love for you and me. **Alice Kooistra**

COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK: BIBLE LEAGUE

In more than 40 countries worldwide, Bible League Canada partners with churches, indigenous Christian and community leaders, and local governments. Together with their faithful supporters, they are able to provide Bibles, training and resources for Christians who are working on the ground, delivering the Good News to those who have never heard it.

NEXT WEEK: MOSES AND KAREN LUBBERS-ODEL

Partnering with CRWM, Karen Lubbers will be serving the children and youth in and around Soroti, Uganda. Her hope is to do this by drawing together young adults from many of the local churches and training them on how to start and run a lively children's ministry. She'll be guiding young adults in story telling methods, explaining Bible stories, planning lessons and craft ideas, and then sending them back to teach the children in their churches. She will also continue to encourage former child soldiers living in the surrounding villages by bringing words of peace and forgiveness and assisting with income generating projects like goats or cassava crops. I serve the children and the churches in and around Soroti, Uganda. I am currently working with an awesome group of Ugandan peers to teach and train church leaders, village pastors, and school teachers on various children's ministry techniques and tools. An energetic group of singers and musicians - called Oil of Gladness – are a delight for me to minister with in churches, schools, and at crusades or holiday events. My prayer is to continue being a part of discipleship groups, friendship evangelism in the market, and be open to the Spirit's leading for further ministry opportunities.

You can send donations by E-transfer to
WCRCDonate@gmail.com.
Funds destined for second collections should be
identified in the comment section

VISITS WITH PASTOR GREGG

AND LAURIE: Pastor Gregg and Laurie are thrilled to be able to begin seeing many more of you as we continue our worship services alternate Sunday nights in our church backyard and in church on Sunday mornings now with less restrictions. If you would like a visit from them, please contact Pastor Gregg by phone, text or email to be added to the ongoing list that Laurie keeps LOL. Both Pastor Gregg and Laurie are fully vaccinated and look forward to chatting with you.

BULLETIN BOARDS: As we look to the fall, Laurie is looking at bulletin boards. Could you put a picture of your family in their box in the next few weeks in order to put together an "Our Church Family" collage board? Also looking at ideas for other boards. Connect with Laurie to help out if you wish.

WILLIAMSBURG CRC YOUTUBE

If you would like to listen again to any of the music that has been played during the online services, please check out our Youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfggvnkirpH6bP6CVi6ZwtA>

FROM REDEEMER UNIVERSITY:

Thank you for your contributions in support of Redeemer University. Through your gifts and donations, we educate today's students to become tomorrow's leaders fueled by a faithful and God-honouring Christian higher education. We are blessed by the generosity of a community of believers committed to seeing God's Kingdom grow as we teach young people today. Despite all that has changed for Redeemer in the past year, students have continued to show resiliency and reliance on God. It was encouraging to see them persevere and complete this challenging academic year. We especially think of the graduating students who have completed their studies at Redeemer in a much different way than they had once planned. "Thanks to your support, my quality of education didn't go down as Redeemer was able to make the transition to online learning seamlessly." Emily, student. Now that exams are complete and students have left for the summer, Redeemer looks forward to a season of renewal around campus. The new residence and learning facility grows closer to completion with each passing day and Redeemer's buildings will see some refreshments including upgrades to the main auditorium.

Some of our former youth have been blessed by attending Redeemer University and Brent Geertsema is currently furthering his education there.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THIS WEEK

July 18 Mackenzie VanderVeen
July 19 Grant Farrow
July 19 Frances Mulder
July 20 Ryan Buter
July 22 Harper Dewar
July 23 Leah Hawkins
July 24 Rita Kooistra

NEXT WEEK

25 Kaitlyn VanVeen (Kovar)
28 Kathryn Norg
28 Sarah Staal
29 Gregg Lawson
29 David VanBruinessen

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays over 70 years of age.
Congratulations to **Frances Mulder**
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COUNCIL REPORT FOR JUNE AND JULY 2021

Despite the pandemic, council continues to meet monthly and there are always matters that need consideration. The following is a summary of the major items discussed during the past two meetings:

1. At the June meeting Pastor Joe presented a proposal to have a scaled down version of VBS since restrictions for gatherings were slowly being lifted. Council gave its blessing that VBS go ahead following the proposal to meet outside and limit the number of children attending. VBS took place the week of July 5 and was truly a blessing to all who participated and we thank God for making it possible.
2. The deacons and elders who had completed their terms of service were thanked and the new deacons and elders were welcomed to council.
3. At the July meeting a new executive was chosen and elders/deacons were assigned to be reps on the various committees. The results are as follows:
 - chairman—John Menkhorst
 - vice chairman—Mike Luchies
 - Worship Committee rep—Mike Luchies
 - FAC rep—Stuart Staal
 - Safe Church Committee rep—Andrew De Jong
 - Community Service Committee rep—John Guthrie
 - Education Committee rep—Chris Johnson
 - Tech Committee rep—Anjo Norg
4. The elders and deacons were also assigned to districts. A revised district list will be distributed after the September meeting. Please do not hesitate to call your elder or deacon or the pastor if there is a need or a concern. They are as follows:
 - district 1—elder Neil VanderMeer and deacon Anjo Norg
 - district 2—elder John Guthrie and deacon Anjo Norg
 - district 3—elder John Menkhorst and deacon Andrew Van Veen
 - district 4—elder Mike Dewar and deacon Andrew Van Veen
 - district 5—elder Eric Don and deacon Stuart Staal
 - district 6—elder Andrew De Jong and deacon Claude Helder
 - district 7—elder Mike Luchies and deacon Claude Helder
 - district 8—elder Jim Kooistra and deacon Stuart Staal
 - district 9—elder Chris Johnson and Pastor Joe.
5. Pastor Gregg has been in contact with the EOHU regarding Ontario's phase 3 of the re-opening plan. All members of council are very excited that restrictions regarding worship services and gathering are being lifted. This means that singing will once again be allowed during worship services and that there will no longer be capacity limits during worship services as long as social distancing can take place. It also means that programs such as junior Sunday School and regular Sunday School can begin again. The executive of council will meet to draw up a re-opening plan and present this to council. This does mean that much planning will need to be done and that many volunteers will be needed again. We pray that all those who volunteered in March of 2020 will consider volunteering again so that there will be Sunday School teachers, nursery helpers, greeters, coffee servers, etc. We pray that all members of the congregation will consider prayerfully how they can serve with the gifts God has given them. We look forward with anticipation to the day when all of the congregation can meet together again to worship and sing praises to our God and all the other programs will be in place again.