



Jennings Creek
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Wishing You
a New Year filled
with new Hope,
new Joy &
new Beginnings.



SUNDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MINISTRY	DECEMBER 27	JANUARY 3
PREACHING	<p>DUE TO COVID-19 LOCKDOWN</p> <p>WE WILL BE BROADCASTING A PRE-RECORDED SERVICE.</p> 	Pastor Ben vanStraten
PRAYER		
TV MINISTRY		Audio: Joel Buma Cam1: Richard Wilms Cam2: Josiah vanStraten Video: Rick Albers
OFFERING		Kawartha Lakes Food Source
MUSIC		TBD
USHER		
SCRIPTURE READING		
MEDIA SHOUT		Liz Depooter
DEACONS		
ELDERS		

**** IMPORTANT: COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS ****

If you are unable to keep your schedule, please make sure you find a replacement and then notify Sarah Cooke as any changes need to be documented and arranged for the Covid Tracking requirements and ensure that replacements are on the list and able to attend the Worship Service. Thank you.

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IMPORTANT UPDATE: On October 14th the Covid 19 Guidelines for worship services had changed so we as a church have had to adapt to these changes. We can no longer remove our masks during the worship service, a mask must be worn at all times* while also maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet from one another.

The praise team, worship leader and pastor may remove their mask provided they are at least 4 meters from the congregation. We realize this change may be a challenge for some but we are thankful that we are still able to continue to worship our God as a community of believers.

We as a Council would also like to remind you that if you receive an invitation to the worship service and are unable to attend to please let the church office know as soon as possible. When you fail to attend seats are left empty and there are many whom would love to attend. (*A mask must be worn unless a person is exempted)

Grace and Peace,

On behalf of the Council of Jennings Creek CRC, Pastor Ben vanStraten

Church Office Hours are back to regular hours now. Wed. 10-1:30; Thurs 9-3 & Fri. 9-12:30

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Morning Worship Service

BELONG

as a community we gather together and offer up our praise
Welcome led by Pastor Ben vanStraten
Prayer led by Pastor Ben vanStraten
Call to Worship led by Pastor Ben vanStraten
Song of Response
"Come, Let us Worship and Bow Down" Red 510
God's Greeting led by led by Pastor Ben vanStraten
Songs of Praise

"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"
"Shout to the Lord"
"King of my Heart"

as a community we take time to confess, pray and offer our gifts to God together...
Confession led by led by Pastor Ben vanStraten
Assurance led by led by Pastor Ben vanStraten
Song of Thanksgiving
"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"
Congregational Prayer
led by **Serving Elder: Ernie Griffioen**
Offering: Church Ministry Budget (envelopes)
Teen Challenge
(envelopes and loose money)

GROW

as a community we turn to God's Word...
Scripture Reading read by Pastor Eliza Cortes-Bast
John 6:35 & 48-51
Sermon "**Every Table**" by Pastor Eliza Cortes-Bast

SERVE

as a community we are sent out...
Song of Response
"Build Your Kingdom Here"
Announcements
Benediction led by Pastor Ben vanStraten

DECEMBER/JANUARY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Dec 27 - Teen Challenge
Dec 31 - Kawartha Lakes Prenancy Centre

Jan 3 - Kawartha Lakes Food Source
Jan 10 - *Therefore Go Ministries: Youth Unlimited
Jan 17 - Heritage Christian School
Jan 24 - *Cadets: Cadet Sunday

ONTARIO-WIDE LOCKDOWN: Entire province to shut down on Dec. 26th. The restrictions are in effect for all of Ontario from Saturday, December 26, 2020 to Saturday, January 23, 2021.
Once the lockdown begins on the 26th we are restricted to **10** people for worship services.

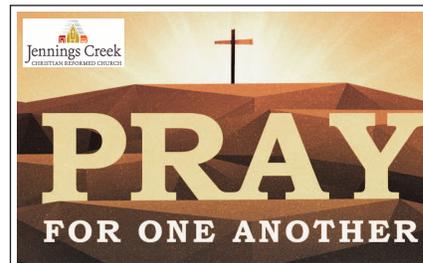
SERVICE REGISTRATION & ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Upcoming Services:

Sun Dec. 27th: Pre-Recorded Service
(uploaded to website and group Facebook page)
Thurs Dec 31st: Service Cancelled
Sun Jan 3rd: Livestream Service via Facebook

A reminder to all those who have registered to attend worship services. **PLEASE ONLY ATTEND IF** you have received an email or phone call prior to the service. Each week 75 names are drawn from the list of those who have registered, the names that are not drawn are the first to be included in the following weeks draw.

