

Care & Share

God has not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;
God has not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
But God has promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing kindness, undying love.

by Annie J. Flint

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



REMEMBRANCE DAY!

The eleventh of November is coming close. Poppies will be bought and services attended. It is good to remember the horrid days of wars. Television will show different parts of the previous wars. When I (Sietske) was going through some books, I came upon a wagon load of naked bodies. There are no words which can describe the horrors of war. People who just got shot because they gave a few a place to hide. Then I found a picture and announcement about church services. The churches were full of thankful people. There is a song, "Nooist Meer Nacht", ("Never Night Again"). We live now in 2016. How many wars after 1945 are raging? Bodies from Canadian soldiers are brought home. Soldiers, who gave their lives for freedom. We live in a free country. What is done with the freedom others died for? Let's start each of us, in our own little corner, and show kindness to each other. Thank you, God. It is not too late to turn the wheel.

(The translation of the writing under the statue to the left is, "Priceless is the cost of freedom".)

Requested prayer for families in need:

First, we remember Donna Vos. Donna is scheduled for kidney removal surgery for the 3rd of November in Thunder Bay.

Hetty Wiersema is having cataract surgery in Kenora on the 26th of November.

There are many church members who have health concerns. The list seems to get longer instead of shorter.

Please keep the families in your prayers.

We remember Irene Ploegman, Jack Wielinga, Henriette Verhoef and their families.

Peter and Leona Van Heyst have concerns as well. We also remember Nick and Hilda Schryvershof,

John and Linda Esselink and Charlie Byma.

May the sick feel that they are not alone in their circumstances.

Happy times for three young families:

Sarah and Ryan McInerney became first time parents. Atlas Michael John was born the 7th of October.

Congratulations to grandparents, John and Grace Hettinga.

Dirk and Susan Crans welcomed their son, Justus Allan, born on October 14, 2016.

Congratulations also to Theo and MarieAnn deGroot with the arrival of their 7th grandchild on September 23.

AnnaLise and Matt Berkenpas welcomed their first child, Willem Pieter. This young family lives in Langley B.C.

We wish the new parents a blessed time and strength when the babies cry at night.

We praise God for the gift of new life!

Two engagements:

Kaylene Kaemingh gave her big yes to Dan Eganbar.

Lucas Koomans and Alyssa Penner entered also a new era as an engaged couple.

Both young couples are planning to get married next year. Look up to the Lord for guidance as you prepare yourself for marriage. Congratulations!

Pray also for unity in our church family. May the new Bible study groups be a blessing to us all.

Our seniors celebrating birthdays in November are Clarence Ducharme on the 9th, Louis Byma on the 22nd and John Esselink on the 24th. Congratulations on your birthday. Our wish is that you have a great day. To all of our church family who will be celebrating a birthday or anniversary, congratulations!! May the Lord bless you all!

A Special
THANK YOU

Thank you, Wilma and Jack for all your love shown to us in our so difficult time! Jan & Sietske

