

Dear congregation,

Due to increasing government restrictions and in the interest of protecting everyone in our church and communities, the church will be closed to all visitors until further notice. This means that no one will be allowed to drop off or pick up anything in the building.

Pastor Gregg, Pastor Joe, the elders and deacons will remain available by phone and email. We will update you when we have more information.

Please stay home, stay safe, and keep our loved ones safe. We are in this together.

God bless, Pastor Gregg

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www.williamsburgcrc.org 12436 Cty. Rd. 18, Williamsburg, ON 613-535-2227 You are welcome to join our live-stream on face-book Sundays at 9:30am. Just click the "streaming live" link on the homepage of our website and request to join the group.

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NEW MESSAGE

We have had to make some changes to our phone in access for Sunday mornings.

Unfortunately we no longer have a toll free number so long distance charges will apply.

Try to call in a few minutes before the service start time, but if you're running late, please still join us - you won't disturb the call.

The new number to dial is:

1-647-558-0588 (some of you used this new number on Easter Sunday)

The automated greeting will ask you for your meeting ID (this has also CHANGED)

Enter 613-705-3094 on your phone keypad, followed by the # key (which is referred to as the pound key)

It will ask you for your participant number. Enter # (pound) again.

Tanya Geertsema will be there to greet you, and you can listen to the whole service on your phone.

When the service starts, she will mute your line so you don't have to worry about any background noise disrupting the call.

Looking forward to worshipping with you!

Prayer items

- We're thankful that Derrick Noort had successful surgery on his liver and is now recovering at home.
- We celebrate with Chris and Nicole Johnson with the safe arrival of a new son Levi last Thursday. He joins big brothers Mark and Theo. The family is adjusting well in this time.
- We continue to lift up in prayer the people and items listed in the prayer guide (that's found on the website homepage). We especially remember those working on the front line and those struggling with mental health and financial challenges.

Second offering: During this time of Covid-19, the second offering will be for the Benevolent Fund so that families in the congregation and in the community can be helped when needed. Also, the deacons are using this fund to support the local food bank.

Council/executive: The executive met this past week via ZOOM and council will meet on Tuesday, April 21 via ZOOM. The agenda will include nominations for new elders and deacons, the spring congregational meeting and how to best continue effective ministry in this time of pandemic. Do not hesitate to call the pastors, the deacons or the elders. Please pray for wisdom for the council members as they meet on Tuesday.

Today devotional/The Banner: These will be distributed to all homes in the congregation either by placing them in your mailbox or hanging them on your front door.

Council Meeting - Tuesday, 7:30pm on Zoom (see email from Pastor Joe for invite)

Youth Group - Wednesday, 7:30pm on Zoom

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

2 Thessalonians 3:3 I NIV

1 Thessalonians Preaching Series

Pastor Gregg and Pastor Joe are set to begin on April 26th, a new preaching series on the letter of 1 Thessalonians. The apostle Paul wrote this letter, one of his first, to his beloved friends in Thessalonica to encourage then in the faith and to strengthen their hope in view of Christs imminent return. And while the letter was written some time ago, and Christ has still not returned, our benefits from this letter are unchanged and still applicable as God empowers productive, Godly lives as believers wait for the Lord's return.



- 23 Tim Van'tFoort
- 24 Chris Johnson
- 25 Greg Yogurtian

Next Week -

- 26 Derrik Jansen
- 28 Jordan Geertsema
- 29 Claire Haayema Emily Tibben

May

Tony VanderVeen

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays over 70 years of age. Wishing you God's continued blessing as you celebrate.

Congratulations to: April Dietrich - 74.4

Dear Congregation

We are thankful for funds received while we've been unable to physically gather to worship our Lord. We pray your giving will continue to support the work our church is doing in Williamsburg and abroad.

At the end of April, a more detailed statement will be provided.

Thank you and God bless you all.

TCS Spring Bazaar: We regret to inform you that the annual bazaar is cancelled for this year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to be mindful of our community and to help stop the spread of this virus. We encourage anyone who would have donated towards the Bazaar. to instead consider donating towards the TCS Spring Drive, which will run from April 19th until May 31st. All donations will receive a charity receipt, and will help support the running of the school. Although the teachers and students have been prevented from attending class, teaching is still happening each day through distance learning, in partnership between the school and home. Please help support the teachers and school in this way. Thank you - the Bazaar Committee

MORE INFORMATION RE TITHES AND OFFERINGS DUR-ING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: Our church continues to function even though we cannot gather together on Sunday mornings for worship. As a result, there are still bills to pay and commitments to meet. Some of the congregation may be having a difficult time financially while others still have their regular income. If you are still able to give to God's ongoing work in and through our church, five different options are available:

- 1.PAR monthly giving: PAR is managed by the CRCNA and is a means of direct monthly transfer from your bank account to our church's bank account. All funds received go toward the annual budget of the church and/or the benevolent fund. You must specify which fund your donation is for. There is no fee for this service. You can access the application form at the church website or ask for one. The application is given to R. Van Gilst who sends it to the CRCNA office. The application must be received at the denominational office by the 10th of the month and the withdrawal happens on the 20th.
- 2. Cheques can be mailed to the church. The mail is picked up regularly and the cheques will be recorded and deposited in a secure and healthy way. The cheque must specify which cause the funds are for.
- 3.Donations can be sent by e-transfer to a dedicated email address, wcrcdonate@gmail.com, that deposits funds only to the church bank account. The person sending the e-transfer will be identified on the bank transaction and will receive a donation receipt from the church.
- 4. The denomination has set up another means of giving via the denominational website, www.crcna/ChurchGiving. The funds are given to the denomination which then also issues the receipt. The denomination then forwards the funds to the local church with a list of the donors. The gift can be given by automatic bank withdrawal or by credit card. The credit card donation would have some fees.

5.If you wish to donate by cash, please contact the clerk and he will arrange a pick-up and give you a receipt. Please indicate what cause your gift is for.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of council.