



WYOMING CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Cares and Concerns from Council

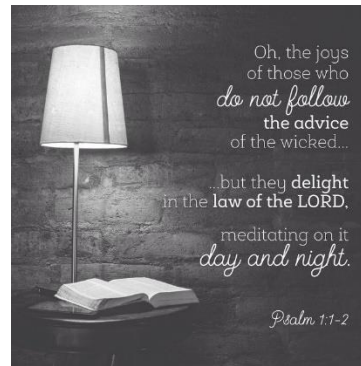
Greetings again on behalf of Council. As I write to you, the month of September is drawing to a close and it's hard to believe that it has now been 7 months since life as we knew it changed in the blink of an eye. Whether you admit it or not, I am sure not a day has gone by that this pandemic has not been on your mind, come up in your casual conversations or disrupted your plans and routines. I think its safe to say that it has become a long-term distraction and disruption to our lives. As believers we are faced with an option. We can remain distracted, isolated and fear full of what the future might hold, or we can shift our focus to Christ. I'm sure it is not a coincidence that two weeks in a row, two different sermons by two different men pointed out the need to not only read God's word and believe in God's word, but to MEDITATE on God's word and to focus on Christ. I personally feel that both Mr. Baarda's and Rev. Osborne's messages highlighted one of the greatest short comings we as modern-day Christians are guilty of. We may read our Bible's, do our routine devotions, attend regular worship services (online or in person), but how often do we meditate on scripture? How often do we focus on a text or passage for a period of time and listen to what our Lord is calling us to do? I encourage you to challenge one another to shift your focus to Christ and spend time each day meditating on His word and His will for your lives. (Mathew 4:4) "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Lord willing, this coming Sunday we will have the opportunity to have a preparatory service and on October 11th we plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper. We are thankful to have received a shipment of individually packaged elements that will enable us to safely celebrate the sacrament together. Please keep in mind the limited seating in our church sanctuary requires us to RSVP prior to each service. You can contact Brenda Beintema via phone (519-845-0244), email (wyomingrcbulletin@gmail.com), or by text (519-331-3843). This will help us to gauge when alternate arrangements will need to be made.

Week of: October 4, 2020

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Wes DeBoer as he recovers from surgery.
- Osborne family with the passing of Joanne Osborne's father.
- Continue to pray for the shut-in, the lonely, doctors and nurses, those in nursing homes, those who mourn and those who are sick.



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to...

Rachel Loerts (5th)
Anne DeBoer (6th)
Theresa Boelens (7th)
Colton McGlynn (8th)
Jason DeBoer (9th)

...who will all be celebrating their birthday's this week.





OFFERINGS

This Sunday's offerings will be for...

Church and EduDeo World Christian School

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE DEACONS

We greatly appreciate the support you are all giving during these times. However Lo will no longer be at the church in the afternoons as now all who were coming appear to be attending the morning service and no one showed up in the afternoon. For those who are interested in contributing with the PAR program please contact Chris Pool at 519-845-1614 for more information or to sign up. Contact your deacon or elder if these options do not work for you and they would be happy to pick up your contributions from you.

Finally if anyone of you is in self quarantine or needs help getting rides or groceries please call one of the deacons and we will be glad to assist you. Thank you, the Deacons.

