Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church May 24, 2020

AND WHY DO YOU **WORRY ABOUT CLOTHES?** SEE HOW THE FLOWERS OF THE FIELD GROW. THEY DO NOT LABOR OR SPIN. . THEREFORE DO NOT WORRY **ABOUT TOMORROW.** FOR TOMORROW WILL WORRY ABOUT ITSELF. **EACH DAY HAS ENOUGH** TROUBLE OF ITS OWN.

Dear Congregation,

As we continue in our isolation, physical distancing, and a closed church, we remain apart while being united in the Spirt and in God's love. We praise God that we have been able to stay united in our weekly worship in new and creative ways.

All are encouraged to support one another with emails, cards, video chats and phone calls. We thank God for warmer weather and the opportunities to do driveway visits and some outdoor activities. As always, Pastor Gregg, Pastor Joe, the Elders, and Deacons remain available by phone and email.

As a council we are continuing to monitor municipal, provincial, and federal guidelines regarding re-opening, and we wait with great anticipation for the day that we can begin to resume our in-person gatherings.

Please stay home, stay safe, and keep our church family and loved ones in your prayers. 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 facebook 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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Phone-in to listen to the services

If you would like to listen to the service on your phone, feel free to call in a few minutes prior to 9:30, but if you're late that is totally fine too. Here are the steps:

(1) Dial: 1-647-558-0588 and wait for automated greeting

(2) Enter Meeting ID: 613-705-3094 followed by the pound key (#)

(3) Participant Number: Enter pound key (#) again

(4) Then Tanya Geertsema will be there to greet you and you can listen to the whole service on your phone. She will mute your line so don't worry about any background noise.

This phone call is not toll-free. If you have any issues call Tanya at 613-448-2200. Looking forward to having you worship with us.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PAN-DEMIC: 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: PAR, cheques, e-transfers, giving via the denomination and cash donations. Please see the bulletins of April 12 and 19 for more information or contact the clerk. We thank all those whose giving to God's kingdom work has continued despite Covid-19.

Pastor Gregg Open

Call to worship —based on Hebrews 4:14; Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,[a] Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. —Revelation 5:10, 12 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Greeting —based on Revelation 1:4-5

Children's moment What is a name?

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Sermon The End, But Not Really 1 Thessalonians 4:12-18

Affirmation of faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q7A 49

Blessing

Prayer items -

• We remember this past week was Ascension Day.

• we pray for strength and patience as the physical distancing takes a toll on us, causing events, plans and daily interactions to be modified or cancelled.

• we give thanks for farmers and the crops being planted and pray for the sunshine and rain in its time, and safety in their work.

Help Needed

Though it seems that summer is still some time away, it will be upon us soon enough and we need your HELP. Pastor Gregg and Pastor Joe are planning a summer series called "**YOU ASKED FOR IT**". And, as the name implies, we need your questions! We are looking for your questions on any subject, any theological issue, any biblical text, anything burning on your heart, and we will develop a sermon series for the summer to answer these questions. No question is to big, no question is to small. Please forward you questions to Pastor Gregg by email, lawson9950@gmail.com or by text or call 613-438-4774.

Book of Acts Reading Plan

If you've followed the daily plan, you should be completing your reading of Acts this week. Hopefully you've seen from this book how the Holy Spirit works his salvation in people's lives despite huge hurdles and challenges and that you are encouraged since this is the same Holy Spirit at work today.

MONDAY

Young Adult Zoom Meeting

Tomorrow, Monday May 25, 7pm is a meeting for all young adults who'd simply like to hang out together. Pastor Joe has the zoom meeting infoplease text or email him if you haven't received it and would like to join.

TUESDAY Elders Meeting 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Youth Group - Wednesday, 7:30pm on zoom We conclude our series "God and suffering" this week and plan to continue to meet on Wednesday nights until the summer. HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

This Week - May

26 Tyler Harbers

Elias Staal

24 Carter Groeneveld 25 Jessica VanderVeen



Next Week -

28 Anjo Norg

29 Joel DeVries

30 John De Jong

31 Josh Geertsema Theo TerHorst

John Guthrie

- 1 Megan Martel
- 2 Brenda De Jong
- 3 Katelin DeVries
- 4 Kathryn Mulder Eric Tibben

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

Congratulations to: Theo TerHorst - 82

Collections for past two weeks:

Budget	\$7,570.00
Benevolent fund:	\$994.50
P.A.R for May 2020	\$7,915.00

Thank you to all who phoned, emailed, sent cards or made a (distancing) visit after the recent loss of my brother, Joe. Your love & caring is GREATLY appreciated. -- Janet Cousins

- 9-11 These were his last words. As they watched, he was taken up and disappeared in a cloud. They stood there, staring into the empty sky. Suddenly two men appeared-in white robes! They said, "You Galileans!-why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky? This very Jesus who was taken up from among you to heaven will come as certainly-and mysteriously-as he left."

> Spring Drive: The Annual Timothy Christian School Spring Drive is well underway and we are almost halfway (\$32,000) to our goal of \$65'000! Thank you so much for all who have donated already and continue to support Christian education in this way. Our goal is higher this year, as with the cancellation of our Annual Bazaar, this is the only fundraiser we will have this spring. The Drive will continue until May 31 and donations can either be mailed to the school at Box 179 Williamsburg ON K0C 2H0 or by e-mail transfer to office@tcswilliamsburg.ca. We thank you for your continued support!

> Job Opportunity at Timothy Christian School: TCS has an opening for a part time teacher in the Intermediate and/or Senior Grades. This position is a 40% position beginning September 2020. If you are a qualified teacher and are interested in working at Timothy Christian School, please email your cover letter, resume and statement of faith to Heidi Blokland at heidi.blokland@tcswilliamsburg.ca. Closing date is June 15, 2020.