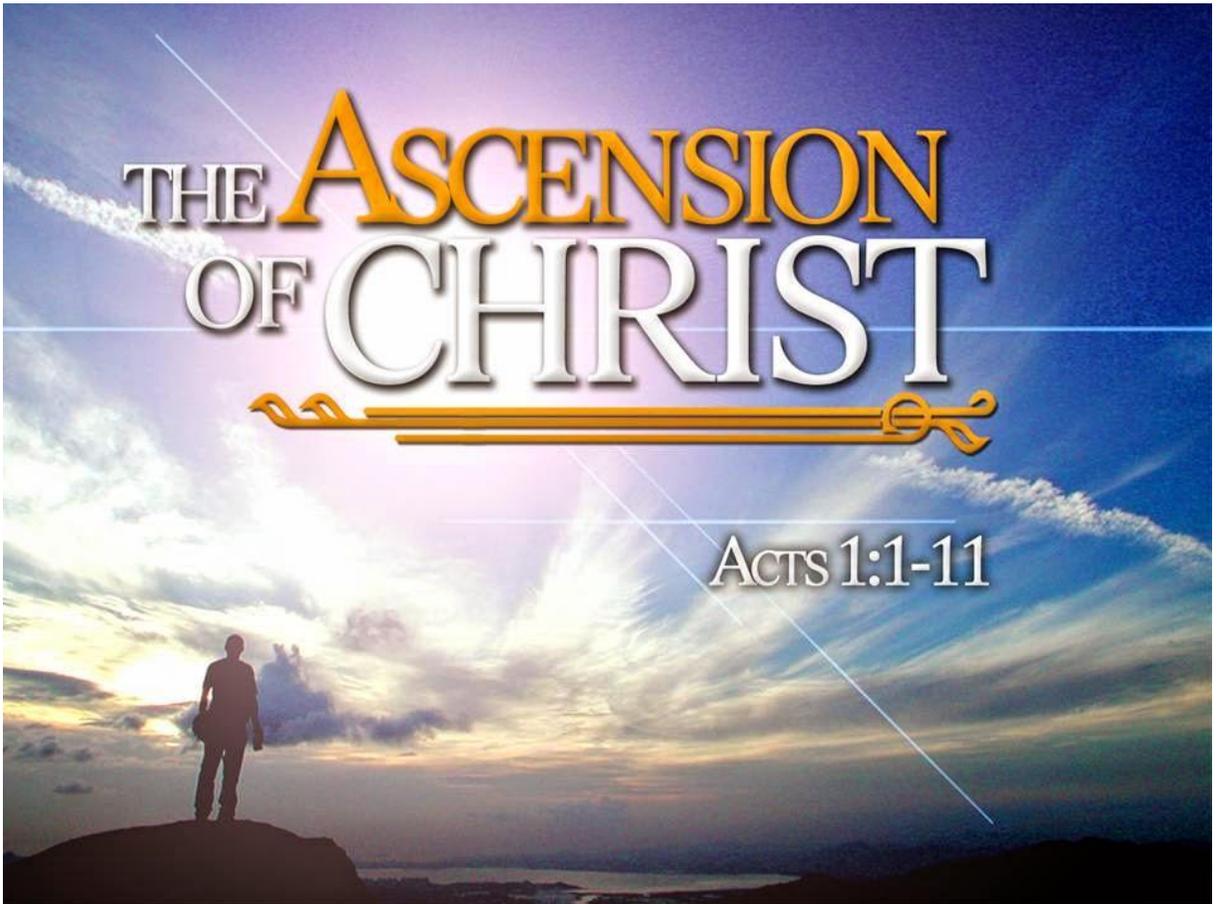


Drayton Christian Reformed Church
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"Sharing God's Grace and Hope"



May 13, 2018

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Drayton Christian Reformed Church

NURSERY is available downstairs for children up to 3 years old.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children, **ages 3 to Grade 4** are welcome to join us downstairs for Sunday School.

SERMON REVIEW: After the congregational prayer, **Grades 5 through 8** leave for a review of the sermon. Questionnaire booklets are found at the back of the sanctuary.

