

WYOMING CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



Sunday, March 22, 2020

Church Family:

Congratulations to Adam and Kristin Campbell with the new arrival of their baby girl Kacey Ann, born on Thursday, March 19, weighing 8lb, 11oz.

Prayer requests:

- Bernie Prange was scheduled for surgery this past Wednesday. The surgery has been cancelled for now. Please remember Bernie and Marina in your prayers.
- The elderly in nursing homes who are unable to have visitors at this time and are feeling lonely.
- Doctors and nurses working to do their best in the hospitals
- Those who have COVID-19 or have the fear of getting it.



COUNCIL NEWS

As council and consistory, we have met a few times in the last few weeks trying stay on top of ever changing COVID 19 virus situation. Last week, because of the news media and the government guidelines, we decided that we should cancel our church service. Since that time, Premier Ford has instituted a State of Emergency which declared that all meeting places, restaurants, theatres, shows that will have more than 50 persons, must close. This includes churches. As of now, our church must remain closed, and all activities and programs must be cancelled for now.

We therefore will not be able to have church services, Cadets, GEMS, Friendship, Coffee Break, Bible Study, Seniors program, and Council meetings until the state of Emergency is lifted.

As Council, we realize that this is a hardship for our congregation. For a lot of us, our Community of believers means a lot, and we do miss the opportunity to meet with each other, and miss the spiritual interaction and fellowship we have with each other. We are also losing the blessing of meeting on Sundays for our chance to praise and worship our Lord. We also lose the opportunity to encourage and bless each other with our fellowship together.

During this time, we do plan to publish a weekly newsletter. This newsletter will give us the chance to stay in touch and to help each other.

If there is anything that you want the congregation to be aware of such as illnesses, planned surgeries, other special needs or help from the congregation, please let your district elder or deacon know about them before Thursday noon each week, so that we can inform the congregation through the newsletter.

Instead of meeting regularly, council and consistory will be staying in touch with each other by email, and will get together that way. Brenda will also be available through phone and email for any requirements.

The elders and deacons will also make themselves available to get people to their appointments, do shopping and any other help to those who need special care.

We want to do everything we can to maintain our fellowship and community of the saints.

Although we cannot meet for worship on Sundays for now, we do hope that you make use of the TV and other media to spend time in worship with televised or streamed church services. There are many available. If you do not have the ability to get hooked up to them, let us know and we will see if we can get someone to help get hooked up.

WEBSITES WITH LIVE STREAM SERVICES

Chatham-Grace

We are planning to live stream again this Sunday morning with Pastor Nate Van Denend (Chatham-First) preaching at 10:00 am.

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

Living Hope will not have a livestream this coming Sunday, but on the hope page of our website www.livinghopeccrc.com we will have a link by which people can watch an uploaded sermon by Pastor Mark Verbruggen which was preached in 2017 entitled "Kingdom Living: A study of the Beatitudes".

Strathroy-East

We will livestream, the Lord willing,

* March 22 - a service from a couple years ago

* March 29 - a service with no congregation

see www.eastcrc.com

Woodstock-Maranatha

We will be continuing to livestream our services for the next 2 weeks and DV we will be able to meet again together on April 5.

www.maranathacrcwoodstock.com On the bottom left is the Live Services link.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE!! The youth group is hosting a fundraising breakfast on *Saturday, April 18* from 8-10:30. All proceeds will go towards the group that is going on SERVE this year!! Please come out for this delicious breakfast and support our youth!! Hope to see you there!!

VOLUNTEERS: The youth group is looking for chaperones for our SERVE project this summer. We have 6 youth registered to go to SERVE in Burlington from Saturday, July 4-Saturday, July 11. In order for them to participate, we need a male and a female chaperone! Please contact Scott and Margi Sipkens or Craig and Stephanie DeBoer if you are interested or if you have any questions.

As a youth group, we are also asking for your prayer support! Please pray for these individuals as they prepare to participate in this mission! As a youth group, we are excited to send Samantha Huizinga, Ethan Klazinga, Mariah Hoekstra, Nicole Schiestel, Kailey Sipkens, and Avery Maw! What a wonderful opportunity for them!! Stay tuned to learn more about our fundraising efforts!!

JKCS NEWS: Due to COVID-19 the Board agreed with the Auction Committee that the Goods and Services Auction, scheduled for April 25, would be postponed till further notice. It is important to note that all items and funds collected towards the auction will be stored and held in trust until the new auction date. Money collected towards table sales will also be held in trust towards the auction unless special request is made for a refund. The Spring JKCS Society Membership meeting, set for April 9, has also been postponed till a later date. Our favourite event, Grandfriends' Day and the musical, *Acorns to Oaks*, are similarly postponed till further notice. You will be advised of when these events are rescheduled as soon as circumstances allow.