Wyoming CRC Guidelines for Worship Services During The COVID-19 Pandemic

1. Before you or your family members come to church you must be able to answer "NO" to the following questions.
 - a) Have you experienced any of the specific symptoms related to COVID-19?
 - b) Have you come into close contact with anyone who has experienced any of the specific symptoms related to COVID-19 or come into contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
 - c) Have you travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?
2. You will be required to bring your own Bible and Order of Worship. All books have been removed from the pews. Anything you bring into the church you must bring out.
3. To maximize the 30% seating capacity, we ask that you plan to sit within your social or family circles. Please plan to arrive together and be seated together to alleviate confusion for our ushers.
4. You will only be able to enter the church through the front doors on the South side of the church unless you require the elevator. An attendant will be posted at the elevator to provide access through the East doors.
5. Once you enter the church you will be required to sanitize your hands.
6. As per the current regulations, wearing masks will be optional however masks are made available at the front doors and if you feel uncomfortable you are encouraged to wear a mask. This is subject to change based on pending regulations.
7. In an effort to adhere to physical distancing requirements, ushers will assist with both entering and exiting the worship service. Once you exit the worship service you must respect the physical distancing requirements and keep a safe distance from all entry and exit points.
8. Please note that the basement is closed and there will be no mail distributed. Bathrooms can be accessed at the North end of the church and Today devotionals are made available as you exit the North East doors of the church.
9. There will be a children's message, but the children will be required to remain seated with their families.
10. There will be no Sunday School, nursery or gathering in the fellowship hall.

WORSHIP ONLINE

Chatham-Grace

Live streams at 10:00am www.chathamgrace.com Click on the MEDIA tab and then select Live Stream which will start 5 minutes before the service (9:55 am). To listen using the Call-in service, dial 519.436.0411 five minutes before the service begins.

London-Forest City

Forest City Community Church is live streaming on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 11:00 on our website, www.fccc.ca Individuals can click the Watch Live button at the top of the home page

London-Talbot Street

Talbot Street Church is making a worship experience available online. www.talbotstreetchurch.com Worship is at 10:00 am

Sarnia-Living Hope

Has uploaded video sermons at www.livinghopecrc.com

Strathroy-East

We will livestream, the Lord willing, see www.eastcrc.com

Woodstock-Maranatha

We will be continuing to livestream our services www.maranathacrcwoodstock.com On the bottom left is the Live Services link.

Dresden CRC

Can watch services from Dresden CRC. Their website is www.dresdencrc.org

CRC NEWS

From Back to God Ministries International

A STAR IS BORED - Check out our children's programs at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's episode "A Star is Bored," Filmmaker Liz wants to direct a blockbuster, but he only has Morrie to act in it. Can Liz make Morrie into a star? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download this month's Kids Corner Bible Story Coloring Packet: The Story Begins. kidscorner.net/activities
GROUNDWORK: WELCOME AND CARE - Does Leviticus' theme of hospitality extend to Christians and the church today? Join Groundwork as we study Leviticus 19:33-34 and 1 Peter 2:9-10 to inform our thoughts and behaviors toward non-Christians and vulnerable people in our world today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Disability Concerns

Disability Concerns Sunday is October 18 - The CRCNA encourages churches to celebrate Disability Sunday on October 18. The theme this year is "Agility." Search the website: crcna.org/Disability to find resources and ways to promote this special Sunday.

From Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Gratitude: "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds" (Psalm 9:1). Each day this week, look for one thing you're grateful for, and then tell someone about it. Write a note of thanks, make a phone call, say a prayer, or express your gratitude in another tangible way. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

From Other

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT RACE - Youth and young adults, join CRC campus ministries for an important discussion about race in the church. Mike Wagenman (Ontario) and Rick Mast (Alberta) will be hosting a discussion of Ben Lindsay's book, We Need to Talk about Race: Understanding the Black Experience in White Majority Churches. Join us on Zoom Friday, Oct 23 @ 4pm ET. Register at www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca

From World Renew

Opportunity to Work with World Renew - Compelled by God's deep passion for justice & mercy, we join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation - and we have an opportunity for you to join us in this work! We currently have an RFP for a Planned Giving Video Project. More details can be found on our website: worldrenew.net/careers

The Joy of Sharing - Next week we celebrate Thanksgiving; one way to give thanks for all of God's blessings is to share with our brothers and sisters. We will join World Renew and learn how the Free a Family® program helped to bring hope to one family and how that family is now helping other families in their community. For more information go to: www.worldrenew.ca/free-a-family

From Worship Ministries

Peer Learning Groups - Focus on Worship - Peer Learning Groups are forming now! Learn more on the Network (network.crcna.org/worship/worship-ministries-peer-learning-book-groups-are-forming) and sign up to join. Worship Ministries is providing free books to leaders and participants. We encourage pastors, church staff, worship coordinators, and worship leaders to create a group. Or if you prefer, we'll connect you to a group. The two books offered have a missional and multicultural focus.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 A.M. Worship Service- Barry Wright