Large Print Psalter Hymnals and **Large Print Order of Worship programs** are available.

Please contact an usher if you wish to use one.

May 13, 2018

A special *welcome* if you are visiting with us! Together we look forward to experiencing the Triune community of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through our worship and fellowship.

May 13 ~ Today we have the privilege of gathering for **Ascension Day** worship. In his book The Jesus I Never Knew author Philip Yancey admits the Ascension represents the greatest struggle to his faith, because “*by ascending Jesus took the risk of being forgotten.*” Acts 1 teaches, however, that only because of the Ascension Jesus and his work or ministry would become known around the world. Our service this morning is led by **Pastor Paul Droogers**. A brief **Congregational Meeting** will follow the service for the purpose of confirming qualifications for nominated elders and deacons.

May 20 ~

Next week Sunday, or **Pentecost Sunday**, we look forward to celebrating God’s gift of the Holy Spirit to his church. Joining us, and providing musical leadership, will be the **Moorefield Mennonite Youth Choir** directed by **Mr. John Wideman**. The service will be led, Lord willing, by **Pastor Paul Droogers**.

Coffee: *Please join us for coffee and fellowship after our worship this morning.*

Offerings:



SECOND OFFERING: Please make cheques payable to “**Drayton CRC Charity Fund.**”

May 13:

1: Budget

2: Back to God Ministries

*Each day, **Back to God Ministries** International proclaims the message of salvation through Jesus Christ to listeners in ten languages through far-reaching radio and television signals, the printed page, and the Internet. The Lord uses Back to God Ministries International to open the hearts of people from diverse cultural backgrounds to Him. Back to God Ministries mission is to: • Proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord • Help followers of Jesus grow in their faith • Strengthen the church*

May 20:

1: Budget

2: Resonate Global Missions

Resonate isn’t just a metaphor for our work, it’s a picture of the future we pursue. People all over the world are hungry to hear about the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and it is our mission to live and share that good news. The Christian Reformed Church has a rich history of sending missionaries, planting churches, engaging students through campus ministry & international schools, and a passion for fulfilling the great commission. Together, we can reach across cultural barriers and forge partnerships within new communities of faith both here in North America and around the globe. Thank you for your prayers and support as we pursue this mission together.

Collections Received: ~ May 6, 2018 ~ GEMS Ministry

~ GEMS Local & Esther School

Stewardship Thought:

“We give to the extent that we believe God will provide for us. The more we believe God will provide for our needs, the more we are willing to risk giving to him.”

~ Donald Whitney

Drayton Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, May 13, 2018
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Droogers
Music Leader: the branch
Ascension Sunday

“Why are you looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

~ Acts 1: 11

Gathered

Welcome

Announcements

- *Gathering Song: *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty,”* GPH 249: 1, 3, 4
- *Silent Prayer ending with: *“He Is Lord,”* GPH #633
- *God’s Greeting
- *Opening Songs of Praise: *“Alleluia, He is Coming,”* SongSelect
“Crown Him with Many Crowns,” GPH #410

Reconciled

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

Holy Living Instruction

- *Song of Thanksgiving: *“Salvation Belongs to Our God,”* LUYH #608

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Prayer of blessing after which children, ages 3 to Grade 4, leave for Sunday School

Equipped

Bible Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

Sermon: **Ascension as Detonator**

- *Song of Response: *“Rejoice, the Lord is King,”* GPH #408



Heard

Prayers of God’s People

Youth, Grade 5 to Grade 8, leave for Sermon Review

Sent

Offerings: 1. Drayton CRC Budget 2. Back to God Ministries International

- *Closing Song: *“Shout to the Lord,”* LUYH #603

*God’s Blessing

- *Doxology: *“Praise His Holy Name,”* SongSelect

*Indicates: *please stand, if you are able*

Church Family

Please remember in your prayers those who are confined to their homes.

