

Iron Springs Christian Reformed Church
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Iron Springs CRC Vision Statement

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we strive to be a caring, Christ centered community of believers, nurturing spiritual growth and sharing God's love at home, work and abroad.



Welcome to our worship service at Iron Springs CRC. Today we welcome Pastor Jack Vande Hoef, former pastor of Iron Springs CRC. Please join us for coffee and juice in the fellowship hall after the service.

Birthdays This Week: Tuesday: Ed S, Nadia V **Wednesday:** Taylor V, Henry H, Aubrey K **Saturday:** April H

Iron Springs Christian Reformed Church
Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Opening Songs

What the Lord Has Done

Red p. 4

God of Wonders

Red p. 800

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each other

Song of Praise

God's Wondrous Grace

Red p. 690

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Song of assurance

Cornerstone

Offering & Prayer

Children's Message

Children's Song

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Red p. 610

(Children grades 2 and under leave for Sunday School)

Song of Preparation

Speak Oh Lord

Red p. 755

Prayer for God's Leading

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:1-2, 4:1,7

Message

Resurrection: It Grows on You

Song of Response

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone Red p. 693

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

*Closing Song

How Great Thou Art

Red p. 553

*God's Blessing

*Parting Song

My Friends May You Grow

Red p. 938

****You are invited to stand***

Church Calendar

Today Sunday School for Grades 2 and under during the AM service

Young People's meeting at Dave & Julia's, 7:00. Shaun's turn to bring snack.

Thurs Syrian Orthodox priest & refugee visit at Lethbridge MC, 7:00pm

Sat GEMS Rally at Granum CRC, 9:00am

	Today	Next Week	April 29
Serving Elder	Gys VandenPol	Delbert Vossebelt	Alina Stronks
Ushers	Mike V Karen K	Heidi S Heike V	Brendan S Brent V
Greeters	Brent & Cara VZ	Larry & Barb D	Annie V, Bonnie S
Coffee	Len & Nancy N	Lorna R, John & Bertha VZ	Gary & Anne W
Nursery	Glorianna, Ethan, Tyson, Colton	Elinor, Emily, Thomas, Paige	Nancie, Jarno, Noah, Denver
Sunday School (Ages 3&4)	Matt Denver	Mike V Levi	Annie Shaun
Sunday School (K & Grade 1)	Landen Jarno	Gerbrand Emily	Jackie Jayden
Library	Nancy	Candace	Chris
Children's Message	Leighton		
Alberta Rose	Bill & Alina S Tony & Karen K		Sr. High Youth
Piyami Lodge	Tanis Timmermans		

Church family

Recent events across the world have affected many of us. As believers, our hearts should break for what breaks Jesus' heart, and we mourn with those who mourn. But as we do—keeping our eyes on Jesus by praying and staying in God's Word, we can find hope for the future.

With God's protection and guidance we should be able to conquer fears and live a life full of courage. It is God that commands us to have courage, for having courage means having faith and confidence in Him. Through scripture we can find the courage God desires us to have. As we keep everybody in our prayers who are in need and ask for the presence of Gods spirit in their lives.

Deacons

April 15 Sudanese Relief Fund: Civil war is a real problem in the Sudan and has become so dangerous that many missionaries have left the Sudan. Corruption has made it extremely difficult for funds to reach the people who need help.

As a church we have decided to have a special offering for the cause in Sudan. Cheques can be made out to Iron Springs Church Sudanese relief.

April 22 World Renew : Compelled by God's deep passion for justice & mercy, we join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation.

April 29 Gems and Cadets local: The mission of GEMS Girls' Clubs is to help bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Our vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others. The Calvinist Cadet Corps is a non-denominational youth ministry organization whose purpose is to provide the local church with ministry programs that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys from their church and community.

Dear Iron Springs,

The students of **Immanuel Christian Schools** would like to thank you for your recent donation toward Christian Education in southern Alberta. The mission of Immanuel Christian Schools is to provide a Christian environment in which God calls all his children to develop and use their gifts for joyful service in His Kingdom. With the help of gifts from supporting churches, we are able to fulfill our mission. Thanks again!

In His Service, Richard Veluw, Board Chair

Council, together with the congregation, looks forward to welcoming Pastor Ralph and Anne Koops to Iron Springs in the near future. Ralph and Anne are no strangers to many of us. They ministered here let's say... a few years ago! They continue to be very active in their church community and have experience in transitional ministries. They look forward to being here Sunday April 29, the Lord willing, and staying with us through Sunday May 26.

Iron Springs News

From the Refugee Committee

Please come on out to Lethbridge Mennonite Church on **Thursday, April 19 at 7 pm** to hear Father Lukas Awad talk about how Orthodox Christian churches are coping with the situation in Syria. Father Lukas is the Syrian Orthodox priest who was introduced to Lethbridge Mennonite Church via MCC's Planting Peace Program in 2015. He is presently touring Alberta to visit the families from his parish who have settled as refugees across Alberta, including our Syrian friends here in Lethbridge. Refreshments and conversation to follow Father Lukas's presentation

GEMS Rally is this Saturday, April 21, at Granum CRC starting at 9:00 am.

