

July 25, 2021

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Gregg

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Greeting

Gathering Song

575 Praise the Lord Almighty

Confession and Assurance

Children's Moment

Why we worship

Praise Song: 521 Come, thou

fount of every blessing

Congregational Prayer

Scripture and Message

Summer in the Psalms – Corporate
thanksgiving, Psalm 47

Song of Response

223 Crown him with many crowns

Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21
True Faith 342

Blessing

Doxology: 965 Praise God from
whom all blessings flow

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SERVICE ELDER SCHEDULE

July 25 Jim K, John G
Aug 1 John G, Eric D
Aug 8 Eric D, John M
Aug 15 John M, Neil V

2ND COLLECTION

July 25 M&K Lubbers-Odel
Aug 1 Ottawa CR Campus
Chaplaincy
Aug 8 Benevolent Fund
Aug 15

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 AUGUST 1

Everyone is welcome to come together Sunday August 1 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.

EASING COVID RESTRICTIONS

As Ontario is now in Phase 3 of its reopening plan and since there is no known next step, we look forward with anticipation the easing of further restriction. As such, many changes will be taking place at the church in how we gather, how our programs are delivered etc. More and more we hope to adjust to a new normal for WCRC. As part of these changes, some of the accommodations that were in place during our isolation will be coming to an end (things like bulletin deliveries, YouTube playlists, etc.) while others (Livestreaming) will continue. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding changes that may be coming, please feel free to speak to Pastor Gregg.

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.
- We give thanks for God's deliverance and faithfulness as new cases of COVID are on the decline. We thank him for our vaccination and celebrate the easing of guidelines and restrictions.
- 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.

LOST OR MISPLACED LAPTOP CASE

I am wondering if anyone has seen my unnamed laptop-case in or around the church. It's not very big, something like a briefcase. It's black and empty. It may have my external hard drive inside. James Kooistra (535-2152)

COLLECTIONS

M&Karen L-O	\$10.00
Community Food Share	\$30.00
Open Doors	\$132.00
Bible League	\$145.00
Budget	\$4,073.00
Collected from WCRCDonate@gmail.com	
Budget	\$2,535.00
Community Food Share	\$115.00
OCRCC	\$100.00
M&Karen L-O	\$100.00
Our Kenyan Kids	\$100.00
The Bible League	\$25.00
Total	\$7,365
PAR for July 2021 (budget)	\$7,340

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

THIS 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.

NEXT WEEK: OTTAWA CR CAMPUS CHAPLAINCY

The Ottawa Christian Reformed Campus Chaplaincy is working to establish a generous space for faith within the University of Ottawa. We are working to find the places where faith intersects with learning and do so through an open chaplaincy office, meeting with student groups for various events and topics, and showing up in classrooms and at events in order to bring a Christian faith presence and perspective into the life of the University. The hope and dream is to see an avenue of Christian worldview development among students that serves God and benefits the community life of the University.

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/UCfgvknkirpH6bP6CVi6ZwtA>

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP SERVICES

Conversations about your estate are always difficult. Christian Stewardship Services is hosting open Q& A sessions every week this summer to answer all of your questions on charitable giving and estate planning, Explore the topics and register on our website at [Summertime Conversations – Christian Stewardship Services \(csservices.ca\)](http://SummertimeConversations-ChristianStewardshipServices.csservices.ca). Each session will have a 10 minute introduction, then an interactive Q&A on any charitable giving and estate planning questions. The last five topics are Executor and POA choices, Joint Accounts, Estate taxes, and Out of Country issues.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THIS WEEK

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

NEXT WEEK

Aug 1 Audrey Bruining
Aug 1 Harold DeJong
Aug 2 Debbie Savary
Aug 3 Joann Belmonte
Aug 3 Koop Mulder
Aug 3 David Tibben
Aug 3 Atticus Woods
Aug 6 Dean Howland
Aug 7 Melissa Pickup

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays over 70 years of age. Congratulations to **Dean Howland (70)**

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.