

Drayton Christian Reformed Church

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"Sharing God's Grace and Hope"



March 18, 2018

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

*"All that the Father gives me will come to me,
and whoever comes to me I will never drive away."*

~ John 6: 37

Gathered

Welcome

Announcements

*Call to Worship

*Silent Prayer ending with: *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,"* GPH #384: 1, 4

*God's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: *"Blessed Be Your Name,"* LUYH #343

Restored

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

Holy Living Instruction

Song of Thanksgiving: *"Crown Him with Many Crowns,"* GPH #410

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

Song of Preparation: *"Breathe,"* SongSelect

Bible Reading: John 6: 35-40

Sermon:

An Invitation Worth Singing

*Song of Response: *"Just as I Am,"* GPH #263

Heard

Prayers of God's People

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

Sent

Offerings: 1. DCRC Budget 2. Ramoth Life Centre

Offering Video: "Ramoth Life Centre"

*Closing Song: *"I Surrender All,"* LUYH #739

*God's Blessing

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



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Church Family

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

This past Monday, **John V.** was transferred from London's University Hospital to the hospital in Palmerston where he continues recovery following recent hip surgery. Pray this whole process will help provide healing from infection and prepare John for assessment in about five weeks.

Also, this past Monday **Jerry H.** was transferred out of the ICU at Kitchener's St. Mary's Hospital following recent open-heart surgery. Throughout the week, however, he continued to experience much confusion. Pray for continual healing and that ongoing assessments help determine the cause of these challenges.

On Thursday **Kees L.** underwent surgery to remove his prostate following a recent prostate cancer diagnosis. Together with the Laros family we give thanks to God this procedure went well. Pray all cancer will have been removed. May lymph node test results this week provide clarity in determining if further treatment is necessary.

As a congregation, we continue to pray for **Fred V.s**, son in law to **Jerry & Lucy H.**, who was diagnosed with a new strain of virus this past week at the Listowel Hospital. Pray Fred will soon experience recovery from his health complications.

As a church family we continue to have the opportunity to engage this year's **Office Bearer Nomination** process. Pray the Holy Spirit of God will move us to thanksgiving for the ability to serve the church of Jesus Christ either as elder or deacon. Pray God receive all glory as we support Church Council and as we all seek to faithfully serve within the Lord's church and kingdom.

Happy 80th Birthday to Hank R.!

Please join us after the worship service for CAKE in celebration of Hank's 80th birthday this past week!

Happy Birthday to...

Monday: Riley D., Samantha H.
Tuesday: Paula P., Arnold R.
Thursday: Carolyn G., Hunter R., Clara S.
Friday: Henny H., Tim T.
Saturday: Katie B., Ryan R., Cora S.



Thank You

Samaritan's Purse: We would like to thank you for packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child's Christmas Shoebox Campaign. Over 615,000 boxes were collected in Canada in 2017 and over 11,000,000 shoeboxes were donated worldwide. If you would like to know more about the impact of your shoebox, visit: samaritanspurse.ca/celebrate.

Church Calendar

- Sunday:** ~ Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. ~ *Fifth Sunday in Lent*
~ Sunday School for children ages 3 to Grade 8
~ **WE Tabernacle at 3:00 p.m.**
- Monday:** ~ GEMS from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Tuesday:** ~ **Lenten Tea at the Reformed Church at 1:30 p.m.**
~ Deacon Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
~ Elder Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:** ~ Coffee Break at the Reformed Church at 9:45 a.m.
~ **Spring Membership Meeting and Potluck at 7:30 p.m.**
- Thursday:** ~ Catechism and Youth Group from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
~ Evening Coffee Break at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Scott's house
- Saturday:** ~ **Senior Social at 11:30 a.m. hosted by the Deacons**
~ Cadet-O-Rama practice from 9:00 a.m. – Noon (lunch provided)
- Next Sunday:** ~ Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. ~ *Sixth Sunday in Lent*

Church Events

Save the Date for a **Ladies Day Out** ~

CELEBRATE SPRING 🌸 on Saturday, **April 21** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE at the 🌸 Ladies Day Out "**CELEBRATE SPRING**" event on Saturday, April 21, HERE at Drayton CRC!!

Day of the 20th - Set-up (Men & Women); Day of the 21st - Kitchen Help, Greeter, Hall Directing, Workshop Presenter Helpers, Clean Up (Men & Women), and Servers (in advance- EASY Scarves... material provided!).

