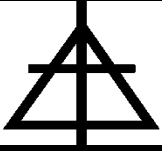


# Taber Christian Reformed Church



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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."*

**November 25, 2018**

**10:00 AM - Morning Worship**

**Pastor Ken Vanderploeg**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Call to Worship:

Psalm 65: 1-4

Opening Prayer

Opening Song: *"God Himself Is with Us"* (LUYH 565, G 244)

God's Greeting

Songs of Praise: *"O Come to the Altar"*; *"Offering" (Christmas Version)*;  
*"Born as a Baby in the Midnight"*

**We Celebrate God's Grace**

God's will for our lives: Exodus 20: 1-17

Prayer of Confession

Song of Assurance: *"And Can It Be"* (LUYH 695, G 267)

Children's Blessing

Congregational Prayer

**We Listen to God's Word**

Song of Preparation: *"O Word of God Incarnate"* (LUYH 757, G 279)

Text: Exodus 33:1-22

Sermon: **On a First Name Basis with God!**

**We Respond With Gratitude**

Song of Response: *"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"* (LUYH 425, G 572)

Offering: Good Samaritan Senior Home & Budget

Offertory: *"Friend of God"*

Benediction

Closing Song: *"Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"* (LUYH 953, G 630)

**Bulletin Deadline: Thursday 10:00 am**

**Ellicia Little –**

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**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.**

**Sunday Service:** Hi, I'm Pastor Ken. I'm pleased to meet you. What's your name again? I'm sorry, I forgot, I need to spend more time with you. We need to get to know each other better. Hopefully, someday, we'll be on a first name basis only, no titles. The more time we spend together the sooner that will happen. Let's have dinner together some time soon. Aren't these the steps towards friendship? Lasting friendships? Today we look at God's desire to be in an intimate friendship with each one of us. The great news is that even when we aren't as close as we could be, there is a friend of God who is in His presence, looking out for us.

Pastor Brian is in Iron Springs on a Classical Appointment this morning.


WILLING HELPERS	November 25 <sup>th</sup>	December 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Ushers:</b>	George VanDerMeulen, Martin Kamper	Jenna Jonker, Lexi Wojtowicz
<b>Serving Elder:</b>	Sid Tams	Okko Jonker
<b>Serving Deacons:</b>	Mathys Pastink, Lucas Bennen	Brent Bydevaate, Bernie Vloo
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Annalise Ypma	Jan Bennen
<b>Sound:</b>	Keith Ypma	Serge Langeweg
<b>Time of Praise:</b>	WT3	WT2
<b>Pianist:</b>	Jodi Hummel	Tanya Hoekstra
<b>Nursery:</b>	Michelle VanderWekken, Marianne Westerhoud, Marlene Wolgen, Brandon Langeweg, Jewel Muller	Pam Wind, Shelley DeLeeuw, Lindsay Smith, Brett Braun, Maya Bekkering
<b>Offering:</b>	First Bag: Good Samaritan's Seniors Home Second Bag: Church Budget	First Bag: Second Bag: Church Budget
<b>Greeters:</b>	Hank and Janny Wikkerink Kevin and Pam Wind	George and Alice Wolgen Martha Ypma
<b>Coffee Servers:</b>	Jan and Ida Bennen Jeff and Lindsay Smith	Chris and Emmie Rijkens Scott and Mandy Wojtowicz

Calendar of Events	
<b>Nov 25</b>	Intergenerational Event – 5pm Youth Group – 7pm
<b>Nov 26</b>	Young Adults – 7:30pm
<b>Nov 27</b>	GEMS & Cadets – Christmas Seniors Evening – 7pm
<b>Nov 28</b>	
<b>Nov 29</b>	Ladies Coffee Break – 9:30am Evening Ladies Bible Study – 7:30pm
<b>Nov 30</b>	MOPS – 9:30am Movie Night – 5:30pm
<b>Dec 01</b>	Men's Breakfast – 8am
<b>Dec 02</b>	Evening Bible Study – 6pm


BIRTHDAYS!	
<b>Nov 25</b>	
<b>Nov 26</b>	Lucas Bennen
<b>Nov 27</b>	
<b>Nov 28</b>	Bill Hiemstra
<b>Nov 29</b>	Kimberly Hiemstra Ryan Bennen
<b>Nov 30</b>	Ellicia Little
<b>Dec 01</b>	Frank Deleeuw Amber Little Charis Kuyper
<b>Dec 02</b>	David Bekkering Nick VanGeest Jr.



