

AVCRC exists to reach people, bringing them to a loving relationship with Jesus and membership in the Christian Community; helping them to grow in their faith, guiding them to serve in their gifted ministry, and honouring God with their lives.



## **Sunday May 19, 2019**

**Welcome** to this time of worship! We sing. We pray. We listen to God's word for us in the Bible and the pastor's message. Our faith can grow. Our strength found in Jesus can increase. God is glorified!

**Order of worship:** *As announced*

**Offering:** Today's collection is for Bethesda. Your gift will help to offer families in-home support, funding assistance with special equipment and respite care, summer camp programs, housing and much more.

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

- Next week is History Maker and the Canadian National Gathering. As youth gather in Chilliwack and as Christian Reformed people from churches across the country gather in Edmonton, pray that people will be blessed. Pray that they will see God leading to places of wonder and joy.
- Janay G continues to recover at home. Johan and Annemarie's granddaughter underwent successful surgery this past week.
- Naji and Anne are busy making plans for summer visits to supporting churches in Canada and the US. In Guatemala City, children are loved, tutored and fed; families are blessed each day. In Port Alberni, Young Life and Wyld Life minister to teens. Pray that the missionaries we support can be winsome witnesses for Jesus.

### **SPILLED INK**

The state of Alabama is working to outlaw abortion and many are delighted and many others are appalled. Most Christians believe that a fetus in the womb is an unborn child - a human being created in God's image and ought to be protected. Protecting that child calls for more than anti-abortion laws. If we want to be fully pro-life, there are many things we as a society and individuals could do: we could help people to see that intimacy in a relationship is wonderful and does not have to include sex (yes, tough sell, but still true). We could offer contraceptives, make many resources available to the mother to help her with the pregnancy all the way to birth. We should strive for an adoption system that works well for the birth mom, the adoptive family and the child, should the mother choose that path. We should work for a society in which the fathers take their share in the life created. Once the child is born, we should all take an interest in the well-being of that child. This should never be considered a simple matter of changing laws. *Pastor Curtis*

**Bethesda's "Lend-A-Hand" campaign is underway;** we invite you to partner with us in this ministry. Membership fees are \$5. per person. All membership fees and donations are tax deductible. Your Church Co-Ordinator has placed a reply form in your mailbox. *If you have any questions please contact Margrit d at 250-724-0886.*

**May 26<sup>th</sup> Offering** – Church Budget in support of local ministry expenses, building expenses, salary etc. Included in our budget are Ministry shares. Today, ministry shares remain a stewardly and cost-effective way of providing a solid foundation for our denomination. Through ministry shares, we are able to collectively:

- ~ Train and credential pastors to be Ministers of the Word
- ~ Help all of us take part in God's mission in our congregations, communities, and in distant countries.

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

**Monday:** 7:00 pm Faithwalking 101 - Session Three  
**Wednesday:** 10:00 am Coffee Break/Ladies Bible Study

**Next Weekend:** The Canadian National Gathering in Edmonton and History Maker in Chilliwack.

**Thursday, May 30:** African Children's Choir at ADSS auditorium. Tickets are free but to ensure seating, please order in advance. *Check Alberni Valley CRC on Facebook for details or speak with Curtis.*



We have launched an online way of giving to AVCRC. Visit our website, [AVCRC.org](http://AVCRC.org) and click "Online Offertory" or visit [Canadahelps.org](http://Canadahelps.org) and search Alberni Valley Christian Reformed Church.

It's an easy, safe and secure way to give to our church online.

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<u>OFFERING SCHEDULE</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>HELPERS</u>
May 19 - Bethesda	John R	John K & Elaine V
May 26 - Budget	Patty T	Kim M & Lois L

	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
May 19	Alice & Theo V	Roy K, Kim M, Bethany
May 26	Alice & Theo V	Alsie S, Helle C, Levi

	<u>COFFEE MAKERS</u>	<u>LIBRARIAN</u>	<u>SECURITY</u>
May 19	Johan & Annemarie S	Joan W	John R
May 26	Harry & Marjie A	Anita B	John R

**AVCRC WELCOMES YOU!**

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