



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

November 4, 2018

CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our condolences to Calvin & Karin Breukelman, children Colin & Sheri, Kelsey, Ryan, Sarah and their extended family with the passing of Calvin's father in Alberta on October 27. The family held the funeral this past week. May the Lord comfort them and all who mourn.

Thank you to our church family for all the prayer and support with the recent passing of our husband, father, and grandfather, Case Wiersma. Joyce Wiersma, Punk & Larry Kielstra and family

Happy Anniversary to Ken & Sylvia Ingwersen who celebrate their 52nd today, November 4 and to James & Shirley Jansen who celebrate their 50th on Tuesday, November 6. We thank God with you for his faithfulness.

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

Joe & Jody Hooiveld, Joseph, Alexander, Conner, Kasey, Lee
Tony & Henrietta Jansen
Doug & Joyce VanKampen, Abby

Council Members

Elder | Heather Postma
Deacon | Intisar Elia

November Ministries | Search Team, Worship ministry, Kidz Church

Abbotsford church | Sevenoaks Alliance Church

Connections Lunch this Sunday, November 4

Are you new to Gateway or would you simply like company over lunch. Join us after the worship service for our monthly Connections Lunch.

GATEWAY NEWS

Kidz Church...

Do you have any farm animals costumes or a star costume that you could lend to Kidz Church for a few weeks? Please contact Rebecca Vaandrager, rebeccavaandrager@hotmail.com. Thanks so much!

Gateway's Christmas Craft Fair November 16 & 17

Make sure you save the date to come by and shop for all your Christmas gift needs! Invite your friends! **Your help is needed** as we are still a few vendors short, the table price has been lowered to \$35; please share with any crafty artisan friends that might want to take part!!

Also, please share the Facebook Event that you can find on the Gateway Community CRC facebook page.

- Vendor application forms are available at www.gatewaycrc.org, click on the Craft Fair to download the Vendor Application form, fill it out and drop it off in Christine Gross' mailbox or contact Christine at tistine@gmail.com

Senior's Ministry Advance notice for Thursday, November 15 2018

Seniors of all ages are welcome and will meet on Thursday, November 15th, for a morning of fun and fellowship. Coffee is ready for 9:30 am, program will start at 10ish.

Lunch will be provided and served around 11:30 by our wonderful Chefs, Bob and Ann.

If you would like to contribute a food item to the luncheon please call Ann at 604-864-0229. Bring a friend, bring a story, bring your sense of humour and your appetite.

I (Rita) will be away somewhere warm and sunny so I pray you will all have a wonderful day. Your Senior's Ministry Team.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Cafe meets on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the prayer room off of the lobby. Please be 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 will always be available for personal prayer or to take prayer 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

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Kidz Church parents: please remind your children to bring back their **Peter Fishbanks** for this Sunday, November 4. The deacons/counting committee are going to show the kids how the money is counted and speak a little about where the money is being used.

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 sends manna and quail

Next week: Moses sees God's holiness

GEMS & Cadets GIRLS & BOYS CLUBS

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

Youth Group

This week Thursday, Nov 8 is our Church Activity Night. The plan is head out into Abbotsford for a 'Photo Scavenger Hunt' and then end the night with a pizza party! (We could use some extra parent drivers for this exciting event) This will be a great night to invite your friends! If you still need to hand in your Mexico Orphanage Outreach forms, please do so asap.

MEETINGS

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

BOS meets Monday, Nov 5 at 7:30 pm in the South Balcony Board Room.

FUSION meets on Wednesday, Nov 6 at 7:30 pm in the Prayer Room.

Our Fall Congregational meeting was held this past Monday evening, Oct 29.

Here are a few highlights:

- Council Chairperson Matt Tinsley welcomed everyone to the meeting. 71 people were in attendance.
- Elder Bryan Brandsma opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.
- Minutes from the Congregational Meeting of April 23, 2018 were received for information.
- Motion: "To approve a new part time position for Director of Discipleship: Children's Ministry." APPROVED
- Motion: "To approve the amendments to the Constitution and by-laws as presented." This is a Special Resolution requiring no less than 2/3rd majority. APPROVED with 93% majority.
- Treasurer Pat Blink presented the proposed budget for 2019. Motion: "To approve the 2019 budget as presented." APPROVED
- Pastor Marcel and Tim Vaandrager, Chair of the Outreach Ministry Team, shared about the 6 year plan for missions at Gateway.
- Matt Tinsley talked about serving on Council and the challenges of finding people to serve.
- Matt Tinsley gave an update on the search for Pastor of Preaching and Congregational Care.
- Motion: To destroy the ballots. APPROVED
- Matt Tinsley closed the meeting in prayer.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY GROUPS

Movie Hub takes place on Sunday, November 4. We will be watching the movie Adrift, a true story, at 7:15 pm in room 205. Rated PG13. For more information contact Jolene Versteeg, jversteeg57@hotmail.com.

Gateway Book Club All are welcome! Book Club will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Prayer Lounge. All are welcome! For more information contact Jolene Versteeg, 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 November 15.

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.

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 1st to March 31st. We are looking for assistance in the following areas: bringing a meal in a crock pot, bringing three dozen buns with something on them, volunteering from 7:30 to midnight with two other people, or volunteering from midnight to 8:30 am with one or two other people. Ideally if we have enough volunteers this would be a commitment of once every week or once every two weeks when the shelter is open. The shelter is open if there is snow on the ground, and/or the temperature is 0 or below, or if there is a heavy rainfall warning. Last season the shelter was open over 80 nights. We work together with BC Housing, the Salvation Army and Cyrus Center. Thank you for your consideration of this ministry, for more information contact Jenny Vanderheide at 604 854 5215 or by email jvanderheide@shaw.ca

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet at 10 AM on Friday, November 9, in the Fireside Room at Living Hope CRC on Old Clayburn Road. We recognize that many families are affected by dementia so if you are the caregiver (or a supportive person to a caregiver) of a loved one with dementia, you are invited to join us. We are a Christian faith-based support group where you can share feelings or experiences and gain insight and knowledge from others on a similar journey in a confidential and safe environment. For more information please contact Living Hope church office at 604-853-6151 or office@livinghopecrc.ca to connect with a support group facilitator.

Songs Strings and Steps presents **An Irish Christmas** at Gateway Church in Abbotsford, December 14th and 15th. Producer Calvin Dyck is pulling together a delightful show including Irish dancers, "The Alumni Project" (an outstanding chamber choir from Abbotsford), the award winning Abbotsford Youth Orchestra and some surprises for the audience including an "Uilleann Piper" from Ireland. Tickets are available at House of James, King's Music or at <https://sssirishchristmas.eventbrite.ca>

We are preparing for **the Christmas at Sea** season for seafarers again this year, and your donations are much appreciated. You can still send to 401 E. Waterfront Rd, Vancouver, BC V6A 4G9. However, this year we are having problems depositing cheques made out to "Ministry to Seafarers." Therefore, please make cheques payable to "Classis BCNW" and designate them to "Ministry to Seafarers, Christmas at Sea" on the memo line. Thank you.