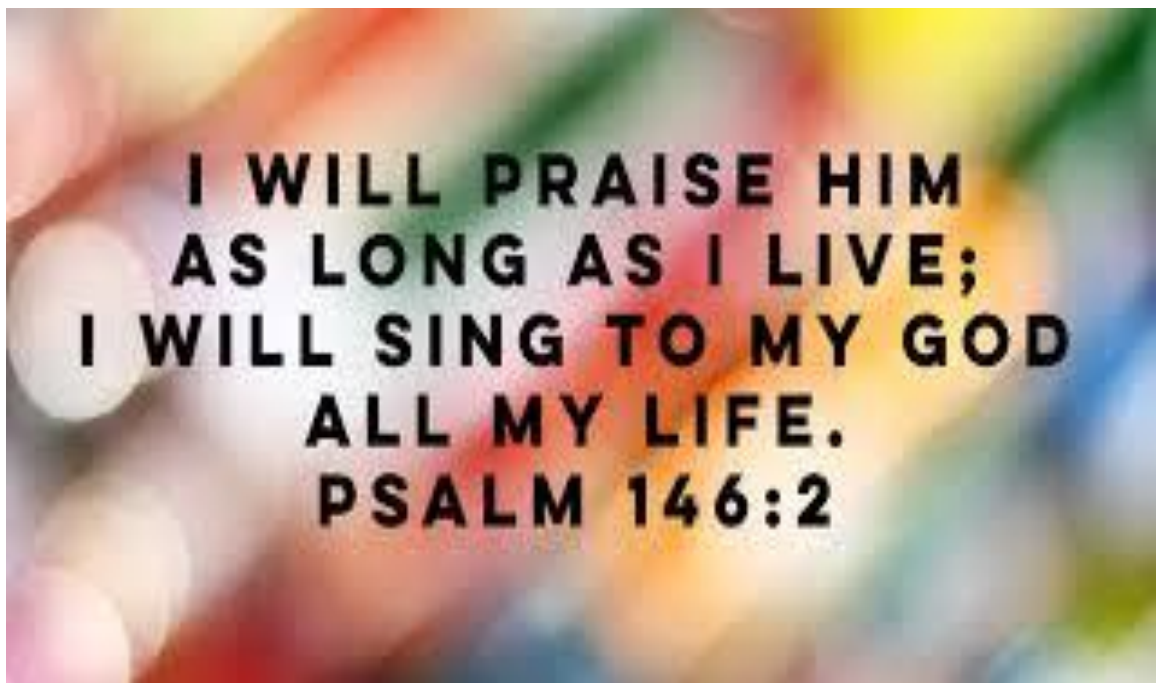




Sunday May 5, 2024

Worship Leader- Pastor Tom van Milligen



Welcome to this gathering of the church!

“For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord”
2 Corinthians 4:5

May 5, 2024
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Pastor Tom van Milligen

Welcome & Call to Worship (Julia)

*Gathering Song: Hosanna (Praise is Rising), ccli 4662491

*God's Greeting

Call to Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Worship: King of Kings, ccli 7127647

Anniversary Reflections: Henry Heinen

Song of Assurance: LUYH 405, O God our Help in Ages Past (Lafayette tune)

Offering: Budget & Mission Support

Offertory: Same God, ccli 7183537

*Children's Song (after which Grade 6 and under are dismissed for Sunday School): The Name of the Lord, ccli 265239

Time of Prayer

Faith Story: Linda Waselenak

Song: LUYH 912, The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Prayer (Julia)

Scripture: Psalm 146

Sermon: **Whole Life Praise**

*Song of Response: PH 146, Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah!

*God's Blessing

*Doxology: The Blessing (vs 1 & chorus only), ccli 7147007

**Please rise, in body or spirit*

Iron Springs CRC Vision:

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.

Carrying Everything to God in Prayer:

We extend a warm welcome to Pastor Tom, who will be serving our church as pastor for the next few months. Welcome, all, to worship today! May we all be blessed as we bring our praise and cares to the Lord.

