

**Iron Springs Christian Reformed Church**  
**April 22, 2018**



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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 back Pastor Bryan Lanting. Please join us for coffee and juice in the fellowship hall after the service.

**Birthdays this Week: Monday:** Clara S, Emily R **Tuesday:** Silia V **Thursday:** Luuk J **Friday:** Marie V, Zachary R **Sunday:** Derek P, Dean S

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**Welcome**

Call to Worship	Isaiah 55:1-6
*Opening Songs	How Great is Our God Shout to the Lord
*God's Greeting	1 Peter 1:1-2
Silent Prayer concluded in	More Precious Than Silver

**Time of Confession**

Call to Confession	Daniel 9:4-10
Prayer	

**Assurance**

Song of Assurance	Ephesians 2:1-10
Offering & Prayer	Power of Your World Renew

Children's Prayer	
Song of Preparation	Sometimes by Step
	<i>(children grade 2 and under leave for Sunday School)</i>

Prayer for God's Leading	
Scripture Reading	Genesis 32:22-32
<b>Message</b>	<b>The God Who Cripples</b>

Song of Response	Seek Ye First
Announcements	
Congregational Prayer	

*Closing Song	Shine on Us
*God's Blessing	Numbers 6:24-26
*Parting Song	My Friends May You Grow in Grace

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

## **Church Calendar**

**Today** Congregational Meeting following morning service

Sunday School for Grades 2 and under during the AM service

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Week</b>	<b>May 6</b>
<b>Serving Elder</b>	Delbert Vossebelt	Alina Stronks	Helen Baarda
<b>Ushers</b>	Heidi S Heike V	Brendan S Brent V	Tany R Alina S
<b>Greeters</b>	Larry & Barb D	Annie V, Bonnie S	Ed & Chris S
<b>Coffee</b>	Lorna R, John & Bertha VZ	Gary & Anne W	Larry & Barb D
<b>Nursery</b>	Elinor, Emily, Thomas, Paige	Nancie, Jarno, Noah, Denver	Arlene, Mark, Rik, Clara
<b>Sunday School (Ages 3&amp;4)</b>	Mike V Levi	Annie Shaun	Annie Larissa
<b>Sunday School (K &amp; Grade 1)</b>	Gerbrand Emily	Jackie Jayden	Jackie Ian
<b>Library</b>	Candace	Chris	Karen
<b>Children's Message</b>			Gabi & Aubrey K
<b>Alberta Rose</b>		Sr. High Youth	
<b>Piyami Lodge</b>			Bible Study

## **Church family**

Snow is melting, temperatures are rising, and puddles are drying up! Spring has finally Sprung!! For believers spring reminds us that God is all about new beginnings. In fact, Jesus promised to make everything new one day (Revelations 21:5) Let us thank God for giving us new beginnings. Sometimes we feel as though we are worn out and spent, but thankfully God always has a plan for us and lets us start over.

In celebration of spring we'd also like to thank all the snow removers who kept our parking lot and walkways clear for church each week.

## **Deacons**

**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.

To the congregation of Iron Springs CRC: World Renew would like to extend our deep appreciation to your church for your gifts of \$9,545.00 received in Winter 2018 for our Program fund (where needed most), community development work in Niger and Canadian Foodgrains Bank projects. Through your support, World Renew is able to support communities through poverty, disaster and injustice-- and God is changing stories of hardship into stories of hope. May you continue in your eagerness to do good, spurred on by the gift of new life freely given to us by Christ's redemption on the cross (Titus 2:14). To stay connected to the transformation taking place through World Renew, visit [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net) and sign-up for our e-news.

**Council**, together with the congregation, looks forward to welcoming Pastor Ralph and Anne Koops to Iron Springs next week. 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.

My Reformed Identity Shapes My Life: you may have asked yourself. “What difference does being Reformed really make?” Our Reformed identity is much more than a set of theological principals. It’s a biblically based framework for building a life that’s deep and rich and shaped by the knowledge that “I am not my own, but belong- body and soul in life and in death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.” **Council would like to invite the congregation to a Sunday evening interactive, intergenerational discussion about our faith. We plan to start April 29 beginning at 7:00 and run for 3-4 weeks.**

### **Iron Springs News**

All members are asked to please stay for a brief congregational meeting immediately following the service today. This will be for a time of council nominations. We pray that God surround this nomination process today and moving forward.

