

VOLUNTEER LIST

| | 25-Dec | 01-Jan | 08-Jan | 15-Jan |
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| SERVICE ELDER | Mike D, Jim K | Jim K, John G. | John G, Jack M. | Jack M, Jason W. |
| DEACON | Jason S. | Claude H. | Andy V. | Josh G. |
| FRONT DOOR | Joanne H. | Neil V. | Jack V. | Betty-Ann V. |
| COFFEE | J&S Geertsema | N&C Vandermeer | H&M Douma | D&B Dejong |
| COFFEE | Y&G Vanderveen | D&J Noort | | |
| MUSICIAN | Tanya | Pam | Tanya | Jess M. |
| PROJECTOR | Tony | John | Josh | Chris |
| LIVE STREAM | Cameron | Cameron | Mark | Mark |
| SOUND | Neil | Anjo | Neil | Anjo |
| JUNIOR TEACHER & HELPER | Siena, Ben, Sam* | Crystal, Emma* | Nicole, Shannon* | Kristin, Thomas* |
| 1/2/3 Teacher | No Sunday School | No Sunday School | Amy | Amy |
| 3/4/5 Teacher | | | Cindy | Melissa |
| 5/6 Teacher | | | Dan | Jessica |
| 7/8 Teacher | | | Jason | Lindsey |
| NURSERY | Kaley. M, Stacey D. | | Janet N, Nicole J. | Emma H, Betty Ann V. |
| 2nd OFFERING | World Renew | Budget | | |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| This week | 25-Dec | 26-Dec | 27-Dec | 28-Dec | 29-Dec | 30-Dec | 31-Dec |
| | Prayer Calendar for Classis Eastern Quinte: Pray for Christmas Day services in our churches | | | | | | |
| Next week | 01-Jan | 02-Jan | 03-Jan | 04-Jan | 05-Jan | 06-Jan | 07-Jan |
| | Prayer Calendar for Classis Eastern Quinte: Pray for Calvary, Ottawa, Associate Pastor Bryan Hummel | | | | | | |

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY: Council is looking for two volunteers to organize the picture taking for a new church photo directory. There is no cost to the church and families will have the opportunity to order family photos from the photo company. Please contact Jack VG if interested.

December 25, 2022 | 9:30 am

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Gregg Lawson

Christmas Day

Rejoice and Sing

93 "Go Tell It On the Mountain"
92 "Joy to the World"
82 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Litany #1

81 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Litany #2

76 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Confession and Assurance

86 "Away in a Manger"

Offerings

Congregational Prayer

88 "O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

The Songs of Christmas

"O Holy Night"

God Speaks to Us

Scripture: Luke 2:8-14
Message: "Rejoice"

Song of Response

95 "What Child Is This"

Blessing and Doxology

84 "Ere Zij God"

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- We pray for our communities in this holy season that they may come to know the love of Christ and experience the richness of a personal relationship with Him.
- We pray for those who will be traveling over the Holidays.
- We pray for those who are feeling the effects of the season with colds and other ailments. We pray for healing and rest, we pray especially for the children who are sick and our health care system as it feels the strain of demands on it.
- We continue to pray for the TerHorst family as Maria has come home from the hospital
- We pray for our children as they enjoy the holidays away from school. We pray for safety and joy.

EXHORTATION FOR THE LORDS SUPPER

As we prepare to celebrate Holy Communion on New Years day, let us remember that Scripture calls us to examine ourselves before God. We are taught that eating and drinking unworthily brings judgment upon ourselves (1 Cor. 11:28-29). Let us therefore ask God for the proper spirit in which to celebrate the sacrament. Yet we should not be deterred by any sin lingering within against our will. As we find faith, hope, and love within us, we ought gladly to obey our Lord's command and come with full expectation to God's open house of mercy.

