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## **Sunday January 20, 2019**

**Welcome!** Today we observe Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. We might think first about protecting the unborn and that is certainly central to this day. But all human lives, at all ages, are valuable. We will think about what it means to be pro-life as Jesus is pro-life.

### **Greeting**

**Songs:** "Come and Fill me Up"  
"Behold What Manner of Love"  
"Power of Love"

### **Prayer of Confession and Promise of Mercy**

**Song:** "Give Thanks"

### **Morning Prayer**

**Offering: Budget**

**Song:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

**Scripture Readings:** Luke 7: 11-17 ( pg. 1000 )  
Colossians 3:1-14 ( pg. 1144 )

**Message: Jesus is Pro-Life**

### **Blessing**

**Song:** "Multiply Your Love"

## **Please Keep These Matters in your Prayers:**

- Pray for grieving families in our city following two traffic fatalities this past week. Pray also for police and EMS personnel who respond to these situations.
- Pray that High School students can give a good account of themselves as they write end of semester exams this week.
- The Helping without Harming Workshop will take place in several locations across Canada over the next few months, including Nanaimo on February 2. This workshop, co-led and co-sponsored by World Renew, helps people discover how to alleviate poverty and injustice through effective and meaningful engagement. Please pray that many will attend, and ask for wisdom and insight for leaders and organizers.
- Pray for women who deal with an unexpected or unwanted pregnancy. Pray sufficient resources will be available to help them give birth to a healthy child. Ask God how our church - or we as individuals - might help.

## **Spilled Ink**

Pipelines, protests, Wet'suwet'en First Nation, treaties and RCMP filled many newscasts this week. To state the obvious, this gets complicated. Elected Wet'suwet'en chiefs have made a deal with a construction company but traditional chiefs say elected chiefs have jurisdiction over business but not land. Others say pipelines are essential to economic stability and others say that more pipelines mean more carbon emissions and thus more climate change. Still others say that if Canada doesn't produce energy, then countries with poor environmental practices will produce it. Others say it's about First Nations' basic human rights. To state the obvious, it gets complicated.

As citizens of the country in which God has placed us, we have at least two obligations. One is to avoid passing on uninformed opinions. Second is an obligation to become informed. The second is harder; it takes time. We need to read from different sources. We must be aware of our own bias. Let's approach contentious topics with humility and eagerness to learn.

Visit <http://dojustice.crcna.org/> for thought provoking stories about this and other matters of justice and righteousness in God's world.

## Year 2018 in Review

God is good! *All the time!*  
All the time, *God is good!*

Here are some markers of God's goodness and faithfulness to us the Council in the past year, through joys and struggles. In all we do, we strive to bring our vision to life: We exist to reach people, bringing them into a loving relationship with Jesus and membership in the Christian community; helping them grow in their faith, guiding them in their gifted ministry, and honouring God with their lives.

We call it the work of church renewal – the ongoing work of leaving an old life behind so we can be fully alive with Jesus.

**January:** Worked at a series of vision path steps – steps that help us bring our vision statement to life.

**February:** Officially welcomed Andre and Suzan Van Zyl to membership in the church.

**March:** Council members participated in a Faithwalking 101 Retreat.

Lien Kleywegt passed away.

Curtis and Willem attended Classis.

**April:** Gave a blessing to Curtis interest in becoming the RCMP detachment chaplain; the work began in September.

Gave a blessing to a new ministry; *We ♥ PA.*

**May:** Celebrated with Roy, Drew, Alsie and Erin the completion of their terms on Council and welcomed Ruth, Pete and John DeJong.

**June:** Received and began to integrate 2018-2019 Council Manual, including the vision path steps.

**July:** Met with Julie Korver and Megan Vanderlee prior to their Profession of Faith.

Church camp was well attended.

**August:** We determined that Church Camp will be \$20 per unit per night in 2019.

**September:** Responded to Rob's resignation.

Memorandum of Understanding for Guatemala was signed.

**October:** Curtis and Patty attended Classis.

Welcomed Joseph and Robina Mutabi, Ugandan World Renew workers.

Trunk and Treat was well received despite the weather conditions.

**November:** Gave thanks for God's work among the youth and began plans to send a group to History Maker in May 2019.

**December:** In place of the usual Council Meeting, we shared a meal and joined together in the work of dying to an old life and rising to a new life in Jesus.

Hank Ryper passed away.

We ♥ PA continued with the showing of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" and later in the month hosted a Winter Wonderland skating party at the Multiplex.

Robin Gill was baptized.

### **Looking ahead:**

Attend the 'Helping without Harming' Workshop in Nanaimo on February 2 (see information below).