Emo Christian Reformed Church Education Summary Age 3 to Grade 12

Age Group	Year 1 Theme	Year 2 Theme	Synopsis		Resources	Class Time
			Year 1	Year 2		
3/JK Coordinator: Kim Veldhuisen	Fall: God's Family		Fall: Creation, The Fall, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph		Show Me Jesus by Great Commission Publications	Every Sunday during the morning service (dismissed prior to the sermon)
	Winter - God's Son		Winter: John's Birth, Jesus' Birth, Jesus' Early Life, Jesus' Miracles, Jesus' Disciples			
	Spring: God's Love		Spring: More miracles, Passion Week (Triumphal Entry/Resurrection), Parables, Zacchaeus, Ascension			
	Optional Alternative: God's People					
SK/Grade 1 Coordinator: Kim Veldhuisen	Fall: God Created All Things	Fall: God Leads His People	Fall: Creation, The Fall, New Creation	Fall: Moses, Israelites	Show Me Jesus by Great Commission Publications	Every Sunday during the morning service (dismissed prior to the sermon)
	Winter: Jesus is God's Son	Winter: Living in God's Family	Winter: John the Baptist, Jesus' Life	Winter: Jesus' Teachings		
	Spring: Jesus is the Saviour	Spring: Jesus is God	Spring: Passion Week	Spring: Jesus' Miracles		
Grade 2 to 4 Coordinator: Reta Dykstra	36 Sessions per year Divided into six themed Units		God's Amazing Plan and Daring Mission, Jesus' Power, Loving Care, Incredible Love and the Holy Spirits Life Changing Power	God's Love for Creation, God's Growing Family, God's extraordinary plan for Ordinary People, God's Powerful Plan, God's Surprising Protection, God's Growing Kingdom	Dwell Wonder Faith Alive <i>Website:</i> dwell.faithaliveresources.org	Every Sunday morning (dismissed after the sermon - anticipated dismissal from class is 11:30)
	Year 1 New Testament	Year 2 Old Testament				
Grade 5 to 8 Coordinator: Reta Dykstra	36 Sessions per year Divided into six themed Units		What do I do when things fall apart? What is the Covenant about? Who is God? Who is Jesus? Who is the Holy Spirit? What is the Church?	What is being a Christian abt? What is with all the rules? Can't we all just get along? Who's number 1? Does what I do make a difference? What do I say when I pray?	Dwell Dive Faith Alive <i>Website:</i> dwell.faithaliveresources.org	Every Sunday morning (dismissed after the sermon - anticipated dismissal from class is 11:30)
	Year 1 New Testament	Year 2 Old Testament				
Grade 9 and 10 Catechism Coordinator/Teacher: Pastor John	Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 1-22	Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 23-52	"What good does knowing all this do you?" The Heidelberg Catechism takes you through 129 questions and answers about what our church believes and confesses. The catechism is a warm, personal confession of faith that will help you follow Jesus in your everyday world.		HC and Me: The Heidelberg Catechism for Christian Living Faith Alive Christian Resources	1st and 3rd Sundays immediately following the service
Grade 11 and 12 Catechism Coordinator/Teacher: Pastor John	The Belgic Confession	The Belgic Confession	24 Sessions Teaches the basics of the Christian faith according to the Reformed tradition. Course is designed to: 1. Encourage young people to make a commitment to Christ 2. Help young people appreciate the Reformed understanding of Christianity and 3. Enable teens to see a clear connection between doctrine and life		"What We Believe Faith Alive Christian Resources	2nd and 4th Sundays immediately following the service



There are many opportunities in which to give to those less fortunate this coming Christmas season. Here are a few:

WORLD RENEW GIFT CATALOGUE: These catalogues have been put into your mailboxes. This year all of your favourite items have been gathered together into one catalogue, making them the BEST GIFTS EVER for you to choose from! You may be picking out Christmas gifts with your grandchildren, setting up a Giving Tree for Advent, or honouring the milestone of a loved one. The joy of choosing gifts from the catalogue brings you close to those you care about. As Christ-followers, we want to give the best gifts ever as we follow the Best Gift Ever, Jesus Christ, who humbled himself and became like us so that we can become more like him. God bless you as you give.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on project of Samaritan's Purse that focuses on the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus Christ - God's greatest gift. If you would like to take part in this project, you are welcome to take home one of the shoeboxes on top of the coat rack in the foyer. Inside the shoe boxes are instructions about putting gifts in the shoebox. More information is on the poster on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTIAN BLIND MISSION: There are few gifts as meaningful as hope. And few gifts are transformational as healing. This year's Christmas Catalogue gives you 39 ways to bring hope and healing to the world's poorest people—people trapped in poverty without sight, hearing, or the ability to walk. We have a copy of this Christmas catalogue on the table in the foyer. You can also find more information or donate on their website—www.cbmcanada.org

GOSPEL FOR ASIA: You are invited to join Gospel for Asia for this year's Christmas campaign. Celebrate Christ this Christmas season by giving the unreached in Asia the chance to hear about Jesus for the first time. Your gifts of love are a reminder and a celebration of the most perfect Gift the world has ever known. A catalogue with many opportunities to give is on the table in the foyer.

October 22, 2016

Dear friends,

Justin & I had the opportunity to speak at Elim Church in Saskatoon on October 16. We were asked to share our story of all that we've been through since February 6 and how Caleb's accident has helped shape our lives and faith. It was a privilege to share some of our story/journey and what God has been teaching us over the last eight months. Our message was recorded.

The video starts off with a brief intro by Justin, and then I (Tammy) share the overall story, including some details of what transpired that first day of the accident. And then Justin wraps it up by sharing some of the things that God has been teaching us this past year. To hear our story (27 minutes), visit [Our Faith Journey Since February 6](#) or visit this link: <https://youtu.be/KvwDlhC-tK4>

We hope and pray that as you hear our story, your faith in God will grow and you will have an assurance that God can be trusted. While we may go through really tough times here in this world, God gives peace and comfort to those who turn to Him in times of trouble.

Thanks for continuing to share in this journey with us.

Thank you for partnering with us,

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If you would like to make a onetime contribution to our ministry, or set up a recurring donation, visit Hettinga.ca (our blog page) and click "donate now online". Please be sure to indicate that the donation is for the work of Justin and Tammy Hettinga. If you have any issues with this, please do not hesitate to ask for our assistance.