We remember those who mourn and those who experience nights that are long and days that are short. We pray that God is near to the broken-hearted.

We lift up Amber H, grand-daughter to Audrey K, as she begins radiation for a brain tumor. We pray for healing and strength.

We pray for the profession of faith class, for good questions and a growing, strong faith.

Colossians 4:2, "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Birthdays this week: Today- Marcus B, Len N, Hadley S Wednesday- Jason V Friday- Barb D

Calendar

Monday, May 6- Deacons Meeting 7pm
Tuesday, May 7- Consistory Meeting 730pm
Thursday, May 9- Youth Council Meeting 730pm (Stronks)

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Pastor	Tom Van Milligen	Pastor Tom	Ken Kissick	Pastor Tom
Serving Elder	Julia K	Leighton K	Tony K	Heidi S
Greeters	Jr. High Youth	Leighton & Elinor	Mike & Esther	Larry & Barb
Ushers	Dave/Stephan	Heidi/ Hieke	Brendan/Brent	Tanya/Allan
Coffee	Brad & Glorianna Brendan & Jackie	Garry & Anne Henric & Heidi	Annie & Bonnie Larry & Barb	Leighton & Elinor Laura C
Joel's Helper	Jackie	Nancy	Tanya S	Amanda
Nursery	Alyssa W./ Brooke N./ Joel R.	Jocelyn K/ Leme W./ Candace D.	Natasha T/ Steven D./ Arwyn V.	Deanna B/ Siria S./ Owen P

Deacons (Offering Schedule)

May 5 - Budget and Mission Support

Thank you for your generous, continued support of the local church budget. Through this collection, we are able to continue our ministry here in Iron Springs. We also have an opportunity today to support our many missionaries who are bringing the glorious gospel of Christ to the world.

May 12 - Prolife

Today, we have the opportunity to stand for life. The funds collected today will go to support the work of the Lethbridge and District Prolife. Their mission is "to proclaim the inherent value of human life from conception to natural death." Some of the things they do include, working with the Knights of Columbus to provide a place of mourning for the preborn at the cemeteries in Lethbridge. They provide multiple scholarships to students going on to post-secondary education, and cover the registration costs of post-secondary students who need to access daycares. They provide schools and homeschooled families with education resources. They also support agencies who care for mothers and babies in need.

May 19 - Resonate Global Missions

Resonate Global Missions was formed in 2017, as Christian Reformed World Missions and Christian Reformed Home Missions united to become one organization. Resonate works alongside congregations, preparing missionaries and volunteers, calling and supporting church planters and campus ministers, connecting with ministries overseas, engaging church members and younger generations in mission work, and following the Spirit by discerning new ways to demonstrate and proclaim the gospel.

May 26 - Reframe Ministries

Reframe ministries is celebrating their 80th anniversary this year. We give thanks to God for this ministry's longevity. "Our vision is that the lives and worldviews of all people around the globe will be transformed by God's gospel message. Relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we create contextual media resources that proclaim the gospel, disciple believers, and strengthen the church throughout the world in 10 major languages."

Ways to Give: offering bag during worship, The Bridge App, automatic withdrawal, or e-transfer. Feel free to connect with our treasurer, Peter V, at treasurer@ironspringscrc.com if you have any questions or would like some help with online giving.

Iron Springs CRC Announcements

We welcome Pastor Tom van Milligen as he leads our service today and in the following weeks.

It is with gratefulness that we inform you that Dan K and Brad S, for Elder, Delbert V, for Youth Elder, and Calvin B and Marien B, for Deacon; have let their names stand for these positions. If you have any concerns with these members letting their names stand for these positions please voice those concerns in writing to a member of council.

Thank you, Council

75th Memorable Cups- 75th Anniversary go cups for sale the pre-order sign up sheet is in the Fellowship hall along with the cost, how to pay and colour choices.

