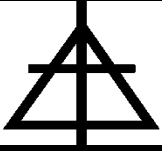


Taber Christian Reformed Church



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*"It is the Purpose of the Taber CRC: to learn about God's love in Jesus Christ,
to celebrate this love and to communicate this love to all people."*

December 2, 2018

10:00 AM - Morning Worship

Pastor Ken Vanderploeg

We Begin Our Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 27: 1; Psalm 18: 25-28

*Opening Song – *"How Great Is Our God"* (LUYH 574)

God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise – *"Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child"* (LUYH 99);

"The First Noel"; "Joy Has Dawned"

We Come into God's Presence to Confess

Advent Reading

Song of Response: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (LUYH 61)

God's Will for Our Lives: **Preparatory for Communion** (G Pg. 978, 979)

*Song of Proclamation: *"Soon and Very Soon"* (LUYH 482)

Children's Blessing

Congregational Prayer

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture – Isaiah 9:1-7

Short video Intro:

Sermon: **The Attraction of Light**

Prayer

Song of Response – *"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky"* (LUYH 667, G 481)

We Depart to Serve

Offering

Benediction

Doxology – *"Behold, Our God"* vs 1 & 3, ending w/ chorus of *"O Come Let Us Adore Him"*

Bulletin Deadline: Thursday 10:00 am

Ellicia Little –

E-mail: tabercrc@hotmail.com

Welcome to the Taber Christian Reformed Church this Sunday as we gather to praise our God.

We invite you for coffee and juice in the Fellowship Hall after the service this morning.

We expect to see Christmas lights almost anywhere during Advent season. But would you expect to see a lamp post in the middle of a forest? Why there? Like the post that lights the forest in Narnia, the Light of Christ appears in the unexpected places where darkness seems heaviest. But the darkness has not overcome it. The Light of hope continues to burn in the worst circumstances.

WILLING HELPERS	December 2 nd	December 9 th
Ushers:	Jenna Jonker, Lexi Wojtowicz	Jared Tamminga, John VanderWekken
Serving Elder:	Okko Jonker	Scott Wojtowicz
Serving Deacons:	Brent Bydevaate, Bernie Vloo	Lucas Bennen, Arnold VanHuizen
PowerPoint:	Jan Bennen	Ellicia Little
Sound:	Jason Little	Ashleigh Little
Time of Praise:	WT2	Sunday School
Pianist:	Tanya Hoekstra	Pearl Ovinge
Nursery:	Pam Wind, Shelley DeLeeuw, Lindsay Smith, Brett Braun, Maya Bekkering	Alicia Bennen, Marilyn Visser, Amanda DeBoer, Harian Wildeboer, Maria Peters
Offering:	First Bag: Calvin College Second Bag: Church Budget	First Bag: Deacon Fund Second Bag: Church Budget
Greeters:	George and Alice Wolgen Martha Ypma	Hessina Bekkering Wilma and Garth Bekkering
Coffee Servers:	Chris and Emmie Rijkens Scott and Mandy Wojtowicz	Lucas and Lindsay Bennen Ed and Terry Stolk


Calendar of Events	
Dec 02	Evening Bible Study – 6pm
Dec 03	
Dec 04	Catechism – 7:30pm Tuesday Night Bible Study – 7:30pm
Dec 05	Sonshine Singing Linden View – 3pm Executive Meeting – 7:30pm
Dec 06	Ladies Coffee Break – 9:30am Evening Ladies Bible Study – 7:30pm
Dec 07	Senior's Dinner and Games Night – 5:30pm
Dec 08	
Dec 09	Lord's Supper Sunday School for 3 and 4-year olds only Evening Bible Study – 6pm

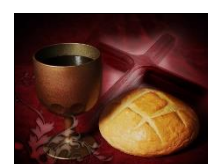
BIRTHDAYS!	
Dec 02	David Bekkering Nick VanGeest Jr.
Dec 03	Victor Suing
Dec 04	Pat Kempe Naomi Wind
Dec 05	David VanDyk
Dec 06	
Dec 07	Kaleb Muller
Dec 08	Dwayne Gould
Dec 09	Nicole Varekamp

YOUTH GROUP
No Youth Group tonight.

