

**Iron Springs Christian Reformed Church
November 4, 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. Please join us for coffee, juice, and conversation in the fellowship hall after the service.

Today we welcome Pastor Ken VanderPloeg, from Taber CRC, to lead us in worship!

Birthdays this Week:

November 4

Welcome

Call to Worship

* Opening Songs

Rejoice in the Lord Always
Salvation Belongs to Our God

#228 Grey
#608 Red

*God Greeting

Silent Prayer (concluded with) Sanctuary

Confession/Assurance

Song of Response

The River

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Lethbridge Pregnancy Centre Monica Loewen

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation

Psalm 19 (May the Words of My Mouth)
(children grade 2 and under go to Sunday School)

Prayer for Gods Leading

Scripture

Philippians 4: 4 - 7

Message

Intercessory Prayer

*Song of Response

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

#897

Red

*God's Blessing

*Parting Song

Benediction

**If able, you're welcome to stand*

Church Calendar

Today Sunday School during the service for pre-school-entering Grade 2

Sunday School & Catechism meets directly after the service

Young People’s at Dave & Julia’s Kurt’s turn to bring snack

Mon Council Meeting at Church 7:30 pm

Wed Coffee Break meets at Cornerstone 10:00am

| | Nov 4 | Nov 11 | Nov 18 |
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| Serving Elder | Alina S | Helen B | |
| Ushers | Melissa V Esther R | MikeV Karen K | Heidi S Heike V |
| Greeters | John & Paulette | Jr. High Youth | Leighton & Elinor |
| Coffee | Arie & Gea V Tony & Hilda V | Bonnie S Ed & Evelyn V | Art & Joyce D Allan & Dorothy V |
| Nursery | Glorianna, Noah, Levi, Colton | Alaina, Rik, Denver, Paige | Deanna, Ella, Clara, Bryson |
| 3 year old Sunday School | Nancie Cohen | Nancie Nolan | Sarah Jesse |
| 4/5 year old Sunday School | Marie Jamie | Marie Zachary | Annie Thomas |
| Library | Nancy | Candace | Chris |
| Children’s Message | Helen | | Aubrey & Gabi K |
| Alberta Rose | | | Sr. High Youth |
| Piyami Lodge | Dronkelaar Family | | Henry & Willemien S Audrey K |

Church Family

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Thank you, Lord, for covering us with your Grace, as we go about our daily lives.

Be with the shut ins, with those who are weak, the very

young, the seniors, and everyone in between. May we as a church family reach out. Some are celebrating birthdays, some need encouragement, others need to hear a kind word, some are mourning. We all need your Amazing Grace. Help us to be thankful for your

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Deacons

November 4 Budget and Missions- Thank you for your continued, faithful giving towards our church budget. As of October 8 we are at a deficit of \$16800.00. Continue to keep our many missionaries in your daily prayers as they go out to preach the gospel.

November 11: Back to God Ministries International- Back to God Ministries International began more than 75 years ago with a three-fold mission: Proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, Help followers of Jesus grow in their faith and Strengthen the church.

November 18: John Moerman-Chaplaincy Care- John Moerman has been serving as Senior Volunteer Chaplain at the Chinook Regional Hospital for the past seventeen years. Shared funding by Lethbridge churches and individuals is necessary to continue this ministry.

November 25: World Renew/World Hunger-In communities where poverty is prevalent, men, women, and children often struggle to grow enough food, lack access to clean water, fight to rebuild after a disaster, and experience injustice. Together with World Renew we can equip those in need with the skills and knowledge required to move beyond these barriers.

Council Meeting Minutes October 22, 2018

Landen called the meeting to order. Stephan opened with devotions. Council and Search Committee met together for support/ encourage/communicate. Thank you to search committee for their work. Meeting with search committee adjured. Council continued to meet for council meeting. Had discussions about the proposed Pastor Job Description. Thanks to executive for their work on this. With a few additions and adjustments made, the job description was approved and shared with Search Committee. Updated stewardship mandate was reviewed and approved. Discussion about church financials, review of 2018 financials. Approved by council. Review of 2019 budget and approved by council. This will go to the congregational meeting November 19 for approval. Evangelism requested additional funding for the Nigerian Scholarships. Brief descriptions of each missionary will be provided with the congregational meeting agenda so people are aware of who's supported. April will be stepping down as administrator for 2019. Thank you April for the work you did! Council will begin looking for a new administrator to replace her before 2019. Updated search committee mandate was reviewed and approved. The church profile from search committee was approved.