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Welcome and opening announcements
Gathering Song: *I Will Extol You, God and King LUYH #562 - v. 1,2,4*
Sing to the King LUYH #474

Call to Worship: *Psalm 66:1-4*

Silent Prayer

Hymn of Response: *Give Us Clean Hands LUYH #628*

*God's Greeting: *2 Corinthians 13:14*

*Song of Praise: *The Lord is My Salvation*

GOD INVITES RE-COMMITMENT

Preparatory Exhortation for the celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Dedication: *Lord, I Need You*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children's Song: *The Butterfly Song*

Prayer of Illumination

GOD'S WORD READ & PROCLAIMED

Scripture: *John 5:1-16*

Sermon: *"Do You Want to Get Well?"*

*Song of Response: *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God LUYH #746*

WE RESPOND BY GIVING

Offering Announcement/Offertory Prayer

Prayers of God's People

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

*Doxology: *The Blessing*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JKCS AUCTION: The 2020 John Knox Christian School Auction is right around the corner: beginning Monday, October 26 at 8:00pm and ending Thursday, October 29 at 8:00pm. We are excited to be holding this year's auction completely online through <http://www.VKauctions.ca>. Please consider how you can contribute with a product, service, gift certificate or a cash donation in support of John Knox Christian School. You can contact us by email: auction@wyomingjkcs.com or contact a committee member: Phil and Laura Wilpstra (519)331-5876, Doug and Tara Boelens, Gerald Deelstra, Crystal Hordyk, Scott Sipkens, or Greg Wierenga. Thank you for your support!

From the Worship Committee: Thanksgiving is coming up quickly, and so is our Thanksgiving Day service! In an effort to make it a little more special and to "connect" with more of you, we are planning on making a video to share as part of the service. We invite all of you to submit a short, (10 second) video sharing what you are thankful for this in this very unusual and challenging year. We'd love to see as many of our members represented as possible - from our little ones to our seniors. So, don't be shy, and get those camera apps rolling! If you could offer to (safely) video for someone who doesn't have access to this technology, that would be wonderful! The clips can be sent to Amelia Nutma at ameliadekker@gmail.com or 519-333-7161 and need to be in by Monday, October 5. Thank you!!

ATTENTION LADIES! We are planning to begin a new season of Coffee Break, Lord willing, on Tuesday Oct 14 at 9:45 a.m. At this time, we are unable to offer childcare which creates a problem for some of you. We have come up with a few options: perhaps get together with another Mom, or several Moms and watch each others children and take turns coming for the lesson - ask a parent or grandparent to watch them for the morning - or we will try to do a study online if some of you would prefer that. We will start with the Book of Jonah. Some ladies already have this booklet. For those who need a booklet they will be on the tables at the entrance and exit of the church.

We will be complying with Covid regulations - sanitizing and maintaining distance.

Please pray for this new season- it will be a little different, but we know that God is always the same and we can find comfort and hope in His Word.

The Coffee Break leaders are Olga, Sandy, Gertie & Amelia. Please let us know if you plan to come or if you would like to do the study online.

CATECHISM: We are excited to announce that catechism for 8-12 will begin next Tuesday, October 6. We will spend the month of October finishing last year's course curriculum.

Tuesday, November 3, we invite the grade 7 class to join us and will be starting the new catechism season.

If you have any questions, please call Sandy at 519-899-4769.

BIBLE STUDY BOOKS: If anyone ordered bible study booklets on 1 John back in January or February from Faith Alive please contact Olga Anjema or Brenda Beintema. Thank you.

ORDINATION SERVICE: The Council of the Essex CRC, with joy and gratitude to the Lord, announces that Steve Vandyk passed his examinations at Classis this past Tuesday. You are invited to attend the ordination service next Sunday October 4, at 10:00 am. If you cannot attend, we invite you to watch online on our Essex CRC Facebook page.