CATECHISM STUDIES
Tuesday, Dec 4th at 7:30pm
Snack:
Joanne Langeweg

December collection needed to meet Budget: \$92,000 Total Collection for November 2018	
Budget Offerings	\$32,051.50
Mission Offerings:	
Back to God Hour	\$597.70
Chaplaincy Ministries	\$712.15
GEMS	\$80.00
Good Samaritan Seniors Home	\$626.45
World Renew World Hunger	<u>\$1,051.45</u>
Total Mission Offerings	\$3,067.75

 **CHOIR REMINDER: EXTENDED PRACTICE, today after church. Bring along a big snack to have beforehand, as it will likely go through the lunch hour.**



**Celebration of the Lords Dinner
December 9th**

Please remember our brothers and sisters in your daily prayers at mealtimes and during your personal devotions.
Continue to remember those young and old with ongoing physical, spiritual and emotional struggles.

Please continue to pray for those with ongoing health concerns: John Bos, Andrea DeLeeuw, Janet VanDerMeulen, Bob Dykstra, Harry Vandersteen

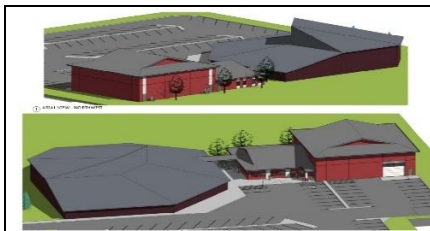
Please be in prayer for those in our seniors homes: Tim Westerhoud, Klaas Visser, Jewel Klok, Hennie Bouwman, Meiny Veldhuizen, Henry VandenBrink, Hilda Westerhoud

Please keep Sam Kuyper in prayer as he is in the Lethbridge hospital receiving treatment for Kawasaki disease.

Congratulations to Stuart and Darcie Tams with the birth of a healthy baby boy, Sutton John Tams on Wednesday.

Dear Congregation: I want to thank you for your generous gift! Mission-minded people like you are a vital part of God's mission to reach communities across the globe. The missionaries you send, the new churches you support, and the leaders you equip all have something in common: they depend on generous gifts from you. Your support for Resonate makes it possible to spread God's light in North America and throughout the world. You are helping the global church grow! You are equipping people around the globe with the tools they need to go forward and tackle new opportunities for ministry. That's the impact your gift to Resonate has. Thank you for partnering with Resonate in the gospel. Your gift has an eternal impact. You are joining in God's mission to proclaim the gospel—and Resonate ministry leaders see people accept Jesus as Lord and Savior every day! Thank you for joining us in living out the gospel. In Christ, Zachary King, Director

Church Events



Church Expansion Vote:
will be held December 9th after Sunday Service, 67% in favor will pass the expansion. For scheduling convenience, you can vote by proxy with Ellicia at the Church prior to the 9th.
If you were unable to attend the meeting on Nov 21st, there are information sheets on Ellicia's desk



The Senior's fellowship committee invites all who are 60 years and up to a Christmas Dinner and Game night on Friday Dec. 7 at 5:30 for punch bowl and 6pm dinner. Please sign up on the guest list so we know how many to prepare for. Thank you.



****Volunteers Needed****
For the Christmas Dinner, we are asking for help to prepare vegetables, stuffing, salads, cranberry and desserts. Please find the sign-up in the foyer or Let Pastor Ken know if you can help us out with any one of these items.



The Taber Ministerial Association will be providing the clients and volunteers of the Taber Food Bank a Christmas dinner on Saturday December 15. We (Taber Christian Reformed Church) will be providing 8 - 4kg hams, cooked sliced and ready to serve, and delivered to the Taber E Free Church by 5pm. If you are willing to purchase, cook and slice a ham, please find the sign-up sheet in the foyer.



