

Drayton Christian Reformed Church

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"Sharing God's Grace and Hope"

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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. Students, **Grades 5-8**, leave for Sermon Review, after the Congregational Prayer.

September 30, 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.

September 30 ~ Today's worship service is led by **Pastor John Vanderstoep** from Fergus where he serves as church planter of "The Bridge" within Classis Huron. As the Vanderstoeps are no stranger to our community, we welcome Pastor John back to Drayton and look forward to his ministry among us. Pastor Paul is away on a re-scheduled Sunday off.

October 7 ~ Since Church Council has provided Pastor Paul with pulpit relief for the month of October (see Council Bulletin Report), Pulpit Supply contact Eddy Koster, our Corresponding Clerk of Council, is working out arrangements for next week's service at this time.

October 8 ~ Everyone is invited to attend our **Thanksgiving Day** service on **Monday, October 8**, starting at **10:00 a.m.** This will be a service of readings, prayer, song and giving led 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."

September 30: **1: Budget** **2: Race Relations**

The Ministry of Race Relations is mandated by synod "to design, organize, and implement programs that will assist the denomination, churches, and members in eliminating the causes and effects of racism within the body of believers and throughout the world.

October 7: **1: Budget** **2: Community Christian School**

A Christian education turns mirrors into windows. Our mission is to educate children in a respectful, nurturing Christian community through Christ-centered programs. Let us support this school with our gifts today to help provide tuition assistance to those who need it. Please give generously.

October 8 - Thanksgiving Day Offering: Canadian Foodgrains Bank

ALSO, the Deacons are once again holding their annual food drive for the local food bank. Items in need are: rice, oatmeal, cereals, school lunch items, puddings, fruit cups and toiletries like toothbrushes, toothpaste and soap bars. Thanks for your generosity.

Collections Received: ~ **September 23, 2018** ~ **Safe Church Ministries**

Stewardship Thought:

"When we give to God, we discover that God gives to us."

~ John Stott

Drayton Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, September 30, 2018
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Worship Leader: Pastor John Vanderstoep
(Pastor John is a Church Planter in Fergus)
Music Leader: the branch

"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ ..."

~ Ephesians 4: 18

Gathered

Welcome

Announcements

*Call to Worship

*Silent Prayer ending with: *"Come to the Saviour Now,"* GPH #535: 1, 4

*God's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: *"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone,"* LUYH #693

Reconciled

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

Holy Living Instruction

Song of Thanksgiving: *"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know,"* GPH #571

Sunday School Dismissal:

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of blessing after which children, age 3 – Grade 4, leave for Sunday School

Equipped

Bible Reading: Ephesians 3: 14-21 (read by Nanda Zwart)

Sermon: We Don't Yet Know How Much Jesus Loves His Saints

*Song of Response: *"How Deep the Father's Love For Us,"* SongSelect

Heard

Prayers of God's People

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

Sent

Offerings: 1. Drayton CRC Budget 2. CRCNA Race Relations Ministry

*Closing Song: *"We Receive Your Blessing,"* LUYH #947

*God's Blessing

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

Church Family

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

After a series of tests, including doctor appointments, the Mohle family learned last week that **Janet M.** is diagnosed with gall bladder and liver cancer. Additional conversations about how best to proceed are ongoing. Tony and Janet ask we pray for peace as they, together with their family, continue to receive this diagnosis and think about what this means moving forward.

Together with **Dave & Amanda K.** we give thanks to God for the safe arrival of their daughter **Hannah Kate K.**, sister to Benjamin and Ellie, on Friday, September 21! Both Amanda and Hannah are doing well and were able to return home from the hospital. Pray for a blessing in this exciting time of enjoyment and transition.

This past Tuesday **Zachary V.**, son of Keith & Denise V., entered the rehabilitation program at London's Teen Challenge Men's Centre. It is hoped his stay there will provide Zach with help overcoming addiction struggles. Pray for strength and encouragement including commitment to stay a participant in the program.

After gradually growing weaker, **Ben H.**, while still residing at Kitchener's Sunnyside Long Term Care Facility, is currently considered to have entered palliative care. Pray Ben might continually experience God's peaceful presence.