On this **Mother's Day** we pray for all mothers and those wishing to be mothers within our church family, extended families and around the world. We praise God for the gift of motherhood and say "Thank You" for all the work our moms do! We especially think of and pray for individuals struggling with infertility, those who are expecting babies, moms who suffer strained relationships, moms who miss or grieve the loss of a spouse or children, and moms who must deal with health difficulties.



As a church family we extend our sincere Christian condolences to **Rudy Biel**, his family and extended family, with the death last Saturday of his dear wife **Hennie**. Visitation for Hennie was held on Tuesday and a Celebration of Life Service this past Wednesday morning. May the Lord provide comfort and strength to all who grieve this loss.

Over the past few weeks **Pastor Jake** has been dealing with anxiety challenges including panic attacks. Through seeking medical help, it was decided both counselling and scaling down to a lighter duty work load would be necessary. Pray the treatment process will be effective and that Pastor Jake will begin to experience relief from anxiety.

Congratulations to **John and Jayne** who were united in Christian marriage this past Friday. Blessings and happiness to them and their children as they build their new lives together.

Tomorrow **John V.** will be meeting with his hip surgeon in London. Pray recent tests will be able to confirm there is no more infection. Pray also that John might learn when the spacer will be removed, and the new hip put back in place.

After recently moving some heavier items at his home, increasing right shoulder pain for **Pastor Paul** was diagnosed as Brachial Plexus Neuritis meaning both tearing and inflammation of nerve fibres. Treatment for this will mean physiotherapy. Pray pain will soon subside and that therapy will be helpful in the healing process.

This coming weekend, May 18-21, the **All Ontario Youth Convention** is scheduled to take place at Waterloo's Wilfrid Laurier University. Pray for all youth, including those from our church family, who will be in attendance. May they experience growth, challenge and encouragement in their relationship with God and others. Pray God's Spirit will equip mainstage speaker Ryan Weisner, from South Africa, as he engages this year's convention theme from Isaiah 42: 16 *"I'll take the hand of those who don't know the way, who can't see where they are going. I'll be a personal guide to them, directing them through unknown country."*

We continue to pray for **Andy & Evelyn K.** currently serving with World Renew: Disaster Response Services in Galveston, Texas. They join the ongoing re-building work following Hurricane Harvey and are part of the needs assessment team for the next two weeks.

Even as we are mindful of **World Renew: Disaster Response Services** work and ministry in Texas, we join them in prayer for all those affected by flooding on both Canada's west and east coasts. Pray for all those facing loss and clean up in British Columbia and New Brunswick. May help and resources effectively reach where they are needed.

Happy Birthday to...

Monday: Noah S.
Tuesday: Rachel V., Jan B.
Friday: James D.

Happy Anniversary...

Tuesday: Harold & Dorothy S., Henk & Lauren V.
Wednesday: Henry & Sonia B.



Please Update your Directory:

Hank & Grace: 81 Wood Street, Apartment #2, Drayton, ON N0G 1P0

Church Calendar

Sunday: ~ Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. ~ Happy Mother's Day
~ **Ascension Sunday**
~ Sunday School for children ages 3 to Grade 8

Tuesday: ~ Church Council Ministry Plan Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: ~ Sort & Pack at 1:00 p.m.
~ Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday: ~ NO Youth Group this week

Friday: ~ All Ontario Youth Convention - AOYC

Next Sunday: ~ Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. ~ Moorefield Mennonite Youth Choir
~ **Pentecost**

Church Events



Sort & Pack: We will be meeting on **Wednesday, May 16, from 1pm to 3pm**. We kindly ask anyone able to spare an hour or two to come out, enjoy an afternoon coffee with some of your fellow church family members, all while assisting those in need. A big thank you on behalf of Drayton Sort & Pack and Canadian Food for Children and Friends of First Nations!

Sunday Worship and Church Picnic in the Park is on Sunday June 10 at Conestoga Bible Camp. Mark your calendars!

From Council & Committees

Church Council will be meeting on Tuesday evening to continue the follow up conversation, of both an evaluative and planning nature, about our church's **Ministry Plan** that came out of the Transitional Ministry with Pastor Les Kuiper. Helping us in our conversation will be guest speaker Dr. Syd Hielema who serves as Team Leader of our denomination's Faith Formation Ministries.

