



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**November 18, 2018**

### CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Catharina Valk who celebrates her 87th birthday on Monday, November 19. May God bless you with a great day!

### PRAYER

As a community of believers, we strongly believe in supporting our church family in prayer. Please hold the following up in prayer this week:

#### Gateway Family

John Sr. & Aletta Arends

Gary & Theresa Heijster, Lana, Cooper

Mariah Dykman

Ken & Sylvia Ingwersen

#### Council Members

Elder | Mark Vaandrager

Deacon | Ron Vanderwal

**November Ministries** | Search Team, Worship ministry, Kidz Church

**Abbotsford church** | Sevenoaks Alliance Church

### GATEWAY NEWS

**Choir!** Calling all those who love to sing! Choir will meet on Tuesday night from 7:15-8:15 in the sanctuary on Nov. 20. If you couldn't make it last week, you are still more than welcome to join!

#### Seniors Christmas Lunch

***You are invited to Gateway's hosted by Gateway's Deacons***

On Saturday, December 8 beginning at noon (Coffee is ready at 11:30 am)

Please reply by December 4 to deacon Yolanda Verhagen at 604-807-4217 to let us know if you are able to come. Please let Yolanda know if you require a ride, we will be happy to arrange one for you. Hope to see you on December 8!

### STAFF

Carol Conway will be on vacation next week Nov 20-23. Hilda Car will be in the office if you need assistance.

#### The following gifts were received November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Budget \$ 17,407.37

Bank to God Hour \$ 1,222.00

Debt Reduction \$ 2,385.00

**The Christmas Hymn Sing** is on Sunday, December 2 at 3:30 in the church lobby. A great time together as we surround the grand piano and celebrate the birth of King Jesus.

#### Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Cafe meets on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the prayer room off of the lobby. All are encouraged to join us for prayer, coffee and fellowship. GEMS/Cadets

parents are welcome to join us while their kids are at boys and girls club. Come join us, we aim to make this a non-threatening place, a comfortable space to come to pray or be prayed for, to contemplate or chat, be creative or simply be. You can sit quietly, listen to music, finish a project (knitting, needle point, etc) or colour any of the prayer cafe colouring pages. A prayer leader is available for personal prayer and requests.

### **Coffee Break – Women’s Bible Study Ministry**

Coffee Break meets upstairs in the Heritage Building on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00 am. We invite you to bring a friend, bring your babies and toddlers. Our loving and caring Volunteers in the Nursery and the Story Hour Ministry will take very good care of your children. We are studying “James Living on the Edge”. Looking forward to seeing you there. Your Coffee Break Leaders Team



*Christmas is Coming!*  
Order gift cards as gifts for family,  
friends and teachers through Gateway’s  
Fundscrip program and help  
raise funds for missions  
both locally and globally!



Fundscrip order forms are in your mailboxes and available at the Welcome Center. Orders must be placed in April Vaandrager’s mailbox by **Sunday, November 25.**

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES**

### **Sunday morning Kidz Church** for Children age 3 - Grade 3!

Check your kids in at the ark, parents can pick up a take home sheet.

This week: God speaks to Samuel

Next week: And idol bows to God’s ark

### **GEMS & Cadets GIRLS & BOYS CLUBS**

Grades 3—7. Meets Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

### **Youth Group**

This week, November 22 is Mentorship Week and your Mentor Leaders will be in contact with you regarding your small group event. Next week, Nov 28 we will be part of the City Wide Youth Rally here are Gateway. Ben Woodward, the taller guy from our Alpha videos, will be the guest speaker. An estimated 450-550 youth will be attending this event.

### **The Mexico Orphanage Outreach Team** has been formed. Mission trip dates are March 15

– 25, 2019. Our team will be at the ‘Foundation for His Ministry’ Orphanage from March 17-23, 2019. Those going are: Lauren Bowman, Aiden deRegt, Janae deRegt, Dan Draaistra, Josh Draaistra, Kylee Griffioen, Elese Hoekstra, Sydney Kornelius, Spencer Langelaar, Chloe Maarhuis, Zach Meinen, Jake Stobbe, Kyla Tuin, Aaron VanBelle.

And the leaders will be: Marcel deRegt, Henri Hoekstra, Karla Kornelius, Doug Bowman, Matt Delville.

## MEETINGS

If you are planning a meeting, big or small please contact the office, [office@gatewaycrc.org](mailto:office@gatewaycrc.org), to book your space and time; our building is a busy place!