Please contact Liesje to help with this EXCITING Outreach Event! 😊🌸

Cell: (519)437-7383, E-mail: liesjesnieder@hotmail.com.

ATTN: Seniors: We would like to welcome you to the **Drayton CRC Fellowship Hall** for an afternoon of fellowship on March 24. We will be starting at 11:30 AM. We are inviting all the Seniors in the community, as well as neighbouring churches in Drayton, for a hot lunch, socializing, and playing some games. Feel free to bring a favourite game along. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you are able to attend, please RSVP by Tuesday, March 20, to one of the following Deacons:

Adam mada14@hotmail.com (226-243-2027)

Rita erkoster@sonicwaves.ca (519-669-1231)

Grace grace.scott@homehardware.ca (519-638-2309)

From Council & Committees

WE Tabernacle: Join us for our **3rd event this afternoon 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall as we continue to explore how the Tabernacle of the Old Testament points us towards Jesus. Even if you haven't been to the first two events, you can still join us for this one. Everyone is welcome. Please sign up today in the fellowship hall after church. This event will include **Appetizers**. Please bring a plate of **hors d'oeuvres** or something that can be easily eaten with your fingers.

Spring Membership Meeting/Potluck - Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30 pm

Please join this week Wednesday for our Spring Membership Meeting and Potluck. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the church starting at 7:30 PM. Please bring a favourite dish or dessert. **Don't forget to bring your Agenda and Reports**, which will be discussed during the meeting portion of the evening. We look forward to a time of community, fellowship, dining, and praising with each other.



Education Committee is wondering if anyone has an unused beanbag chair they might be willing to provide for Joel Droogers. We are hoping this will better help Joel be able to engage the Bible story in the downstairs fellowship hall as part of our Sunday School ministry. Please contact Chair Person Pastor Jake if you have a beanbag chair either to donate or to borrow. Thank you!



Prayer Announcements: Please be reminded items for prayer are always welcome and can be forwarded to the secretary or our pastors. Special or crisis prayer requests will be processed immediately through our Church Prayer Chain via email or by way of phone call. Other prayer requests may be provided to the church office by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin or they may be provided to the pastors before Sunday morning service.

Worship Committee is continually thankful for all those who lead us in music on Sunday mornings. The committee also appreciates intentional thinking part of identifying or naming different music leaders:

- In March of last year, **the branch** shared by way of bulletin announcement they chose this name, inspired by *John 15: 5*, because like a vine branch helps leaves be exposed to as much sunlight as possible, our worship helps us be exposed to Jesus Christ, our "Son-light," who is "the light of the world."
- In May of last year, **Reckless Hearts** shared by way of bulletin announcement they chose this name, inspired by the song "*Reckless Love*," because the term "reckless" in this song encourages those who worship to focus thoughts on God rather than be concerned with other thoughts.
- The **iSing Worship Team** would like to share they have chosen the name "Vois." Vois is the phonetic spelling for "voice" and its French meaning is "to see or behold." It is the Vois' hope that our worship or song will help us see God and his world, others and ourselves, from a biblical or redemptive perspective. May our voices serve to provide us a window to our souls "restored by God" (Psalm 23: 3) each time we gather for worship.

The Worship Committee

- invites anyone to forward a favourite hymn for our worship services to the *Worship Committee* mailbox located near the top right side of our mailbox wall. Please include (1) Hymn Title and (2) Psalter Hymnal Reference. Our pastors will gladly arrange for suggestions to be included.
- reminds anyone wishing to use the church sanctuary space to simply make a note of that on the calendar outside the secretary's office.

From the Church Office:

- Please be reminded that all **bulletin announcements must be submitted by Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m.** to be printed in the following Sunday's bulletin.
- Please also be reminded to **submit church committee and church club meeting minutes** to the office to be archived.
- The **2018 Yearbook** is here. There are a few copies left that can be purchased for \$13.00.
- **Church Emails** will soon be switched to a new email provider and new email addresses for our pastors will be assigned. Please stay tuned for future updates for a smooth transition.
- **April 2018 Newsletter** entries must be submitted to the office no later than **March 27: 9am.**



Please remember to turn **ALL LIGHTS OFF** and close doors if you are the last person to leave after group meetings or committee meetings in the evening.