Fall Newsletter



LIFE



How time sure flies! It feels like it was just a couple of months ago that I was writing to you about my engagement. This year has been amazing. I was able to marry my love and marriage has been such a joy. Ben and I have now been wed for eight wonderful months. We had a delightful honeymoon to St. Lucia in March and have been busy discovering how our lives fit together.

We weren't able to get away for a vacation this summer but we were blessed to have my family come for a visit. As you can tell by the picture, we had a very full house! This past weekend we were also able to get away with our small group from church. It was a great time of fellowship, fishing, and having fun!

Last week we found out that Ben received a promotion to the rank of Corporal of the High Risk Offender Unit. This will likely extend our time in North Battleford by a year or two.



MINISTRY

This summer I joined a local soccer team. It was a wonderful way for me to get back into shape and meet some women from the area. We also went to a soccer tournament in Lloydminster. Although we didn't win, we did have a lot of fun.

In August I headed to Washington for InterAct's annual summer conference. I lead worship that week but still had time for some awesome fellowship, hiking, soccer and games with other missionaries and their families.



Right after I returned home from the conference, I dove head first into VBS ministry at church. I was asked to step in as the VBS director because the children's director was expecting a baby that week. Well this baby decided to come even earlier than expected! So I had three days to finish all of the preparations for Cave Quest VBS. Although it was at times, a frantic week, it was also such a blessed week. The volunteers were just incredible, and the week ran smoothly. We had over 110 children from the church and community pass through the church doors and hear the gospel! Thank you so much for your prayers!



My times with the girls this summer were great. They discovered a love of making slime and by the end of the summer had perfected the recipe.



Over the past year my updates have not been very frequent. There has been a difficult situation that has affected my ability to truly share my heart. It has been easier to say "good" when people have asked how I have been doing. In particular, a ministry relationship has overshadowed my ability to move forward with freedom in ministry with my girls. It has been easy to feel mistreated and allow hurt to affect my attitudes towards ministry. It has taken me awhile to recover from this journey. Through it all God has taught me so much about relationships, forgiveness, loving others and joy. I am now excited to move forward and I have started planning some awesome events for the coming year.

LOOKING AT THE NEXT FEW MONTHS



Spa Night! I am planning an evening of pampering with young women aged 13 and up. I will be inviting my girls and others from the community, a local reserve and my home church. I want to focus on how to live in God's love. The theme is "Living Loved." I hope to do this sometime in November! Please pray that the details for this event will continue to fall into place and that the Lord will use this event to show the young women, as well as myself, how much we are loved.

This December we have two weddings to attend and will be able to spend Christmas with my whole family for the first time in years. We will be visiting Chicago, Detroit, and Chatham, Ontario. If you're in these areas and would like to connect with us on our journey, let me know! We'd love to see you!

I can't even begin to tell you everything that I'd like! I hope to update you all more frequently via my blog! If you don't receive my email updates, please let me know. Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support that make ministry possible! God bless!

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Missions Advocate

A Global Response to the Refugee Crisis

David Kroominga and Mary Buteyn met in German class while attending Calvin College. Now the two are married and their mutual love for cross-cultural relationships and skills in the German language are bringing them to serve long-term in Germany beginning this November.



David and Mary, Christian Reformed World Missions' first missionaries to serve in Germany, will be on the front lines of the growing refugee crisis as they work in cooperation with Berliner Stadtmission, a 137-year-old mission to Germany's capital city.

According to BBC news, in 2015 more than 350,000 people from Syria applied for asylum in the European Union (EU) along with an additional 300,000 people from Afghanistan or Iraq. The highest number of these applications was for Germany.

While these large influxes of people across the EU can be daunting, David and Mary also recognize God's opportunity to work through a terrible situation.

"We believe that God can bend even the tragic displacement of millions of people because of violence and war toward His Kingdom purposes of bringing His peace and Good News of new life in Christ into the lives of refugees," say David and Mary.

In partnership with Berliner Stadtmission, David and Mary will help churches connect with asylum seekers—training pastors in pastoral care, interreligious understanding, and how to lead worship using easy-to-understand German.

Berliner Stadtmission also provides emergency housing for refugees.

David and Mary add that they anticipate discovering ways that God might work through this refugee crisis to revitalize the Church.

"God could be using this unprecedented stream of people into Germany to revitalize His Church through tangible expressions of Christian hospitality and new opportunities to witness."

