

## **Spring Congregational Meeting Reports**

The following reports are included as our Spring Congregational meeting was cancelled.

### **Pastor's Reflection**

One of the most beautiful and sacred tasks I have as a pastor is journeying alongside someone whose earthly journey is coming to an end. These are holy moments; moments set apart for me to simply be the presence of Christ - listening, loving, and sharing God's grace through scripture and prayer. Like many areas of ministry, covid restrictions have interrupted and disoriented even this holy moment.

As Walter Rinzema spent months in the hospital before moving to Caressant Care in Lindsay, there were many weeks I was unable to visit him due to restrictions. After his move to Caressant Care, his family graciously gave me permission to be considered his essential caregiver. I had to agree to a weekly covid test, full PPE (gown, mask, gloves, face shield) and then I was permitted to visit Walter.

As I geared up for the first visit, I wondered if he would recognize me - I hardly recognized the person staring back at me in the mirror. I stepped inside Walter's room and I heard his frail yet strong voice call out to me "Pastor!" It was a powerful yet humbling moment. There was great weight in his greeting and yet it was freeing, as if all the PPE and covid restrictions disappeared and I could spend time with my friend.

Walter's health quickly deteriorated after his move to Caressant Care but I am forever thankful for the time I was able to spend with him. On my final visit, I sang one of Walter's favourite hymns with him, "It is well, with my soul". Walter's weak and frail voice testified to that assurance he had in his heavenly father's love. As Walter said good-bye to me, he reached for my mask and pulled it down off my face and looked up at me and thanked me. Walter knew he was near the end of his journey, and I believe looking at my face one last time allowed him to say good-bye properly for the last time.

Looking back on this experience got me thinking about last times. There are many moments in life we fail to capture as a 'last time'. The last time we needed training wheels on our bicycle, the last time we had to pack a lunch for grade school, the last time we had to drive with a parent or other adult before we experience the freedom of a full license, the last time we had to study for exams etc. Due to the restrictions of Covid 19, there have been many unrealized last times, ones that I now struggle to remember. The last time we could have a church potluck, the last time we gathered for Wednesday night Bible study, the last GEMS/Cadet night, the last coffee break meeting, the last hand shake outside the sanctuary doors. As I reflect on these unforeseen last time moments, my heart aches. I, with the psalmist, cry out "How long?"

Though I lament these unforeseen "last times," I also have full assurance that, "It is well, with my soul". And like the psalmist, I profess to God, "I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the LORD'S praise, for He has been good to me" (Psalm 16:5-6). God has been faithful, and He has been good to us. For by the grace of God, we have experienced many first times. First time live-streaming a service, the first time gathering for worship 3 times on Easter Sunday, the first time celebrating communion together in person since Covid and who can forget the first time Katie joined us on zoom call. There are many last times we can lament, but may we also be mindful of the many 'firsts' God has blessed us with this past year. And may we always look with hope and anticipation for the first time we can worship together again, shake hands, hug and enjoy a potluck. And I look forward to the time Walter and I can look at one another again for the first time. To God be the glory.

Pastor Ben.

## Youth Ministry Report



We were thrilled to be able to kick start the youth season of “in person” with a campfire and BBQ. This season we had to make changes to the way that we gathered but we were so pleased with how the youth adapted to these changes. We welcomed Ryan Koornneef to the team of youth leaders and he has quickly become a valuable part of the team. Currently Pastor Ben, Owen Hoogsteen, Emily Geerlinks and Ryan Koornneef make up leadership team for JCCRC youth ministry.

We began the youth season with a series based on the movie “Overcomer.” Each week we gather for a time of worship, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Each of us leaders take turns leading various parts of the evening. Along with the series “Overcomer” we spent several weeks in the book of “Jonah”

and also did some more topical lessons throughout the season as well.

Once a month we gathered for a fun night and had to get creative as there were many guidelines that needed to be followed. We managed to squeeze one evening of bowling in before the shut-down. Some other highlights for fun-nights included a in-door beach party in the sanctuary, Christmas Party, and road hockey.



Sadly our “in person’ meetings came to an end with the most recent lockdown. We adapted and made the switch to gathering online through zoom. We had to modify our evenings significantly but we managed to incorporate each of the main parts of our regular meeting into a shorter zoom format. Our zoom meetings have now come to an end but our hope as youth leaders is to host an event/gathering as soon as the lockdown is lifted.

A huge thanks to the youth for another great season, it may not have looked like we had hoped for but each of you made it another excellent season.

JCCRC Youth Ministry Team

## Worship Committee Report

The Worship Committee consists of Pastor Ben vanStraten, Betty Boomsma (Chair), Kim Fintelman (Secretary), Lori Thalen, Peggy Hartle, and Eric Karelsen.

The Worship Committee is responsible for regulating the worship of this church. Appropriate time, prayer, and energy must be put into the crafting of our services so that they are dynamic, joyful, praiseful, and prayerful. Worship must be inviting, both to the

members of our congregation, as well as our guests. All ages should be taken into consideration. We witness to the people around us and endeavor to pass on the joy of our faith.