We continue to pray for **Jerry H.** still at Palmerston's Hospital waiting for parathyroid surgery. Pray for patience as he waits for this procedure. May the H.'s soon learn of positive developments in this journey.

This weekend many of our youth are participating in the annual **Trillium League Fall Retreat** at Muskoka Woods Resort in Rosseau, ON. This year's theme for the retreat is "Ignite!" and keynote speaker is Pastor Zan Ingalls from Newark, NJ, where he works both at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church and Union County Juvenile Detention Centre. Worship is led by PK and the Muskoka Woods Band. Pray youth will be encouraged in their walk with God including relationships with others.

Celebrations:

Happy Birthday to ...



Sunday: Suzanne E.
Wednesday: Blake H., Kinsley M.
Friday: Ainsley D.



Happy Anniversary ...

Monday: Ed & Peggy H.
Wednesday: Nick & Marlene K.
Saturday: Frank & Lucy v.



Church Calendar

- Sunday:** ~ Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.
~ Sunday School ages 3 to Grade 8
- Monday:** ~ **GEMS** meet from 7 – 9:00 p.m.
- Tuesday:** ~ Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:** ~ Coffee Break Morning at 9:45 a.m.
~ Worship Committee meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday:** ~ Catechism/Youth Group meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Next Sunday:** ~ Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday School ages 3 to Grade 8

From the Office

October Newsletter: Please find October Newsletter in your mail slot today. November Newsletter submissions will be due October 23.

Office Note: Denise will be *out of office* during the week of October 8 to 12. Yvonne V. will be in the church office during that time in her absence.



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.

Church Events

Teen Challenge Event: A team from Teen Challenge Women's Centre will be at the **Drayton Christian Reformed Church at 88 Main Street East, Drayton, on Sunday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m.** Teen Challenge students share their stories of addiction, recover and restoration with their families. Bring a friend and be inspired by a message of hope and God's power to change lives!



A **Soup and Bun Luncheon** will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall with a *freewill offering*. All proceeds go towards Teen Challenge!

Youth Group / Catechism

Fall Retreat – Please pray for youth and leaders as they are travelling home from Fall Retreat today.



October 4: Come join us for youth group from 7:30-9:30!

SORT AND PACK: We have a Sort & Pack on Wednesday, October 3, from 1 – 4:00 p.m. Your help and interest are really appreciated. Please come out and help if you can spare an hour or two! It's a great time of fellowship and working together. Coffee and cake will be enjoyed as well afterwards.

☺ Thank you on behalf of Friends of First Nations and Canadian Food for Children. God Bless.

From Council and Committees

Committee of Stewards: Please be advised that the church pews in the sanctuary will be renovated on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.



The **Safe Church Committee** recognizes the importance (as stated in our Handbook under "Vision") to love, support and care for each other. It has been brought to the attention of the committee that during coffee fellowship time on Sundays, the behaviour of some of our younger members in the church basement is too intense for an indoor environment and on occasion, border-line unsafe. In addition, there have been reports of the Nursery/Little Lambs rooms being "messed up" and the toys being mistreated by children who are too old for them. For these reasons, the committee has recently established the role of "**After-Church Hall Monitor**". This volunteer will monitor the basement area during coffee fellowship time, to discourage undesirable behaviour and to encourage our younger members to join the rest of the congregation in the fellowship hall to participate in less intense activities and fellowship. Our Sunday School teachers have already volunteered to take turns in this new role. We are requesting the congregation's support of this new initiative. Parents, please be aware of where your children are during coffee fellowship time and encourage them to spend that time engaging with one another in "indoor friendly" and less physical activities. *(An effort will be made to have a few activities for the children and you to engage in upstairs).* Thanks for your understanding.

Requested Announcements

Everyone is invited to the **Thanksgiving Assembly at Community Christian School on Friday, October 5 at 2:30 p.m.** Please join us as we gather together in thanksgiving for our many blessings. All grades will be participating.

The Royal Terrace is holding its **Annual Harvest Social & Bazaar Fundraiser** on Thursday, October 4 from 2 – 4:00 p.m. All proceeds go towards the Royal Terrace Residents Fund.