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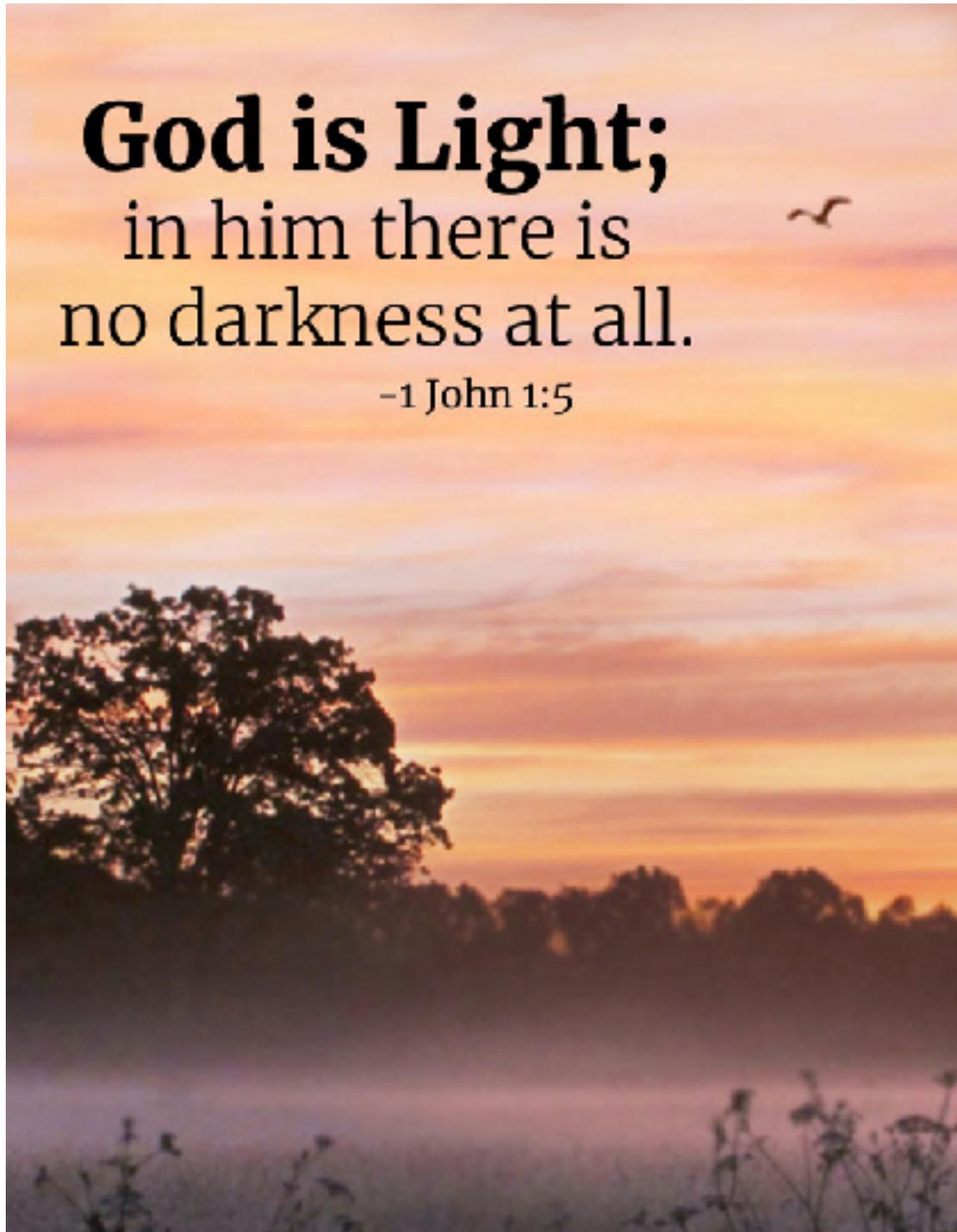
ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe spring drama production has been postponed.

CRESCENDO CONCERT: Because of the coronavirus outbreak, the Crescendo Concert scheduled for Friday March 27 at the Covenant Christian Church in Wyoming has been cancelled.

LAST FRIDAY COFFEE SOCIALS: For the sake of safety for all, the 'Last Friday Social Events' which are held in the Fellowship Hall of Living Hope Christian Reformed Church in Sarnia have been cancelled to avoid the spread of Covid-19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

YOUNG FAMILY SEEKING A HOME: As we face uncharted territory in the wake of the COVID crisis, a young CRC family of four (parents and two kids under the age of 3) is just arriving from British Columbia and is hoping to rent a 3-bedroom home in Southwestern Ontario. Shane is a graduate of Calvin Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity, and Emma is an employee for World Renew. If you have any leads or even a temporary few-months option anywhere in the Southwestern Ontario region, it would be much appreciated. With the halting economy, our permanent location is dependent on where Shane can secure work (Emma currently is on maternity leave). If you have any hint of a lead, please contact us. Shane's most recent work was in organic vegetable farming, and the family is very handy and frugal and would be willing to help out in this time of uncertainty. We've rented for over a decade and can provide excellent references. Please contact us at 778-808-6093 or 519-322-8308. Thank you!"



God is Light;
in him there is
no darkness at all.

-1 John 1:5