Approved motion to have building committee get quotes for potential future upgrades: handicapped bathroom upstairs, elevator replacement, acoustics in fellowship hall, paint exterior of church, repair sidewalk cracks, and paint/carpet the pastors office. Approval of potential names for additional members to the Evangelism committee. Pulpit supply is filling up for early 2019 and still looking at the possibility of an interim pastor coming in April or May. Discussion about Classis Overture. Motion that Classis Delegates from Iron Springs support the denominations' position on sexuality at the Oct 26/27 meeting. Hess & Helen Baarda have the opportunity to join World Renew's tour in 2019. Council approved \$1,500 to support their trip. Council will continue to get the addition of the Bridge App back onto the next classis agenda.

Church Administrator

April will be stepping down from Church administrator by December 15, 2018 so council is looking for interested applicants in the church administrator position. The desired candidate should have strong organizational abilities and be a self-starter with the ability to problem solve, delegate appropriately and act independently. Professional conduct and confidentiality are crucial and an expected part of this position. Computer skills, including efficient use of Microsoft Office are required for this position. Previous experience in an administrative setting would be an asset. The position is 8-10 hours a week for administrator tasks and 3-4 hours a month for clerk tasks. We are looking to fill the position as soon as possible for more information talk to Landen Stronks or Tracy Reurink.

Iron Springs News

Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 19. See you there!

Evangelism Committee

Grab your operation Christmas Child box from the fellowship hall today and return it with goods NEXT WEEK.

We are also still looking for a piano player to join one of our Piyami groups. If you think you can help out please contact Anne Tanis!

Apple Pie Making Friday November 16, 9:00 at the church for the Fall Fundraiser for Immanuel Christian Schools. Please mark this day on your calendar and if you are able and willing to spare some time to make, bake or deliver pies please let Glorianna know or just show up and we will find you a job to do! Thank you!

Junior high youth

Date: Saturday, November 17th

Event: Games and ice cream sundae night at the church

Location: Iron Springs CRC fellowship hall

Time: 7:30-9:30

What to bring: your favorite sundae topping and game

Bring a friend! RSVP to William or Tanya.

Area News

Immanuel Christian School Fall Fundraiser

November 17, 2018 at Immanuel Christian Secondary School

Doors open at 10 am with coffee and dessert available.

Lunch is served between 11 and 2.

Auction starts at 1:30.

Kid Zone opens at 11 am

Rehoboth Christian Ministries (Coaldale) is looking for several second-hand supplies for their crafting and woodworking departments. Much of the crafting opportunities we offer the individuals we serve are available because of what is donated to us. Following is a list of items that we are looking for and hoping you can help us with; these items include: Old canvas stretched frames (the painting created at a painting party that you are not wanting to reveal as your own...yeah we would love to have), picture frames, old Christmas decorations, brightly colored, black & white latex paint, spray paint, old bath towels, decorative and clay flower pots, decorative stone, drift wood, old fence boards and barn board (meaning any weather board available). If you have any of these items available please call Denise @ 587-800-9410 Thank you!

We are preparing for the Christmas at Sea season for seafarers again this year, and your donations are much appreciated. You can still send to 401 E Waterfront Rd, Vancouver, BC V6A 4G9. However, this year we are having problems depositing cheques made out to "Ministry to Seafarers." Therefore, please make cheques payable to "**Classis BCNW**" and designate them to "Ministry to Seafarers, Christmas at Sea" on the memo line. Thank you.

Missionary Update from Sywulka's

Praise:

- We had a lovely vacation time, making good memories.
- I've been in the office more lately...trying to catch up on a large backlog (still have a long way to go). It's nice to be with the family in the evenings.
- After three days with now power at the office, the power company was finally able to restore the connection. Now we're back to the normal 6-10 hours a day with no power, but at least the batteries can charge.
- This week when the car got stuck on a bridge, many people came to help (see photo below)

Pray:

Work/ministry:

- I am preparing to teach a money management workshop next week in Mozambique...my first time trying to teach it in Portuguese. Pray that it will come together.
- Pray that my work permit in Malawi will be granted soon. The old one expired but the new one is supposedly in process.
- Pray for our relationship with our M* neighbors
- Pray for opportunities to share about Christ, and boldness to do so

At home:

- Nadia needs tubes in her ears. Pray for wisdom regarding the timing and location for that surgery.
- Our team mates and their families are facing various health challenges. Pray for healing.
- Pray for parenting wisdom for us... how to be good parents

Everywhere:

- 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 we will learn Chichewa quickly and well. Due to various schedule conflicts we've had very few classes recently and few opportunities to use the little we know.

Thanks for supporting us with your prayers!