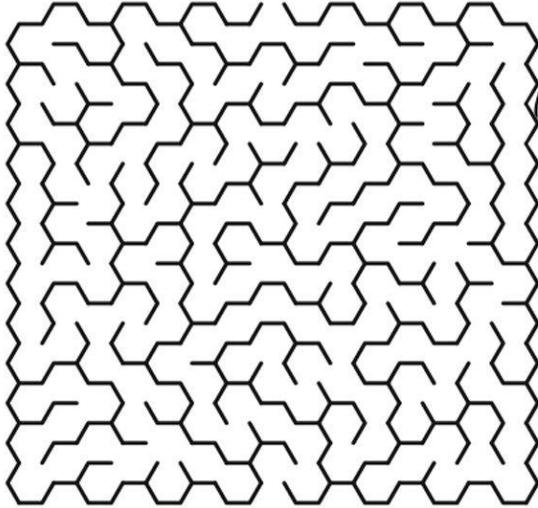
Dear Pastors, Councils, and Churches of Classis, Warm greetings from Western Campus Ministry! In the coming months we will be sharing more with you about our 50th anniversary year. But right now, there is an urgent opportunity to help hurting and struggling students at Thanksgiving. So far this year, we've had two student deaths, a covid outbreak among students, and a large unsafe student party in residence. I am planning on providing Thanksgiving care packs to a number of students living in residence who are hurting or struggling so early this year. If you would like to support these care packs as a tangible expression of love from Classis Chatham, you can make an online donation at www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca (scroll to the bottom). If you would like to donate in another way or if you have a question, you can email Dr. Mike Wagenman at mwagenman@uwo.ca.

Is ALCOHOL or Drug ADDICTION devastating you or your loved ones? Family Outreach Ontario is still working to help and help and support you even and especially during this covid-19 time. Contact us at 1-888-809-0464 or email us at www.familyoutreachontario.com. Strictly confidential.

THE POOL OF BETHESDA

Guide Jesus to the crippled man

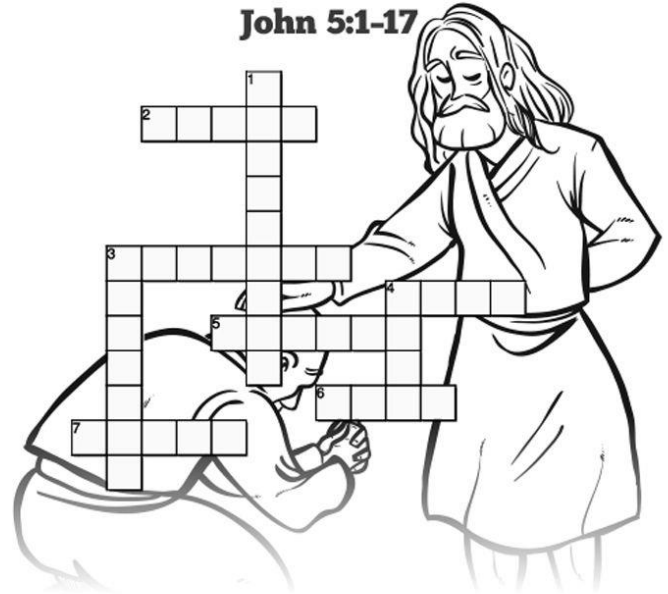
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END

THE POOL OF BETHESDA

John 5:1-17



Across

2. The pool of Bethesda was near the _____ Gate.
3. What day did Jesus heal the sick man?
4. Jesus told the sick man to take up his mat and _____.
5. Where did Jesus find the sick man after he healed him?
6. The man was sad because he had no one to _____ him.
7. What was thought to stir the pool's water?

Down

1. What was the name of the city the pool was in?
3. What did Jesus ask the sick man to stop doing?
4. Jesus asked the sick man if he would like to be _____.



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Colour this heart and cut it out. Add some bandages to look like a cross to look like the example. Add some string and hang it up to remember how Jesus heals.

JESUS

HEALS