Ladies Save the Date: Sunday, May 27th we'll have a ladies night. Come out for fun, food, fellowship and inspiration. Bring a friend and stay posted for more information.

Classis Minutes from the March 9 meeting are available. Please email April if you'd like an electronic or physical copy.

Area News

The Lethbridge Christian Women's Choir and the Lethbridge Christian Men's Choir will be performing their **spring concert** on Friday, April 20, beginning at 7:30PM at Trinity Reformed Church, 1100 - 40th Ave North. A freewill offering will be taken.

The **Watoto Children's Choir** performs at Lethbridge First Baptist Church (1614 - 5 Ave. S.) on April 20 as part of their "Signs & Wonders" tour. The choir, whose members are orphans and other vulnerable children, present new worship music from Watoto Church in Uganda. Join us for a fun and family-friendly musical event. Admission is free, but there will be opportunities to donate to Watoto's ministry.

Picture Butte Mennonite Church Youth Group invites you to come join for a **praise and worship night** on Saturday, April 21. Doors open at 6:00 PM, event begins at 6:30 PM. This is an evening hosted by the youth group full of worship music, drama, testimonies and more. Following the program there will be a bake sale a to help support the youth. Text or call Frank Bueckert at (403) 485 - 1682 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Immanuel Christian School

Immanuel Christian Elementary School invites you to a **Kindergarten and Early Education Info Night** on Monday, April 23, 7:00-8:30pm. If you have a child registered or are curious about these programs, please attend an information session: Kindergarten (7-7:45pm) and/or Early Education (7:45-8:30pm).

Spiritual Disciplines Workshop

Granum CRC invites you to join in their spiritual disciplines Workshop on Saturday, April 28. Mauricio Rosa, of Promise Keepers Canada, will help lead why we should develop spiritual disciplines, key disciplines to develop, and how to develop them. Registration is \$25.00 and includes breakfast. To register phone 1-888-901-9700 or visit promisekeepers.ca by April 24.

Ravi Zacharias International Ministries

(RZIM) is asking the question “How can Christians engage culture without coming across as oppressive or ignorant?”

They’ll explore this, and other questions about to clarify a culture of confusion at a July 18-21 Summit in Toronto.

For local participation RZIM has resources available online for “hot topics” including: suffering, science, sexuality, identity, tolerance, and justice. Email the church office (ironspringscsrc@yahoo.ca) for these short video resources.

Grief and Recovery Training

Statistics show that 1 in 6 women in the church have had an abortion. If you have a heart for women who have had an abortion as part of their story and are interested in learning more about journeying alongside them, the Lethbridge Pregnancy Care Centre will be offering Living in Color post-abortion recovery training on May 4th and 5th. The knowledge and skills gained from this program can easily be used for processing any type of grief and are applicable in a group or individual setting. This training is being offered at a reduced rate of \$75/per participant. Contact kathy@lethbridgepregcentre.com for more information

Advanced Calendar

April 15-	Pastor Jack VandeHoef
April 19-	Refugee Night @ LMC
April 20-	Watoto Children’sChoir Concert at Trinity URC
April 21-	GEMS Rally in Granum PBMC Worship Night
April 22-	Pastor Bryan Lanting
April 23-	ICS Early Ed Info Night
April 28-	Spiritual Disciplines Workshop
April 29-	Pastor Koops’ 1 st week
May 4&5-	Living in Color Training
May 7-	ICS Society Meeting
May 27-	Ladies Night
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June 2-	HIKE FOR LIFE
June 9-	Target Hunger
June 23-	Word & Deed Softball Tournament

Prayer Updates from Steve Sywulka

Praise:

- The kids enjoyed a break from school during Easter. They joined me on a couple of day trips for my work. We have started reading *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* together.
- Training events at our office have been helping people from many organizations to learn. In March we completed Project Management for Development training and many people passed the exam. This week we are learning about Truth Centered Transformation...replacing the lies of the world with God's truth.
- The staffing challenges we were facing have settled down
- This past Monday I was able to visit some villages and hear many encouraging stories from our work...how the churches are reaching out to bring about change in their communities. One church was instrumental in planting 7500 trees in their area.

Pray:

- I will be traveling away from the family a lot this month. Tomorrow I head North with a team of people to evaluate the church in community programs in that area.

Pray for energy, and wisdom as we interact with many communities.

Pray for protection as we travel many miles, including some bad roads

Pray especially for Beth and the kids who will stay in the city. Beth has been experiencing a lot of physical pain this week, which makes it difficult to do even basic things around the house.

- Pray that we will grow closer to Christ and reflect Him each moment of every day, starting in our family and then outward.
- Pray that God will lead us to the right local church...we are still alternating between three.
- Pray that we will learn Chichewa quickly and well. It's going very slowly..

You're welcome to use the additional space for sermon notes