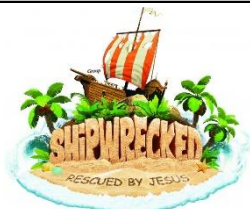
Youth Group News

Meeting: We will meet this week Thursday for **Youth Group and Catechism** from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

Teen Talk: We are looking for a host for our next Teen Talk which will be on the fifth Thursday of March, which is **March 29**. This gives us the bonus of our youth getting to know other adult members of our church which they really enjoy! Please contact Pastor Jake if you are interested in hosting.

AOYC 2018 - Now is the time to register for the All Ontario Youth Convention! Come experience God's love through teaching, worship, and fun, with 900+ teens and leaders. High school students and adult leaders can register online at allontario.com/register or visit [facebook.com/allontario](https://www.facebook.com/allontario).

Requested Announcements



Vacation Bible School (VBS) – July 9-13, 2018

CRC Contact: Candace

diamond.countryliving@gmail.com

Register your kids and sign up to volunteer by JUNE 30!

Visit: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/draytonvbs>

VBS will run from July 9 – 13 at the Drayton Reformed Church. Kids will be invited to bring donations for our local FoodBank this summer. The committee is currently looking for volunteers for the week. If you are interested in helping in the Kitchen, Leading Bible Story, Games, or Crafts, or have any ideas for decorating using the “Shipwrecked” them, please contact Candace for more information.

One of the greatest **faith films** of all time was released this weekend! *Experience I CAN ONLY IMAGINE* on the big screen with friends and family. You will be inspired by this powerful true story of forgiveness, hope, and redemption. It opened in 59 theatres across Canada this past Friday - **3.16**.



Lenten Tea at the Reformed church on Tuesday, March 20, at 1:30 p.m.

Exclusive FREE Presentation: “We Are Water” is an enlightening 40-minute documentary illustrating the fragile relationship between our modern society and our fresh water resources. The world’s top female scuba diver takes viewers on a breathtaking visceral journey inside the watery underground rivers and caves of our aquifer. A positive, solutions-based approach to our physical and spiritual connection to water, the source of life. This is being held at the **St. James Church, 171 Queen Street East in Fergus on World Water Day - Thursday, March 22 at 7 pm**. The presentation will be preceded by the 5 minutes play, Little Miss Aquifer, starring Snidely Bigwater, Little Miss Aquifer and Kathleen Wind. Family friendly for school aged children!

Blood Donor Clinic: Drayton is holding its next Blood Donor Clinic on **Monday, March 26, 2018** from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Drayton Community Christian School located at 35 High Street. Remember that your donation can help up to three people. *It’s in you to give!* To make an appointment, please call 1-888-DONATE (1-888-236-6283) or just walk into the clinic. www.blood.ca

JK – Grade 8 Open House/Registration Days: Community Christian School, Drayton is a place where students are nurtured within a community of faith, love, and excellence. We invite you to come and see for yourself. Open House/Registration for Junior Kindergarten through Grade 8 are on **April 4 and May 2** during the school day (evening by appointment). Check out the website for more information at www.ccsdrayton.org or call the school at 519-638-2395. Feel free to visit the school, sit in the classrooms and talk to the principal on those days. Ask about our bursary programs and find out how your first year can be half price. If the above dates do not suit you, call the school and we will gladly make other arrangements. **Now offering a five-day JK and SK program!**

Ramoth House would like to invite you to their **Lasagna Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser**. The dinner will be on **Friday, April 6, 2018** and will be held at the Listowel Mennonite Church located at 465 Maitland Avenue South in Listowel. Tickets are \$10.00/Adult and \$5.00 for those 10 years old & under. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with the dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Please call 519-323-3751 or email Shirley Boonstra at sboonstra@ramoth.ca to order your tickets for this fabulous event. Come out for a family-friendly dinner and the fun and fellowship of a Silent Auction.

Support for Training in Ministry: *Classis Huron* invites students from this Classis who are considering full time ministry within the CRC to apply for a forgivable loan. These students must be planning to attend seminary in the school year 2018-2019. For applications and further information, please contact Rev. Brian Bork by email: bbork41@gmail.com. Current recipients must also make clear their intentions. Applications and further information is available at www.classishuron.ca under Forms and Mandates for the Classical Ministerial Leadership Team. The deadline for applications is **April 30, 2018**.

News from North America

Get the FREE Banner App! - For real-time access to all the latest news and articles. Available for iPhone and Android at your app store. Search for "CRCNA Banner". Visit thebanner.org/ for more info.

THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE BEAUTIFUL - Teddy, one of the kids in Liz's class, decides to break up Liz and Spike's friendship. And Lucille is very unhappy about her appearance until Granny shows her how other people view her. Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Find more great resources for kids and parents at www.kidscorner.net. This month's offer includes an Easter story puppet show craft.

THE WIDOW'S OFFERING - When the widow brings her small offering, Jesus teaches about generosity, sacrifice, and the heart of giving. But is there more? Join Groundwork as we study Mark 12:41-44 to see why Jesus' response also renews God's call to be people filled with love with a heart for justice and mercy. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Volunteer and Communications Specialist Opening - The Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) has a full-time (30 hrs/wk) opening for a Volunteer and Communications Specialist in our Burlington, Ontario offices. This position will work with Disability Concerns (20 hrs/wk) and Safe Church (10 hrs/wk) staff and volunteers and assist churches in Canada in becoming safer communities where *everybody belongs and everybody serves*. Visit crcna.org/jobs for a detailed description or to apply by completing an online application, attaching a current cover letter and resume, by March 28, 2018.

Mobilizing and Advocacy Fellowship with the CRC Office of Social Justice - The CRC Office of Social Justice is hiring! If you are interested in faith, policy, and social justice, apply for our Mobilizing and Advocacy Fellowship. The deadline to apply is March 19. Apply here:

careers-crcna.icims.com/jobs/1155/mobilizing-and-advocacy-fellowship/job. The fellowship is a 1-year full-time paid position offered to recent college or university graduates. The fellow helps our office develop and assist in timely and effective advocacy and mobilizing strategies relating to selected issues of U.S. and Canadian policies, especially those that benefit the poor and oppressed. She or he will gain invaluable hands-on experience in real world advocacy and faith-based mobilizing.

EduDeo Opportunity - Does your church have a passion to see the good news of Jesus Christ transform communities? EduDeo Ministries is looking for Team Leaders to spearhead a short-term mission (HANDS) team in your church and help advance Christ-centred education for children worldwide. For more information, contact our HANDS Coordinator, Karla-Maria at kponce@edudeo.com.

Job Opening: Program Associate, Marketing/Communications/Digital - Are you creative, organized, and passionate about sharing stories of justice and mercy through digital communications? World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), has a full time temporary opening for a Program Associate, Marketing/Communications/Digital on the Constituency Relations team, based in Burlington, Ontario, Canada. This position will implement the digital, marketing and communications strategies so that World Renew's constituents are inspired, educated, and motivated to ever increasing levels of partnership. Please visit our website at www.worldrenew.net/careers for more information or to apply. Application deadline is March 18, 2018.

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

- Nitin & Ruth**..... Rick & Leanna
 ~ email: nrsardar@gmail.com
- Jonathan & Janice** Hank & Betty
 email: jbarnhoom@crnpartners.org
- Kathleen** Tim & Michelle
 email: klauder@worldrenew.net ~ skype: kathleen_lauder
- Mark & Heather**..... Henk & Linda
 ~ email: pastormark@reslifenc.org ~ Phone: 919-482-2382

Serving Elders and Deacons for March:	Albert Tom Phil Dave Grace	Serving Elders and Deacons for April:	Arnold Julie Alfred Adam Rita
March Back West Back East Back Centre Upstairs	Ushers John Ed Teresa	Serving in Foyer Mar 18 – Nanda Mar 25 – Rita Apr 1 – Albert Apr 8 – Tom	Floating Greeters: Mar 18 – Teresa Mar 25 – Teresa Apr 1 – Jane Apr 8 – Jane

	March 18, 2018	March 25, 2018
Greeters	Hank & Grace	Bep
Coffee Servers	Maynard & Joyce Calvin & Gerri	Randy & Lisa Keith & Denise
Sound System	Cody	Maynard
Power Point	Sid	Nathan
Hall Monitor	Sharon	Jane
Library	Jill	Julie
SS Assistant	Abby	Aidan
Grade 5 & 6 SS	Sandy	Arnold
Grade 7 & 8 SS	Paula	John
Nursery	Nanda Dorothy Jolene Mikayla	Katie Yvonne Judy Courtney
Little Lambs	Sonia B Lincoln	Melissa Lucas
Subs	Katie Courtney	Sandy Justine
Nursery Parents	March: Dave & Amanda; April: Mark & Katie	
Bingo at the Terrace	Mar 21: Yvonne & Margaret Apr 4: Jane & Elly	
Royal Terrace	April 1: Jane; April 8: Reformed Church; April 15: Ralph	

Sermon Notes