Praying for one Another Each week three family names will be listed and you are invited to lift up these families in prayer through out the week. Be sure to check it out and begin praying today.



THIS WEEK:

- Tina Fintelman
- Frank & Jacqueline Geerlinks
- Nathan & Sarah Gilbert



PLEASE NOTE: Sarah Cooke will be in the Church Office Tuesday, Dec 22 (9-2), Wed. Dec 23 (10:30-4:30) & Thurs. Dec 24 (9-2) **Church Office CLOSED Fri. Dec 25.** Church Office will be closed Dec 28- Jan 1 for holidays. During this time please contact Pastor Ben.

CHURCH FAMILY

THANK YOU: Thank you so much for the lovely parcel, phone calls and Christmas cards that I received. Merry Christmas

- Betty Rinzema

GRACE SCHOLTEN celebrated her 92nd birthday last Tuesday December 22nd. She lives in Victoria Manor. She is unable to attend our services because of mobility issues. Her mailing address is E219 Vaga House, Victoria Manor, 220 Angeline St. S, Lindsay ON K9V 4R2. If you are interested in more information, contact Marilyn Kuiperij at 705-341-4937.

Poem for a New Year

Life is a book in volumes three -
The past, the present, and yet-to-be.
The past is written and laid away.
The present we're writing every day.
And the last and the best of volume three
Is locked away from sight -
God keeps the key.

- submitted by Jeanne Dykstra



Celebrating Lord's Supper January 3

Sunday January 3rd marks the first Sunday of a new year. The leadership of Jennings Creek CRC had hoped to begin the year celebrating

Lord's Supper during the in person worship service. Due to the Ontario wide Lockdown we will no longer be able to celebrate in person but it is our hope to celebrate together online. Celebrating from a distance and online may bring up some questions and concerns. I hope what I have provided below will help answer some of those questions.

I do not feel scripture restricts us from practicing communion in our homes. The early church practiced Lord's supper in their homes, from the celebration of the Passover (Exodus 12), to the Last Supper (Mark 14, Luke 22) and the early church (Acts 2). The sacrament of Lord's Supper was practiced in homes with families or small groups of people as those were the practices of weekly worship.

A strong sense of community is important during this time of social distancing. Scripture clearly teaches that the Lord's Supper is meant to occur in community. (1 Corinthians 11:17-34). Sharing this sacrament through our online community allows us to remember that unity we have in Christ.

Scripture also makes it clear that how we celebrate matters, that there are issues of justice and accessibility to consider, and that it must be done with an

awareness of the larger body of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:17-24). With that in mind I feel it is important that the process is explained clearly and have provided some info below to help each family prepare.

Regular participation in the Lord's Supper is important as a source of spiritual nourishment through which Christ is revealed (Luke 24:13-35).

Preparation

In the Lord's Supper, Christ offers his own crucified body and shed blood to his people, assuring them a share in his death and resurrection. By the Holy Spirit, he feeds us with his resurrection life and binds us to each other as we share one loaf and cup. We receive this food gladly, believing, as we eat, that Jesus is our life-giving food and drink and that he will come again to call us to the wedding feast of the Lamb. (Our World Belongs to God, st. 38)

All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are warmly invited to join with us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

As you prepare to participate in the Lord's supper consider this along with your children:

In both Baptism and the Lord's Supper we look...

Backward: We remember the story of God's saving work in Christ by the

Spirit, and we celebrate this saving work for the whole world.

Upward: We are in communion with Jesus by the Holy Spirit, even though Jesus is ascended to heaven.

Forward: We already remember and celebrate the feast we will share with Jesus when he returns!

Around us: We see that we are not a disciple of Christ all alone, but in community, in a family, and we encourage one another, just by being together. We seek and desire reconciliation with or family in all cases of offence.

Before us: By his Spirit, Christ is present to us as the One who baptizes, and the One who hosts us at the family table. and within: During the celebration of the sacraments, we look into our hearts to delight in the ways the Spirit is at work in our hearts to know God,