There is no Young People's this week. Just a reminder that we will be going to ARSCH the following Sunday followed by a treat at DQ. Please meet at Dave and Julia's at 5:45 so we can make driving arrangements.

You’re invited to a local school board meeting on Tuesday May 1 at the church at 7:30 pm. We will be voting on a new school board member from our local, as Richard Veluw’s term is up. If you are willing to let your name stand to be on the school board, please let Richard or Naomi know.

**Ladies Save the NEW Date:** Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> we’ll have a ladies night. Come out for fun, food, fellowship and inspiration. Bring a friend and stay posted for more information.

### **Area News**

Cornerstone Community EFree Church in Picture Butte is hosting a speaker from Creation Ministries International on **May 10 at 7pm**. Creation Ministries main goal is to equip Christians with biblical and scientifically accurate responses to questions about the events in Genesis. The presentation will be a great outreach opportunity to invite family and friends to hear a Creation presentation. Please e-mail CornerstoneCommunityPB@gmail.com or call Mary at 403-795-4220 if you have any questions.

## Immanuel Christian School

Immanuel Christian Schools will celebrate Christian Education Week this week (April 30-May 4). During Christian Education Week, we give thanks to God that he has called us to kingdom citizenship and has given us Christian schools as places to advance that kingdom. Christian schools and their alumni bring the hope of God's kingdom to a broken world, and this week we celebrate the ways that these kingdom citizens shine the light of Christ wherever they are. We are grateful for the schools that foster that light.

In Matthew 6:33, Jesus reminds us of our call to the kingdom: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Christian schools allow us to be faithful to this calling, urging us and supporting us in our desire to live as model citizens and to cultivate the same in our children. God's kingdom is already at hand and is ever-advancing; within our Christian schools, we share this good news and prepare the next generation of disciples for service in God's kingdom. Our schools remind students (and all of us) to put the kingdom first. That is the mission of the Christian school and the reason to celebrate God's gift of Christian education today. During Christian Education Week, we remember what has been and look forward to a future where the kingdom is fully realized.

## 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](http://promisekeepers.ca) by April 24.

## Advanced Calendar

April 22-	Pastor Bryan Lanting
April 23-	ICS Early Ed Info Night
April 28-	Spiritual Disciplines Workshop
April 29-	Pastor Koops' 1 <sup>st</sup> week
May 1-	ISCRC local ICS meeting
May 4&5-	Living in Color Training
May 7-	ICS Society Meeting
May 10-	Creation Ministries
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June 2-	HIKE FOR LIFE
June 30-	Ladies Night
June 9-	Target Hunger
June 23-	Word & Deed Softball Tournament

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:kathy@lethbridgepregcentre.com) for more information.

**Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM)** is asking the question “How can Christians engage culture without coming across as oppressive or ignorant?” 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](mailto:ironspringscsrc@yahoo.ca)) for these short video resources.

### **From Resonate Global Mission**

Summer Youth Camp in Hungary - Your presence can make a difference in the life of Hungarian youth and the Hungarian church! From June 15-30, help lead two one-week VBS-style youth camps in Hungary for kids. Visit [ResonateGlobalMission.org/HungaryCamp](http://ResonateGlobalMission.org/HungaryCamp) for more information or to apply.

### **From World Renew**

Today is Refugee Sunday - Thank you for demonstrating the compassion of God by reaching out in support of refugees in need of protection and becoming loving neighbours to them. Your prayers and generous gifts have enabled World Renew’s Refugee Program to continue to assist churches as they respond to the many refugees in urgent need of protection. To find out more about refugee sponsorship and additional opportunities for your church to walk alongside refugees, go to [worldrenew.net/refugeesunday](http://worldrenew.net/refugeesunday) or contact Rebecca Walker at 905-336-2920.