We are excited for another year of VBS! We plan to run the program July 1st-5th from 9am-12 noon. Our theme is Scuba 'diving into friendship with God'. We will take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! Please share our registration link with anyone ages 4 to entering grade 6 that may be interested!
<https://vbspro.events/p/picturebutte>

We are in need of 20 crew leaders, 10 teachers and lots of cookies. Please register using the link above if you can help out! Contact Nancie (403)892-xxxx for more details.

Community Announcements

Streets Alive Mission is hosting an Indoor Garden Tea Party on Saturday June 1 here in Lethbridge and we would like to invite the ladies of your congregation to join us. This event supports our Genesis Women's Life Recovery Program.

Tickets are limited, and in honour of Mothers everywhere we have a special pricing in effect until Mother's Day. More details are posted in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Marie V for details.

CALLING ALL GIRLS! Plans are underway for **Wildrose GEMS Camp** to be held **July 29 - August 2, 2024** at the Rehoboth facility on Gull Lake. Registration forms are now available from your GEMS leader. Registration deadline is May 31, but register early so you don't miss out! Come and enjoy fun and fellowship, crafts, activities, great food, singing, campfire, worship, and sharing the love of Christ together. If you are *going into* grades 5 through 8 in the fall of 2024 and wish to have a great summer experience, this is for you! Girls entering grade 9 who wish to learn leadership skills and discover their gifts for serving at camp can register for our Transition Year. Girls entering grades 10 - 12 are eligible to register as a CIT (Counselor in Training). Interested in volunteering as a camp cook or cabin counselor? Questions? Contact Bonnie Bennik at 403-652-1078 or email wildrosegemscamp@gmail.com.

CRCNA Announcements

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In *Whistling in the Dark*, Frederick Buechner writes, "'Thy kingdom come . . . on earth' is what we are saying. . . . To speak those words is to invite the tiger out of the cage, to unleash a power that makes atomic power look like a warm breeze." What are we asking when we pray for God's kingdom to come on earth? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

World Renew

Please Help Reduce the Global Maternal and Newborn Death Rate - Maternal and newborn deaths in the Global South are often a result of preventable causes, including unsafe practices and unclean birthing conditions that are dismissed as "the way things have always been done." World Renew works with local partners to provide training in proper health and nutrition practices to volunteers who share their knowledge through home visits to the homes of new and expectant mothers. Next

week, join World Renew for Women of Hope Sunday and through your gift you can help provide crucial training and support to help reduce maternal and newborn deaths. For more information go to: worldrenew.ca/womenofhope

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: The Unhurried Jesus - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus knew that quiet time with God is special in a busy world. Sometimes, when all the activity stops and our bodies slow down, we feel bored. Instead of searching for a way to fill the quiet with extra activities, try this: Talk to God! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC Bible Story Podcasts.

Groundwork: Spiritual Priorities in Haggai and Zechariah - In good times and bad, life is full of struggles and challenges. Even when God answers our prayers, the way forward isn't always straight. Join Groundwork as we study Haggai 1-2 and Zechariah 1-14 to glean biblical wisdom for navigating and enduring our own spiritual and physical challenges today and find courage to continue trusting God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

CRC Communications

Please pray for Synod 2024! - We need everyone to be involved. The theme for synod worship and prayer is God With Us. You can sign up to pray on your own, with your church or small group, or at Calvin University in June. Check out the many opportunities at crcna.org/synod/prayer and join us in humble prayer for God's will to be done in the CRC. Email SynodPrayer@crcna.org with your questions or comments.

The Banner

The Banner's Counting On You! - Please support the award-winning, journalistic ministry of the CRC by donating online today. \$500,000 is needed every year to keep The Banner going. The more funds we are able to raise, the less we need to draw on ministry shares, releasing money to other ministries of the CRCNA. Give now at: TheBanner.org/Give

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If you would like more information about our ministry, or how you might join us as we serve God together, please be invited to connect with our church office, our leadership, or take a few minutes to browse our church website!