Just for Deacons Mailing

CRWM recently sent a mailing to your church for deacons that included a letter explaining CRWM's financial model, specific financial updates on individual missionaries whose ministry your church supports, a brochure outlining missionary support, and an update on CRWM's joining process with Home Missions. If you would like to receive a copy of any of these items, contact your church's deacons or Trish DeJong at tdejong@crcna.org

Happy Thanksgiving

May you and your family truly remember and celebrate God's goodness this Thanksgiving. Remember to also send a note to your missionaries for whom holidays can be a difficult time.

Global Prayer Safari in Uganda

Each year, missionaries host a Global Prayer Safari—an opportunity to witness and pray for local ministry leaders and the people they work alongside. This year, the event will take place in Uganda from February 3-13. Sign up for this event, watch a video from last year's Prayer Safari, or learn more at crwm.org/Safari.

A Local Response to the Refugee Crisis

While we have many opportunities to support international ministries like David and Mary's, we can also develop relationships with people from different faith backgrounds in our own communities.

Greg Sinclair directs CRWM's Salaam 2.0, a ministry dedicated to helping churches reach out to their Muslim neighbours. Here are a few ways to build bridges of understanding and lead the way to sharing God's love with Muslims.

- **Visit a mosque:** Organize a group from your church and possibly other Christian churches in your neighbourhood. Usually fewer than 10 works best. Meet with a local imam or other leaders of a nearby mosque and ask them questions about their faith, beliefs, and practices. Go with the goal of challenging what you may think you already know.

New Hope CRC (Hamilton, Ontario) recently organized a meeting at the Ahmadiyya Mosque to discuss beliefs about Jesus' death on the cross. Both sides presented their own beliefs and then had a time for fellowship and further questions.

- **Learn more as a group:** Dedicate a time to explore aspects of Islam and Muslim-majority cultures. This can include lessons like learning how to tie a head scarf (hijab) or basic Arabic language writing and learning.

Waterloo CRC (Waterloo, Ontario) recently had an event like this after visiting a mosque. They hosted a Muslim professor who introduced Islam and organized a shared service project with members of the mosque.



- **Share a meal:** This can be at your church, at a local mosque, or at a favourite restaurant. This could be an opportunity to try a delicacy from another area of the world.

In the case of Trinity CRC (Grandville, Michigan), it was the first time that a local imam had been invited to a church for a meal—what an opportunity to show Christ's love!

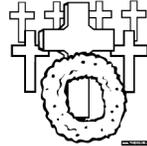
- **Learn from missionaries:** CRWM missionaries have struggled with the challenge of relating to Muslims for many years.

With these struggles, many have learned valuable lessons and enjoy sharing what they have learned with others. CRWM can connect you with these missionaries or other speakers and share stories of God's work in this area.

- **Join community movements:** There are many local ministries throughout North America that facilitate refugee sponsorship, cultural awareness events, and other ways to get involved.

The key to all of these different ways to get involved is being a respectful witness to refugees. You can read more on this in an article written by Greg, "Respectful Witness to Refugees, found at network.crcna.org/muslim-ministry.

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Liz Allan</i> 7:00 COUNCIL	2 <i>Jarvis Esselink Ryan Kaemingh *Harold & Chantel Kelly (14th)</i> 10:00 COFFEE BREAK 3:30 3:16 CLUB 7:30 BANDPRACTICE	3 <i>Haley Arpin</i> 7:00 WORSHIP COMMITTEE	4 <i>Theo deGroot Jr. John Redford</i>	5 <i>Tim Shortreed Jessica Strydhorst</i> SCAPPLE PIE DAY
6 <i>Janine Webb</i> 10:00 WORSHIP GR 9/10 CATECHISM 6:30 MSN	7 <i>Adam Esselink Ashton Veldhuisen</i> 9:45 DORCAS	8 <i>Ed Dykstra</i>	9 <i>Clarence Ducharme</i> 10:00 COFFEE BREAK 3:30 3:16 CLUB	10 <i>Skylar Arpin Carol Kaemingh</i> 7:00 PRAYER MEETING	11 <i>Megan Kaemingh</i>  REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 <i>Kristine Kaemingh</i>
13 <i>Hannah Veldhuisen *Dale & Kathy Kaemingh (34th)</i> 10:00 WORSHIP	14	15 7:00 CONSISTORY	16 10:00 COFFEE BREAK 3:30 3:16 CLUB	17 <i>Wilma Kooistra</i>	18 STAMP POT SUPPER	19
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27 <i>Katy Esselink</i> 10:00 WORSHIP GR 11/12 CATECHISM	28 <i>Susan Crans</i>	29 <i>Elliana Kooistra Donna Osadchuk Andrea Van Zwol Marcus Veldhuisen</i>	30 <i>Jake Esselink</i> 10:00 COFFEE BREAK 3:30 3:16 CLUB 7:30 BANDPRACTICE			