**A brief Choir Practice after Sunday Service!**  
Quick cup of Coffee and we will see you in the Sanctuary!  
All are welcomed.



**Youth Group:** Will be at the home of Rob and Catherine Tams tonight at 7-9pm



**Young Adults** will be having their first Bible Study on Monday, November 26 at 7:30pm at Dylan and Kristin Tams' house.  
Contact Dylan at 403 915-6570 for address.



**Church Expansion Vote:**  
will be held December 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>.  
If you were unable to attend the meeting on Nov 21st, there are information sheets on Ellicia's desk

**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

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 pray for healing after a knee replacement surgery for Harry Vandersteen

## Church Events



**Intergenerational Event and Potluck: TONIGHT at 5pm**, please join us for another time of learning about each other at an Intergenerational Event. We will be listening to four speakers sharing with us on "What are some traditions that influenced or helped your family live a Christian life?" Please join us for the event and potluck, bring a favorite dish to share if you can.



### **Friday Night Movie Night:**

Next week begins the season of Advent. We will be doing a series around the theme of Advent in Narnia. If you haven't seen the movie "The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe" now is your chance on Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. Come for pizza at 5:30pm, bring \$10 per family for the pizza and we will watch the movie at 6pm. There will be another movie for little kids in a different room available too.

**Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.**



**CHRISTMAS SENIORS EVENING:** The girls and boys from the GEMS/CADETS Gr. 7&8 class would like to invite the Seniors in our congregation for an hour of games, singing, and fellowship. Please join us on Tuesday, November 27 from 7-8pm in the Fellowship Hall.



### **MOPS is doing a service project for Streets Alive on Nov 30.**

We are making up cookie bags for the homeless and also looking for donations of men's and lady's winter clothing. New socks are also needed. If you can help us out by donating either cookies or clothing items, please bring the items to the church before the 30<sup>th</sup> and we will bring them to Streets Alive.

Thank you so much of your generosity.



Christmas Dinner

**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.



### **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



**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.



The family of Ray & Helen Feenstra invites the church family and friends of the Taber CRC to celebrate with us **Ray & Helen's 60th Wedding Anniversary**. Please join us at an Open House on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Parkbridge Estates Community Hall (2920-28 Avenue South, Lethbridge) 2-4pm for a time of fellowship and celebration. Your attendance is the only gift needed.



**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**



**Taber Food Bank, Food Drive – Stuff A Bus! Tuesday, Dec 4, 9am-8pm.** Please help stuff the Bus with food so Families do not have to go hungry. Buses are located at Co-op and IGA. Thank you for your support

**Voice of the Martyrs –** Dieny Donkersgoed: **NIGER** – For years, the small Christian minority in the west African nation of Niger has lived peacefully alongside the Muslim majority. In recent years, however, the rise of jihadist groups such as Boko Haram has led to an escalation in tension, including the destruction of church buildings and violent attacks on Christians. In an October 11th incident, unknown assailants looted and burned a church building in Niger's capital, Niamey. All that was left was a charred shell of the building with debris and broken musical instruments scattered across the floor. Remember Christians throughout Niger as militant groups are seeking to destroy the church, to keep Christian's faith strong.

**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](mailto:rev.klok@gmail.com)

**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** - Come for BRUNCH and an enjoyable morning on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.peteandrepetes.com).

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** The Lethbridge Pregnancy Care Centre (LPCC) is looking for a part-time Communications Director beginning January 1, 2019. The position is 20 hours/week, and is responsible for developing & overseeing advertising and social media for the LPCC, as well as designing a variety of brochures and other promotional materials. For more information or an application package, please email [monica@lethbridgepregcentre.com](mailto:monica@lethbridgepregcentre.com).