# August 23, 2020 Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church

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# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRIES -

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## Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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#### Service Elder Schedule

Aug 23 Dan S. Ype V.Aug 31 Ype V. Harold D.Sep 2 Harold D. John M.

#### **Second Collection Schedule:**

Aug 23 Friendship group

Aug 30 Ontario Alliance of Christian

Sep 6 Redemeer Christian High School - Transportation

Sep 13 GEMS

Sep 20 Cadets

Sep 27 TCS F.A.C.E.

Oct 4 Harvest House

Oct 10 World Renew

Oct 11 Community Foos Share

Oct 18 Christian Blind Mission

Oct 25 Resonate Global Mission

Nov 1 Bible League

Nov 8 Camp Adoni

Nov 15 Ottawa Christian Reformed Campus Chaplaincy

#### **Pastor Gregg**

#### Call to worship

### Greeting

# Children's message

I belong

#### **Confession and Assurance**

#### **Announcements**

### **Congregational Prayer**

#### Sermon

You Asked for it It's About Belonging Colossians 2:6-15

#### **Affirmation**

Lord's Day One

#### **Blessing**

# Prayers this week

- Please pray for Taylor Douma, daughter of Thomas and Michelle, as she is scheduled for open heart surgery on Aug 27th.
- We continue to lift up the Harbers, Schuler family with the passing of Bill Harbers.
- We lift up John VanBruinessen as he goes through radiation treatments for the near future and Marguerite as she deals with liver cancer as well.
- We think of others struggling with daily aches and pains, loneliness, and the effects of old age.
- We remember those who have fallen lately and pray for their speedy recovery
- We pray for those who are traveling that they may be safe on the roads and that they may return to us rested and refreshed
- We pray for the new leaders in our church that will be installed on September 13th
- We pray for our council, pastors and committees as they imagine what church looks like in the new normal of COVID.
- We pray that we may be one, as God is one.



#### This Week - August

- 23 Ayla Vreman
- 26 Gayla Postma Stan Tibben
- 27 Alex Noort
- 29 Brent Geertsema

#### Next Week -

30 Mike Luchies

#### September

- Amanda TerHorst
- 2 Jennifer Noort
- 4 William De Jong Lisa Guthrie Lia TerHorst
- 5 Tim VanGilst

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

Congratulations to Mike Luchies

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# Collected during last two weeks through CRCDonate:

P.A.R. for Aug 2020 (budget)

| Budget                       | 3,370.00 |
|------------------------------|----------|
| OCRCC                        | 100.00   |
| Foodgrains bank              | 50.00    |
| Community Food Share         | 100.00   |
| Friendship Group             | 60.00    |
| OACS                         | 20.00    |
| Moses & Karen Lubbers - Odel | 200.00   |
|                              | 3,900.00 |
|                              |          |

\$6,980

Studying at University in Ottawa this Fall? (Virtually or In-Person) – The Ottawa Christian Reformed Campus Chaplaincy (OCRCC) invites you to join with us for in-person and virtual opportunities for Christian community. Our students are creatively thinking about ways that we can connect. We want students to enjoy friendships, faith formation and vocational reflection together, even if they're working from home. Check out the Video message from returning students inviting you to join our community. Go to ocrcampuschaplaincy. org for more information.

# Urgently needed - Bulletin secretary ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS Here is an oppurtuninty to get your VOLUNTEER HOURS!!

This volunteer position requires a few hours every week and gives you the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the flow of communication within our church. You do not need to be creative, and you can use any program that you are familiar with.

Please prayerfully consider this and open your heart to God's call.

Please contact Pastor Gregg or Pastor Joe.

## **Youth Group Campfire!**

All youth, including those starting grade 9, are invited to Chris Johnson's home for hotdogs and smores around a warm campfire on Wednesday Sept 2 from 7-9pm. Bring your lawn chair and roasting stick, food and drink will be provided. If you have any questions, talk to Pastor Joe.

Timothy Christian School is looking for a part time temporary custodian to do some extra cleaning during this time of Covid. The position is approximately one hour each day, to be done after school hours. For more information or to apply for the position, please contact the principal, Heidi Blokland at principal@tcswilliamsburg.ca

#### **Council Update**

In a typical year the summer months are usually pretty slow for council, but this year is anything but typical and council has been meeting regularly to oversee the business of the church.

COVID 19, the isolation and the shut down of many of our services has presented different challenges to the council and delayed action of some others. The selection and installation of new office bearers was one such action that was delayed. In august we drew by lots three new elders and one new deacon, however, Tim Van Gilst informed council that he was unable at this time to take office. After some prayerful consideration, council acquiesced to Tim's request.

In response to this action, and because of the un-typical way this year has unfolded, Council has asked Peter Venema to continue his leadership as a deacon for an additional year. The deacons will now have this season to develop a plan to remediate the terms in office and create a plan to move forward. Council would like to thank Peter for His willingness to serve.

Installation of our new elders will take place during the September 13th service.

Representatives of the Re-opening committee (a committee working to explore ways to reopen our Sunday morning services) reported that guidelines and restrictions provided by the Easter Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) continue to evolve and impact the work of the committee. Revised guidelines we presented to Council and approved for distribution; Pastor Gregg will be providing updates to the congregation.

The council had a lengthy discussion regarding what will happen in the fall. Our mutual desire to gather and have fellowship continues to be a priority however we must consider that for the time being, this is our new normal. And so, with this in mind, council and all committees have been asked to consider what our church, it's programs and services will look like going forward and how we can continue to do the good work of the church, within the restrictions and limitation of our guidelines.

As our final piece of business this month, council wholeheartedly welcomed the membership of Karen Lawson from Bethany CRC.