The responsibilities of the Worship Committee are

- a. Liturgical Studies
- b. Arrangements for Baptism and the Lord's Supper
- c. Arrangements for all music needs in worship services
- d. Appointment and scheduling of pianists, accompanists, choir directors, worship leaders, congregational prayer, and assisting and advising Council in this supervision
- e. Appointment and instruction of ushers and greeters; and Welcome Center hosts
- f. Oversee Nursery Coordinator

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic we have had our challenges, but we continue to adapt to include everyone in our modified worship.

Some of the ways we have adapted are:

\*Following provincial guidelines to be safe...developing a protocol to follow. Pre-registration for services with limited number of members attending. Removed rows of chairs to allow for social distancing

\*Pre-recording worship services during lockdown, so members can watch the services from home; This later switched to Live Streaming.

\*Video recording scripture reading and special music from members at home to include in worship services

\*Thanksgiving – People shared videos from home to say what they are thankful for

\*Advent Series – Congregational involved in making a beautiful banner for the front of the sanctuary...Come Together theme; Candle Readings shared from home

\*Bethlehem Drive Thru – A wonderful time to share the Christmas story with those in our community...this was very well attended! Thank you to all those involved for making this such a success.

\* Lament Series – Members shared their own personal songs of lament

\*Lent Sermon Series – Via Dolorosa...”The way of grief” – The path Jesus walked

\*Palm Sunday – Children waving palm branches

\*Good Friday – Pre-recorded video from the Ministerial; Church attendance, as well

\*Easter Sunday – 2 Services so all members can attend church that Sunday

\*The Lord's Supper has been adapted in order for those celebrating at home

We continue to strive to get as many members involved in worship as we can. If you are interested in being involved in some way, whether musically, through poetry or testimonies, etc. please let us know. We would love to include you!

Betty Boomsma (Chair) on behalf of the Worship Committee

Lindsay Christian Reformed Church  
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison  
January through December 2020

Ordinary Income/Expense	BUDGET		BUDGET	
	Jan - Dec 20	2020	Jan - Dec 19	2019
<b>INCOME</b>				
· Budget / Missions	247,382.94	300716	237,160.26	269900
· Special Offerings	42,662.55		42,700.87	
10% wage subsidy	2,655.36		0.00	
· Rent	2,130.00	10000	10,261.40	11000
· HST Refund	4,402.00	0	0.00	0
· Interest Income	1,767.14		1,817.55	
· Other	105.57		0.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>301,105.56</b>	<b>310,716.00</b>	<b>291,940.08</b>	<b>280,900.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				
Books and Office Supplies	3,010.61	2500	3,200.28	2000
Computer and Software Expenses	724.85	1500	1,163.94	2500
Other Professional&Admin. Exp.	3,183.75	3000	3,158.40	2000
Photocopier Lease & Servicing	2,653.40	2700	2,396.38	2700
Telephone and Internet	3,010.29	2500	3,361.25	3000
· Secretary Salary	16,836.10	14000	13,987.27	14000
· Staff CPP and EI	0.00	8000	4,505.05	8000
· z Non-refundable HST/GST	1,397.00		2,984.00	
<b>Total ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>30,816.00</b>	<b>34200</b>	<b>34,756.57</b>	<b>34200</b>
<b>FACILITY</b>				
Custodian Salaries	16,701.50	20200	19,587.66	20200
Custodian supplies & expenses	167.71		0.00	0
Interest and Banking Exp	160.20		394.77	250
Maintenance-Church	3,192.66	22000	13,012.13	22000
Maintenance-Parsonage	0.00	10000	1,213.01	10500
Property Insurance	6,866.64	6800	6,654.96	6700
Property Taxes	1,066.23	1500	1,085.60	1500
Utilities (Church)	8,907.24	12000	10,718.66	12000
<b>Total FACILITY</b>	<b>37,062.18</b>	<b>72500</b>	<b>52,666.79</b>	<b>73150</b>
<b>LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT</b>				
Leadership Empowerment Fund	200.00	750	509.46	750
Ministry Summit	188.50	500	200.00	500
<b>Total LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>388.50</b>	<b>1250</b>	<b>709.46</b>	<b>1250</b>
<b>· DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION- LOCAL</b>				
<b>Cadets</b>				
· Youth Leader Expenses	793.59	1200	469.35	1800
· GEMS	67.90	1500	1,500.00	1500
· Kid Connection & Childrens Wp	67.83	250	234.90	500
· Shalem-Con. Assistance Plan	4,386.24	5500	5,529.16	3700
· Youth Leader Salary	0.00	20500	10,230.75	20500
· Coffee Break and Story Hour	217.72	1000	788.19	1000
· Education(events,speakers,res.)	0.00	1000	300.00	1000
· Library	204.88	300	72.68	300
· Funds local Mission Initiatives	0.00	500	360.00	1000
· Faith Formation	586.41	500	507.46	500
<b>Total · DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION- LOCAL</b>	<b>6,324.57</b>	<b>33350</b>	<b>19,972.49</b>	<b>33100</b>
<b>· PASTOR</b>				
· Salary	67,893.22	63000	62,636.54	63000
· Clergy Housing Allowance	28,000.18	28000	10,769.30	
· Pension	9,840.00	10000	9,840.00	10000
· Benefits	4,790.28	5000	5,573.64	5000
· Housing (parsonage utilities)	0.00	1200	1,584.70	3000
· Professional Expenses	893.58	2000	1,343.79	2000
· Mileage Reimbursement	1,720.37	2000	952.02	2000
<b>Total · PASTOR</b>	<b>113,137.63</b>	<b>111200</b>	<b>92,901.99</b>	<b>85000</b>
<b>· WORSHIP</b>				
· Audio Visual	5,613.20	3000	0.00	3000
· Guest Preacher Stipends	1,437.60	2000	3,091.82	1000
· Worship Resources	813.07	1500	902.36	2000
· WORSHIP - Other	0.00		1,488.20	
<b>Total · WORSHIP</b>	<b>7,863.87</b>	<b>6500</b>	<b>5,482.38</b>	<b>6000</b>
<b>· DISCIPLESHIP/MISSION DENOMINATI</b>				
· Diaconal Ministry Canada	1,209.00	1000		500
· Classical Ministry Shares	10,600.00	7716	7,416.94	8500
· Denomination Min. Shares	43,800.00	43000	38,400.00	39200
<b>Total · DISCIPLESHIP/MISSION DENOMINATI</b>	<b>55,609.00</b>	<b>51716</b>	<b>45,816.94</b>	<b>48200</b>