We hope to visit 'The Tapestry Church' in Richmond, a CRC that is growing and doing wonderfully imaginative ministry. We will see first-hand what they are doing and ask what core convictions and holy habits we could bring home. We seek to discern God's leading and write our plans into a 2019-2020 Council Manual.

In May, Willem will attend Canadian National Gathering in Edmonton and Curtis plans to attend Festival of Preaching in Minneapolis (continuing education).

## **Weekly calendar: ( Check the website for updates )**

**Tuesday: Pastor Curtis serves as chaplain to the local RCMP detachment** on Tuesday evenings.

**Wednesday: Coffee Break/Ladies Bible Study** at 10:00am

**Wednesday: Youth Bible Study ...** 6:45 - 8:00pm

**Thursday: Seafarers Center volunteers meeting** at 10:00am at the church

**Sunday, January 27: Lunch and Learn.** We've been learning how to tell our faith stories; next Sunday you can let the psalms do the talking for you. Is there a psalm that has spoken to you and for you? Has one served you well through times good or bad? Come after church and enjoy some lunch and encourage one another with a word from the Psalms.

**Helping Without Harming" WORKSHOP:** Join World Renew and Diaconal Ministries Canada for a "Helping Without Harming" Workshop to learn how to help alleviate poverty and injustice through effective engagement in your global and local communities. Collaborate with others and discover how food banks, deacon funds, short-term service trips and other benevolent activities can be more impactful and meaningful. The workshop will take place at Christ Community Christian Reformed Church, (2221 Bowen Rd, Nanaimo, BC, V9S 5J3) on Saturday, February 2nd from 9am to 3pm (lunch will be available). While registration is free, there is a \$10 recommended donation to help cover

costs for food. Seating is limited; please register today at [www.worldrenew.net/hwhworkshop](http://www.worldrenew.net/hwhworkshop). *This is perfect for deacons and 'We PA' Volunteers!* ♥

## Thank you to my church family!

Your continuous caring inquiries, have not gone unnoticed . . . rather have warmed my heart, as well as Henk's before God took him "Home". It wasn't easy to let Henk go, but now my focus is on our "Reunion" in eternity. Thanks for all who willingly "served in joy, at the Celebration Service", even on short notice. *I love my church family and enjoy being together with you again on Sundays.*

God's blessings!

Janny R



**THANK YOU:** - The Administration Committee would like to thank all those volunteers who look after our building and grounds tirelessly, all year long. Special mention to those who clean up after events like the recent wind storm and on snow days. **Al V** and **Willem C** go above and beyond the call to keep our church safe and looking good.

## LIBRARY NEWS:

There have not been too many new movies added to the library lately, as so many are now available through other means. This one is special however and it is one that we all should watch. It is a wonderful true story of redemption.



The movie is entitled ***I CAN ONLY IMAGINE***. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Alice

## **Please Pass the Faith:**

The CRC's Faith Formation Ministries website ([crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)) has many fine resources to help us engage in the Holy Spirit's work of passing the faith, including 10 great conversation starting questions found here: <https://network.crcna.org/evangelism/ten-ways-talk-someone-about-their-faith>



## ***Do you have Children? ...***

***Nursery ...*** is provided during the Service for your babies and toddlers. Feel free to drop your children off before the Service starts.



**Sunday School ...** Pastor Curtis will let you know during the Service when the children can leave.

All our Volunteers are genuinely caring; have passed RCMP Background Checks; and, are well known by our Leadership.

## **Is this your first time Worshipping with us?**

Welcome! Please join us for Coffee (downstairs) following the Service. We would love to get to know you 😊

There is an Info Card found in your pew seat. Feel free to fill it out and drop it in the Collection Bag. This will help us to keep in touch with you.

<u>OFFERING SCHEDULE</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>HELPERS</u>
January 20 – Budget	Erin	Kim & Lois
January 27 – Benevolent Fund	John R	Rinnie & Roy
February 3 – Budget	Patty	Art & Alsie
February 10 – Young Life	Pete	Bert and Pat
February 17 – Budget	Erin	Renger and Margrit

	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
Megan		
January 20	Bev & Brian	Pam, Helle, Levi
January 27	Alice & Theo	Carol, Yvonne, Sarah
February 3	Alice & Theo	Roy, Aliza, Curtis
February 10	Alice C & Jane	Pat, Anita, Ezra
February 17	Alice C & Jane	Kim, Alsie, Megan

	<u>COFFEE MAKERS</u>	<u>LIBRARIAN</u>	<u>SECURITY</u>
January 20	Pete & Anita	Margrit	Yvonne
January 27	Willem & Helle	Bev	Yvonne
February 3	John & Margrit	Joan	Jake
February 10	John & Erin	Anita	Jake
February 17	Johan & Annemarie	Alice	Jake

## WELCOMES YOU!

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