Nominations for Elders and Deacons: The following individuals have been nominated to serve as office bearers for the Drayton CRC. Council feels led that these individuals are believers “...*who are Christ like, who are mature in their faith, and who exercise their offices with prayer, patience, and humility.*” (Form for the Ordination of Elders and Deacons)

- Deacon (2 needed)
- Elder (3 needed)
- Youth Elder (1 needed)

We would like to thank the following Council members, who will complete their 3-year term in June, for the time, prayer, and dedication which they committed to their calling on Council.

- Deacon: Adam, Rita
- Youth Elder: Randy
- Elder: Tom, Steve, Albert

Today we will confirm the qualifications of the nominated individuals. On May 20, the names of individuals who received at least a 60% confirmation from the congregation will be selected by lot. Members who need to confirm these individuals by proxy may contact the church office to arrange receipt of a proxy confirmation ballot.

Special Needs Room: Through discussions with members and individuals who support a child or children with developmental disabilities or autism it has become clear that our church needs enhanced programming and supports for these individuals. As part of enhancing both our Sunday School



program as well as creating a more inclusive space for all people to worship, I would like to develop a special needs or sensory room within our church. This sensory room would provide a sort of safe haven where individuals who experience difficulty with sensory processing (such as children with autism or other developmental disabilities) can go for calming activities or supports. Items used within this room could also be moved and utilized throughout the church as needed to help support these children to be included in all aspects of church life. My vision for this room is a room which offers the following: soft seating such as bean bag chairs; activities or seating which offer movement such as inflatable seats/chairs or rocker/glider style options suitable for children; weighted objects which provide important calming strategies for children (weighed lap pads, weighted blankets etc.). I am looking for volunteers to help in the creation of this space (to be located in the basement below sanctuary) as well as donations of items such as the ideas listed above. Individuals with sewing skills could also be a great asset in creation the weighted products. If you are interested in helping or have items appropriate to donate, please contact Cynthia cdeenot@gmail.com or Helen Rumph. The items could be dropped off at the church in the room beside the nursery and we will relocate them. Thank-you!

From the Church Office:

- Please note that Denise V. will be away May 15 and 16 at an Administrators Convention/Retreat at Creiff Hill's. Candace will fill in at the church office on those days.

Youth Group News

No Youth Group this week.



Youth and Leaders go to AOYC on Friday, **May 18**. We seek your prayers and support as youth from all over Ontario come together to praise and worship together at Wilfred Laurier University.

Youth: If you need a ride to and/or from the convention, please let Pastor Jake know. Parents, if you are willing to drive please let Pastor Jake know.

Youth Group Bubble Soccer: This will be our **grand finale** of the youth group year. Bubble Soccer in St. Jacobs has been booked for 8-9pm on Thursday, **May 24**. We will need at the church at 7:00. We need to know how many people are coming, so please let Pastor Jake know by text or email if you plan to join us. Cost for the night is \$20 for soccer, plus McDonald's afterwards.



Requested Announcements

STRATFORD AND DISTRICT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Baseball Tournament: Saturday, June 23 at Mitchell Keterson Park. Come out for a fun day of baseball, food, and fellowship! Food booth serving breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Entry fee is \$400/ team. To enter a team in either the Men's or Women's division please email Justin and Dayna Otten at jd.otten@hotmail.com All funds raised go to SDCS.

Ramoth House:

- Baby Bottle Drive** - May is the month to remember our Mothers and this year our church is going to participate in the Ramoth House Baby Bottle Drive. We are collecting monetary donations, which will be used to purchase bottles and formulas, as well as gifts for Mom and baby, to support the life-changing programs at Ramoth House. An opportunity to give donations and gifts will be available all through the month of May. Baby gift ideas are: hooded bath towels, baby sun hats, newborn summer outfits, diaper rash cream, newborn diapers, and cotton crib sheets. Mom gift ideas are: scrap books, makeup, adult colouring books, and pencil crayons. Prayerfully consider how you can give.
- Volunteering at Ramoth House:** We are looking for a few people to help clean a few apartments for ladies and babies that are moving from the home to the apartment program. If you can help for a day in June. please contact Amv at 226-750-1357.