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	BUDGET		BUDGET	
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· z SPECIAL OFFERINGS				
A Place Called Home	1,552.30		702.15	
Back to God Hour	224.10		507.00	
BOAT- Bibles Open Action Taken	0.00		773.05	
Calvin Seminary	340.30		383.15	
Calvinist Cadet Corps.	650.75		0.00	
Center Church	1,077.90		250.00	
Community Soup Kitchen	460.00		895.00	
CRCNA - Chaplaincy and Care	330.00		0.00	
CRCNA - Home Missions General	0.00		150.00	
CRCNA - Indigenlous Ministry	745.00		483.00	
CRCNA - Prison Ministry	639.00		0.00	
CRCNA - Race Relations	920.40		357.00	
CRCNA - Safe Church Plant	321.55		0.00	
CRCNA - Social Justice	412.00		507.50	
CRCNA Beruit Diaster	120.00		0.00	
CRCNA Disability Concerns	435.00		425.30	
CRCNA Operation Manna	0.00		611.00	
CRCNC Home Missions	0.00		825.05	
Crossroads Ministries	355.00		691.30	
Diaconal Ministries - New Groun	129.10		0.00	
Durham Christian High School	917.00		807.90	
Dynamic Youth Ministry - Cadets	629.00		988.45	
Fairview Baptist Church	572.00		799.00	
Faith Formation Ministries	244.00		204.80	
GEMS Girls' Clubs	437.90		0.00	
Global Resonate - Kalloway	263.00		547.60	
Habitat for Humanity - Lindsay	0.00		432.50	
Kawartha Lakes Food Source	2,839.50		1,366.25	
Kawartha Mission	1,091.00		804.80	
Kawartha Pregnancy Centre	1,845.40		1,361.30	
Lighthouse Centre	2,110.00		559.50	
Operation Manna	387.00		487.15	
Redeemer University	0.00		551.66	
Resonate Global Mission	541.10		2,216.55	
Teen Challenge	370.00		775.35	
The Ministry To Seafarers	540.00		738.00	
World Renew	2,177.60		1,157.12	
World Renew- Vandenberg	1,167.10		1,633.45	
World Renew-Disaster Response	0.00		3,818.50	
World Renew-World Hunger	1,512.35		1,167.00	
World Renew - Child Care	0.00		609.55	
World Renew - Crickmore	315.00		1,521.80	
World Renew - Refugee Canada	40.00		770.00	
World Renew - World Hunger PF	54.00		0.00	
World Renew -Shella Dykstra	0.00		616.10	
World RenewCan. Food Grain Bank	2,183.00		550.00	
Youth Unlimited	0.00		440.00	
Deacons	7,273.50		3,966.75	
Heritage Christian School	6,545.80		6,249.30	
<b>Total · z SPECIAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>42,767.65</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>42,700.87</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>293,969.40</b>	<b>310,716.00</b>	<b>295,007.49</b>	<b>280,900.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>7,136.16</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-3,067.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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	BUDGET	BUDGET
<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>	2020	<u>Jan - Dec 19</u>
		2019

RC Building Enhancement Fund  
cial Report as at December 31, 2020

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	BUDGET	BUDGET
<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>	2020	<u>Jan - Dec 19</u>
		2019

Total of ALL cash received up to December 31, 2020	\$209,957.73	
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Phase 1 expenses paid in 2020		\$ 8,984.26*
Phase 2 expenses paid in 2020		\$ 44,021.79*
Total of ALL expenses paid up to December 31, 2020	\$166,669.75*	
*NOTE- These amounts <u>include HST</u> paid at the point of purchase.		
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Building Enhancement Fund cash in bank as at December 31, 2020		\$43,287.98