OFFERINGS

| COLLECTIONS | | THIS WEEK: WORLD RENEW |
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| Budget | \$18,446 | Compelled by God's passion for justice and mercy, World Renew (General Fund) joins communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. World Renew responds to disasters in North America and in 27 developing countries. It works in 24 of these and other countries in sustainable transformation; it coordinates thousands of local and international volunteers; it encourages advocacy initiatives; and it helps build the capacity of impoverished communities by working with 76 faith-based and government organizations around the world. Last year, it touched the lives of 1.75 million people in more than 4,050 poor communities. https://worldrenew.ca |
| Community Food Share | \$35 | |
| Hope & Healing | \$446 | |
| Benevolent Fund | \$50 | |
| GEMS | \$50 | |
| World Renew | \$10 | |
| <i>Donations by e-transfer</i> wrcrdonate@gmail.com . 2nd collections should be identified in the comment section. To start or update your PAR withdrawal, contact vangilstr@gmail.com or 613-898-3074 | | NEXT WEEK: BUDGET |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| <p>YEAR END UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: To meet our expected and committed expenses for 2022, \$26,671 needs to be collected by the end of December. Please prayerfully consider your giving. We thank the Lord for your generosity.</p> |
| <p>BUDGET ENVELOPES for 2023 have been placed in the mailboxes. You may have received a different number this year so to avoid confusion please do not use envelopes from a previous year. If you did not receive envelopes but want some, please contact the clerk. Of course, you can also donate to the work of the church with PAR or e-transfers.</p> |
| <p>TO MY WILLIAMSBURG CRC CHURCH FAMILY: I have been part of this church family since birth and celebrated many, many life events here. I wish to thank all of you for your kindness and your support for so many years. I have shared in your joys and sorrows. I will cherish the many friendships that have developed over the years and look forward to visiting from time to time. We wish you a blessed Christmas and God's continued blessing in 2023. Warm Regards, Hans & Alice Myderwyk</p> |
| <p>THANK YOU: Even though I thanked lots of nice Facebook friends already for the wonderful birthday wishes, I like to do the same for the brothers and sisters of our church for all the attention I received when I entered my 90th birthday. Much appreciated! Above all I thank our Father in Heaven for the many blessings He has provided all those years and today. James Kooistra</p> |
| <p>POLICE CHECKS: To comply with our safe church policy and our liability insurance policy and to protect the vulnerable members of the congregation and community, all teachers/leaders and committee chairpersons must have an up-to-date police check. If you have received an email or a letter requesting that you get a police check, then COUNCIL requests that you complete the on-line form asap.</p> |

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

| | THIS WEEK | NEXT WEEK |
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| Dec-26 | Randy Tibben | Jan-02 Linda VandeMheen |
| Dec-29 | Marissa Belmonte | Jan-03 Mark Geertsema |
| Dec-29 | Amber Haayema | Jan-03 Jeanette VandenEykel |
| Dec-30 | Jason Pickup | Jan-03 Annika Wagensveld |
| Dec-30 | Barbara Bern | Jan-04 Riley Kovar |
| | | Jan-05 Debra DeJong |
| | Congratulations to Barbara Bern (76) and Rodney Schell (75) | Jan-05 Kevin Witteveen |
| | | Jan-05 Rodney Schell |
| | | Jan-06 GailVanderVeen |
| | | Jan-07 Steven Doesburg |

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COUNCIL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2022:

1. We want our church to be a safe place for everyone and especially for the vulnerable members of our congregation and community. For this reason all volunteers must have a current police check. If you have been reminded that your police check is not up-to-date then you are reminded to update it asap. It is a very quick process if you use the online portal.
2. The membership of Gayla Postma was transferred to First CRC in Hamilton. Gayla was thanked for sharing her musical gifts with our congregation.
3. Council is having a discussion about the size of the current council. The number of elders and deacons has not changed during the past 20 years but the number of active members has decreased.
4. The last church photo directory was published about 10 years ago. Council is looking for two volunteers who would organize a picture taking day for members of the congregation. Families of the congregation would have the opportunity to purchase family photographs and a picture directory would be organized of all the households of the congregation.
5. The deacons were thanked for hosting the Christmas luncheon for the seniors of the congregation. A note of appreciation was received from one person who was blessed by the meal, the fellowship and the GEMS who served the meal. A special thanks to those who worked in the kitchen to prepare the meal.
6. At every council meeting the FAC (Finance and Administration Committee) reports to council. The congregation is thanked for their financial generosity in supporting the work of the church and also reminded that there is still a significant amount required before the end of the year to meet the financial obligations for 2022. Council approved the purchase of new fridge for the kitchen and council was reminded that there are other repairs that need to be looked after.