Church Organ: Council has decided that the time has come to move the organ out of the sanctuary. Over the last number of years, it has not been played during our worship services with the rare exception of a funeral. Since we do not have an organist and it is not used, it was decided to move it from the sanctuary. If there is someone who would like to have the organ, they are more than welcome to have it, please speak to one of the council members if you would like to take the organ. Thank you.



St Vincent De Paul

Is looking for beds, bedding and any other house hold items that are in decent shape. Please call Steve Van Geest 403-915-1761



Taber Kiwanis Community Christmas Carol Festival
December 12 at 7pm
Location: LDS Stake Center 4709 50 Ave Taber
Come and Join us to celebrate Christmas together as a Community



Holiday Season Memorial Service: Join us on Dec 9 at 2pm - Location at the Taber Health Centre – Clinic for a memorial Service to commemorate a special loved one with thoughtful, heart-warming reflections, prayer and music. All family and friends are welcome, refreshments will be served. Sponsored by Spiritual Care Taber.

Community / Regional / National News



December 4 - Food Bank Stuff a Bus at IGA and Co-op – The Food and Gift drive is important to ensure families can celebrate Christmas without hunger pains. Please help Stuff the Bus on Tuesday, December 4. Save money on your groceries and help support the Food Bank. Cash donations receive tax receipts. Thank-you

Voice of the Martyrs – Dieny Donkersgoed: **ALGERIA** – Churches in Algeria continue to face court-ordered closures, as the Algerian authorities tighten restrictions on non-Islamic places of worship. Several churches have been ordered to cease all operations. One such church in the village of Azaghur was inspected in December 2017 and, as part of the inspection, was cited for violations regarding foreign visitors among other things. On October 16th, authorities took action and sealed the building. As part of their inspection, they also ask to see their licenses -- officially designating their buildings as non-Muslim places of worship. May God grant wisdom and encouragement to members of these churches. May the opposing members of government realize that Christianity is not a threat to the country.

Immanuel Christian Schools Fall Membership Meeting: You are invited to the meeting on Monday, December 3 at 7:30pm at Immanuel Christian Secondary School, 802 6 Ave N. The meeting agenda is available on our website at www.societyforchristianeducation.org, in the church foyer or at the Society Office.

Deepen Down into Advent – Our annual fall InterMission Silent Retreat takes place on Dec 7-9 at Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert. The Star is situated right in the centre (almost) of the lovely city of St. Albert and is close to many paths and parks. Retreat begins Friday 7 PM and runs to Sunday 4 PM. 2 nights accommodation, peace, quiet, rest, reflection, prayer, 5 meals, up to 3 spiritual direction sessions, morning and evening prayers. Recently I read a quote by the grand old, now deceased, Robertson Davies: "It is easier to be busy than it is to be holy." Take time to be holy and get connected, to yourself, to God and others. \$350. To register: rev.klok@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - Come for BRUNCH and an enjoyable morning on Tuesday, December 11th at 9:30 a.m. at Luigi's Banquet Room. All women are invited to come and enjoy a "Christmas Reflections" panel, led by Jantine Kleinjan, and music by Vanessa Kurtzweg, from Foremost. You will also enjoy a feature presentation by Malinda Harris, from Garden Gate Floral. Cost for the morning is \$15 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Jane @ 223-1435 or Sylvia @ 416-5075. Reservations must be honored or cancelled by Sunday, December 9th, please. Presented by Taber Christian Women's, affiliated with RSVP Ministries. Come out for a wonderful morning and bring a friend!

Fundraising Concert: Pete & the Re-Petes will be playing a fundraising Christmas concert on December 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Southminster United Church (1011 4 Ave S, Lethbridge, AB). They are a Christian instrumental group and will be playing traditional Christmas music. Tickets are \$10 at the door, children under 16 are free; a freewill offering will be taken for Papua New Guinea Missions. For more information visit www.peteandrepetes.com.

The Lethbridge Christian Women's and Men's choirs are pleased to present their annual Christmas concert "On This Holy Night" on Friday, December 7, 2018 at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church 1818-5th Avenue South. It will start at 7:30 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church will be having their Caroling and Tree Decorating Service on December 2 at 5pm. You are invited to participate, 4619 56 Ave Taber.