CALLING ALL FARMERS! The Woodland Christian High School fundraising auction will be held **Saturday, October 20** this year! (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE). Our theme this year is fall, and we are looking to borrow about 30 bales of straw (which will be returned to you) and corn stalks for the weekend. If you have any you could let us borrow, please contact Jeanette Ensing at sandjensing@xplornet.ca. Thanks for your help!

Ramoth House Annual Fundraising Dinner: Ramoth House would like to invite you to our fundraising dinner being held on **Friday, October 12th at 6:30pm** at the Mount Forest Recreational Complex. Join us as we raise funds towards Operating Expenses and Ramoth Renovations, and to hear about one of our mom's journey through Step 1 and will be residing in our Step 2 Ramoth Apartments program when she shares her story with you. Individual tickets are \$30 and a table of 8 can be purchased for \$240 – invite friends and make an evening of it, we anticipate a great night! Please contact the Ramoth office at (519) 323-3751 or email Shirley Boonstra at sboonstra@ramoth.ca if you are interested. The deadline to reserve your tickets is September 27, 2018.

News from North America

DISCORD OF THREE - A bully is bothering Scooter, but what can Liz do about it? Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Free Giveaway: Kids Corner's "Know Your Bible Activity Book, Part 3!" Can you figure out all Kids Corner Bible puzzles? 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.

It's happening again! - What? The Canadian National Gathering for the CRCNA. When? May 24-26, 2019. Where? The King's University in Edmonton. Participants from local churches across Canada will gather for a weekend to strategically celebrate, discern, and envision bold next steps for the CRC in Canada locally, regionally, and nationally. If you feel led to participate, connect with your council for more information.

ROAD2HOPE 2018 - Run/Walk to build classrooms at Primero Templo Biblica School in Nicaragua and give children the Gospel + Education. Join EduDeo Ministries for a fun, family-friendly event at Hamilton's beautiful Confederation Park. Register by September 30 (that's today!) at edudeo.com/r2h to save on registration and secure your EduDeo race shirt.

Words of Encouragement

How does God want us to relate to one another in the Body of Christ?

"The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble;
and He knows those who trust in Him."

-Nahum 1:7

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

Nitin & Ruth Sardar Bruce & Jenn ~ email: nrsardar@gmail.com
Jonathan & Janice Barnhoorn Tyson & Lauren email: jbarnhoorn@crnapartners.org
Kathleen Lauder Mathias & Cheryl email: klauder@worldrenew.net ~ skype: kathleen_lauder
Mark & Heather Knetsch Susan ~ email: pastormark@reslifenc.org ~ Phone: 919-482-2382

Serving Elders and Deacons for September:	Nanda Sid Phil Teresa Dave	Serving Elders and Deacons for October:	Julie Alfred Andy Grace Jitske
October Back West	Ushers Albert S	Serving in Foyer Sep 30 – Clara	Floating Greeters: Sept 30 – Doug & Sandy
Back East	Tom	Oct 7 – Nanda	Oct 7 – Elden & Julie
Back Centre	Clara	Oct 14 – Sid	Oct 14 – Elden & Julie
Upstairs	Candace		

	September 30, 2018	October 7, 2018
Greeters	Bep	Hank & Alice
Coffee Servers	Tim & Michelle Dave & Rachel	Bep Phil & Yvonne
Sound System	Maynard	Tony
Power Point	Nathan	Tom
Hall Monitor	Jane	Theresa
Library	Alice	Tracy
Joel SS Assistant	John	Janice
Gr. 5/6 SS	Arnold	Mike
Gr. 7/8 SS	Sid	Phil
Nursery	Mary Paula Julie Mariah	Mary Brandy Dorothy Kamryn
Little Lambs	Joyce Beth	Rob Madison
Subs	Katie Madison	Amy Jenna
Nursery Parents	September: Eric & Tara, October: Ray & Janelle	
Bingo at the Terrace	Oct 3: Jitske & Jane G; Oct 17: Yvonne D., Jane H.	
Royal Terrace - 6:45	Sept 30: Missionary Church	

Sermon Notes