CHAMY'S CATASTROPHE - Chamy's parents' divorce is final on Friday. Chamy doesn't believe it- surely there's something that she can do to bring her parents back together! Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Free Giveaway: Get the KC sketchbook at www.kidscorner.net.

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

THE FRUIT OF JOY - In light of the sadness and tragedy in our world, being joyful can seem challenging, if not impossible. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 1:3-9 to discover where true joy is found and how Christians can experience this fruit of the Spirit in daily life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

CAMP SHALOM SUMMER STAFF - Are you still looking for a summer job? Camp Shalom is hiring summer staff. If you love Jesus and like working with kids or individuals with special needs, then this might be for you. Work outdoors, with great people, while making a meaningful impact on campers' lives. All positions are paid, and you must be 17 before Dec. 31, 2018. Positions include counselors, maintenance, kitchen, and lifeguards. Visit www.countrysidecamp.com to apply.

Mother's Day Greetings from Beginnings - On this special day when we celebrate our Mothers and the vocation of mothering, Beginnings Family Services would like to thank all of you who have supported the work of Beginnings in the past year. With your support, we can offer free counselling to those who come for help with an unplanned pregnancy. We appreciate your prayers and other expressions of support! Please remember in your prayers single moms, the birth moms who have placed their babies with an adoptive family, as well as couples struggling with infertility. Please also pray for our staff and volunteers. www.beginnings.ca Thank you!

From Resonate Global Mission:

Global Prayer Safari—January 31 to February 11, 2019 - The Global Prayer Safari brings together brothers and sisters in Christ from all over the world to join in prayer for the world. This trip is meant to demonstrate Christ's love to ministry leaders, government officials, business people, and everyday citizens in Ethiopia through prayer and relationship-building. If interested, visit resonateglobalmission.org/Safari or contact Bill at bthornburg@crcna.org

Summer Youth Camp in Hungary - Your presence can make a difference in the life of Hungarian youth and the Hungarian church! From June 15-30, help lead two one-week VBS-style youth camps in Hungary for kids. Visit ResonateGlobalMission.org/HungaryCamp for more information or to apply.

Keeping in Touch.... The following are asked to send a note of encouragement to:

Nitin & Ruth Kevin & Candace ~ email: nrsardar@gmail.com
Jonathan & Janice Francis email: jbarnhoom@crnapartners.org
Kathleen Rudy & Hinke email: klauder@worldrenew.net ~ skype: kathleen_lauder
Mark & Heather John & Rita ~ email: pastormark@reslifenc.org ~ Phone: 919-482-2382

Serving Elders and Deacons for May:	Albert Steve Tom Eddy		
May: Back West Back East Back Centre Upstairs	Ushers Phil Steve Alfred Bob/Grace	Serving in Foyer May 13 – Julie May 20 – Alfred May 27 – Adam	Floating Greeters: May 13 – Elden & Julie May 20 – Elden & Julie May 27 – Roelie

	May 13, 2018	May 20, 2018
Greeters	Martin & Grace	Jack & Theresa
Coffee Servers	Andy & Evelyn Dave & Amanda	Ed & Rita
Sound System	Maynard	John
Power Point	Nathan	Sid
Hall Monitor	Theresa	Mary Ann
Library	Tracy	Sharon
SS Assistant	Abby	Aidan
Grade 5 & 6 SS	Arnold	Mike DeWeerd
Grade 7 & 8 SS	John	Marg H
Nursery	Marg H. Erika Mary Madison	Cheryl Kim Rachel V Reeghan
Little Lambs	Brenda Ainsley	Denise DeWeerd Reid Hessels
Subs	Cheryl Reeghan	RachelR Kamryn
Nursery Parents	May: Herman & Heather	
Bingo at the Terrace	May 16: Joyce & Theresa; June 6: Betty & Jane	
Royal Terrace	May 13: Reformed Church; May 20: John Z.; May 27: Missionary Church	

Sermon Notes