**Search Team** will be meeting on Tuesday, Nov 20 at 7:00 pm in the South Balcony Board Room.

**Pastoral Elders** will be meeting on Wednesday, Nov 21 at 7:00 pm in room 205/207.

**Personnel Team** will be meeting on Thursday, Nov 22 at 7:00 pm in the South Balcony Board Room.

### **Administrative Board Minutes** from meeting of November 14:

- Elder Betty Beukema opened the meeting with a devotional from Ruth and with prayer
- Updates were given from the Search Team for the position of Pastor of Preaching and Congregational Care
- Discussion was had about the possibility of Gateway sending a Young Adult representative to Synod 2019 to be part of the Young Adult Advisory Team
- Discussion was had regarding next steps to filling the vacancies of Director of Discipleship: Children's Ministry and Director of Discipleship: Youth and Young Adults
- Minutes were reviewed, discussed and approved as needed from Administrative Board (Oct 3/Oct 10), Pastoral Elders (Oct 24), Deacons (Oct 4), Search Team (Oct 1, 15, 25), BOS (Oct 1, Nov 5), Outreach Team (Oct 16), Personnel Team (Sept 25) and the Congregational Meeting (Oct 29)
- Staff reports were received and discussed from Pastor Marcel, Pastor Bill and Sandra Barthel and Heather Hoogland
- By consensus, Pastor Marcel has been approved to lead the Mexico Orphanage Outreach Trip in March 2019
- Further discussion was had regarding the nomination process of Council members
- The meeting concluded with prayer for various ministries

The **CRCNA Gathering** will be held at [The Kings University](#) in Edmonton, Alberta from May 24-26, 2019. It will be a prayer-filled event that builds upon the work that began in Waterloo, Ontario May 2016 at the previous [Canadian National Gathering](#). It will include sharing ministry stories, identifying priorities, and inspiring local, regional, and denominational ministries to take bold steps into the future that God is calling the Christian Reformed Church to guide revision of the CRCNA's **Journey 2020** strategic plan. If you believe this is something that you would like to attend on behalf of Gateway and Classis BCSE, please talk to Pastor Marcel.

## GATEWAY COMMUNITY GROUPS

### **Gateway Book Club meeting Thursday, November 22**

All are welcome! Book Club will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Prayer Lounge. All are welcome! We will be discussing *The Book of Negroes* by Lawrence Hill. For more information contact Jolene Versteeg, [jversteeg57@hotmail.com](mailto:jversteeg57@hotmail.com).

**Men's Darts** club will be meeting on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of the month this season from 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the multipurpose room. For more information call Allan Mulder at 604-302-7382. Next Darts is happening on Thursday, November 29.

**Women's Volleyball** meets in the gym from 7:15—8:30 pm on Tuesday evenings. For more info contact Sarah 604-897-5727.

**Men's Drop In Basketball** meets on Monday evenings in the gym from 7:30—9:00 pm. For more information call Matt at 604-835-3089.

## **MISSIONS**

**From Resonate Global Mission** (for Gateway's support of Winnie Langelaar & Sheila Dykstra)

Dear Congregation: Mission-minded people like you play a crucial role in ministry! Thank you for your generous gifts. In Psalm 96:4 the writer gives us a job to do: "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples." That's the mission you are part of when you give to Resonate. Thank you for putting your trust in us and in your missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other ministry leaders you send around the world. You make it possible for your ministry leaders to declare God's glory as they go out into the world, visiting and changing people and communities everywhere. There are many ears that need to hear God's word—that's why your gift is so important! Your support is an investment in training and sending people to proclaim salvation in Jesus Christ. Through your support for Christian Reformed mission work, you are joining as the Holy Spirit gathers people from every background and walk of life into the body of Christ. Thank you for all that you do! Your prayers and support reach throughout the United States and Canada and the world. Thank you for partnering with Resonate to answer the Great Commission.

## **From World Renew**

To the congregation of Gateway Community CRC, Abbotsford: World Renew would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to your church for your gifts of \$68,313.00 received during this Summer. Through your support of the Program Fund, World Hunger and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, World Renew is able to serve communities by walking with them in their times of experiencing disaster, injustice and poverty - helping to create stories of hope from stories of hardship. May you continue to be a conduit of God's grace to a world in need - Living Justice, Loving Mercy and Serving Christ. Please continue to journey with us and our Christian partners around the world in prayer as well. The most recent edition of "Praying around the Globe" can be found at [www.worldrenew.net/pray](http://www.worldrenew.net/pray).

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Extreme Weather Shelter**

Let us be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ and show his love in our own neighborhood. Gateway is once again hosting an Extreme Weather Shelter for the homeless this winter from November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your consideration of this ministry, for more information contact Jenny Vanderheide at 604 854 5215 or by email [jvanderheide@shaw.ca](mailto:jvanderheide@shaw.ca)

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Do you have a child but long for more?** Have you lost a baby during pregnancy and are really struggling with the loss? Do you have empty arms and long for a child? Hearts of Hope is a Christian support group for women, and if you answered 'yes' to any of the above questions, you are welcome to join us at our Regular Meeting on November 22nd at 7:00 pm. Please email us at [info@heartsofhopesupportgroup.ca](mailto:info@heartsofhopesupportgroup.ca) if you would like to come to the meeting! Our website has more info - [www.heartsofhopesupportgroup.ca](http://www.heartsofhopesupportgroup.ca).