

## January Offerings

January 4- George Koopmans Campus Ministries

January 11- Reframe Ministries

January 18- LifeWater Canada

January 25- Budget

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**George Koopmans Campus Ministries-** Eldhose, a Medicine Hat College student, was born and raised in a Christian home in India. On December 17 he joined me at Taber Christian High School's Chapel. He shared his testimony, and encouraged the students to always place their faith in Christ. It was the first time he spoke of his faith in a large public setting. A few days later, around our dinner table with five other students, 4 of whom are not yet Christians, he asked if he could open our meal in prayer. It was a beautiful and powerful prayer. Victor, from Kenya was also born in a Christian home. He began to share his faith in the Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry Bible Studies. Today he regularly prays and speaks in church services and other gatherings. Partnering with churches to raise up Christian leaders is an important component of Campus Ministry! Thank you for your support as we seek the advance of God's Kingdom on the Medicine Hat College Campus and throughout our land! In His Service -George

### December Offering Totals

Dec. 14- Food Bank -\$1507.75

Dec. 21- Resonate- \$3335.00

Dec. 28- Genesis Centre- \$2465.00

**Capital Fund Campaign-** We are launching a 5-Year Capital fund with a goal of \$500,000 to cover the new roof and future upgrades to the entry, bathrooms and windows. Please consider a donation or pledge to help make these projects possible.

**Ladies' Brunch Invitation** We welcome you! All women are invited for brunch at Luigi's on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the morning is \$20. Speaker: Linda Pogoda, Olds, AB Val Leahy and Cheryl Sorensen of Cotton Pickers Quilt Club will present "Gifts that Warm our Community Hearts" For reservations call Carrie at 403-915-7867 or email [lingo85@hotmail.com](mailto:lingo85@hotmail.com) or call Bea at 403-894-4156 or email [bea\\_vangeest@hotmail.com](mailto:bea_vangeest@hotmail.com). Reservations and cancellations essential by noon on Monday, January 12 please. Presented by Taber Christian Women's Connection

**Your Gift, Their Gain'** is an initiative where each month we as a church collect



items to donate to local charities and organisations who are helping those in need in our community. We **Thank you** for everyone making this year a huge success and we will return in the New Year!



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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."***

## January 4, 2026

**Sunday Worship:** This morning as we begin the new year, we once again turn to the lectionary for our passages. This morning we are reminded of the many blessings that we have "In Christ." A lot of us are quick to say we are blessed, but tend to put our focus on the earthly blessings rather than the spiritual blessings we have in Christ. This morning is a good reminder to re-calibrate our focus for the coming year.

### We Begin Our Worship

\*Call to Worship –

Psalm 147:12-20

\*Song of Response –

"O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good"  
(LUYH 549)

\*God's Greeting

\*Time of Praise –

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"  
(LUYH 538)

### We Celebrate God's Grace

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Song of Response –

"O Love of God, How Strong and True" vs. 1,3,5,7 (LUYH 583)

Gospel Reading:

John 1:10-18

Song of Response –

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1-3  
(LUYH 76)

Children's Blessing  
Congregational Prayer

### We Listen to God's Word

\*Hymn of Preparation –

"Beautiful Savior" (LUYH 17)

New Testament Reading:

Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon:

**Blessed to be a Blessing**

### We Respond with Gratitude

Prayer

\*Hymn of Response –

"Amazing Grace"

(LUYH 691)

Offering-

### We Depart to Serve

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology –

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

(LUYH 964)

## Church Family

We continue to pray for those in our senior homes or who are shut in and unable to worship with us weekly: Hennie Bouwman, Jenny Stolk, Corry Vanderwekken, Rika Zuidhof, Rev. Jake Corvers, George Wolgen, Alice Wolgen, Hank Wikkerink and Janny Wikkerink.

Please continue to be in prayer for Nellie Hiemstra as she is now at the St. Michaels health centre in Lethbridge.

Please be in prayer for Pat Hoeksema as she is in the Taber Hospital

Church Calendar	
Jan 4	Service at 10:00am No Sunday School
Jan 5	7:30pm- Men's Bible Study
Jan 7	7:00pm- Ladies Volleyball 7:30pm- Executive Meeting
Jan 8	7:30pm- Gather
Jan 9	9:30am- The Village
Jan 11	Service at 10:00am Sunday School Pre-k- Gr.6 11:15am- Catechism 4pm- Soup Kitchen LIFT 7:00pm- LIFT

Happy Birthday	
Jan 4	Samuel Bonthuis
Jan 5	Easton Lievaart Branden Langeweg
Jan 6	Bennett Stolk Jake Kodde Leni Vanderwal
Jan 7	Scottie Tams Travis Versteegen Willa Lievaart
Jan 8	Emmie Rijkens Jack Tams Kaleb Vossebelt
Jan 10	Anita Vanderwekken



**New Members Class:** If you have wondered about what it means to join the Taber CRC and are curious about what we believe, please talk to Pastor Brian as he plans to begin a new members class in the new year!

**Upcoming Book Study:** In the new year, Pastor Brian plans to begin a book study on *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Peter Scazzero. If you are interested in joining this book study, please talk to Pastor Brian as he is planning to do this on Sunday afternoons/evenings beginning in January.



Taber CRC's **Cadet bottle drive** will be on Saturday, January 31, 2026. Pick up will be between 10 AM & 12 PM. Please save your bottles. Thank you!

**LIFT** will return on January 11th where another group will head to Lethbridge Soup Kitchen, we have 7 open spots for youth still. Those not attending will be at Taber CRC. Thanks for an awesome 2025.



	Today Sunday Service	January 11 <sup>th</sup> Willing Helpers
Serving Elder	Jeff Smith	Martin Kamper
Pianist	Thomas VDL	Miriam Bekkering
Worship Team	WT7	WT4
Sound	Jason/ Ashleigh L.	Kevin & Cam Wind
Media Team	Arlo Hummel	Leah Wind
Nursery	Annalisa B. Kassidy V. Lauren V.	Jaydee G. Jordynn D. Kennedy H.
Coffee Servers	Bill & Sylvia Hiemstra Klaas & Tanya Hoekstra	James Ebrey & Jodi Hummel Fred & Sheri Jonker
Greeters	Jeff & Shelley Kooiker Jayda Kooiker	Thomas & Britney Lievaart Jason & Ellicia Little

We welcome those in **District 1** to join us on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm-5:00pm for an afternoon at the Pin. More information shared in the Whats app group. For any questions please contact Kevin Wind or Jeff Smith.



**fun+  
FAITH**

**Fun & Faith** is returning to Taber CRC with the **Date Night Tour** - A fun night for couples to laugh and be inspired, encouraged and pointed to Christ. Saturday, February 7, 2026. Save the date! This is a ticketed event with details coming soon. We are looking for 8-10 volunteers who would like to help with this event. This would mean arriving 60min prior to the event.

**Registration for SABC's 2026 Men's Retreat is now open!** To register go to this link: <https://sabc.ca/event/mens-retreat/> Here are some details that will be good to know: Date: January 16-18, 2026. Cost: \$160 for the weekend. \$130 for Friday and Saturday night. \$80 for Saturday only. Theme: Iron Sharpens Iron.



**Watoto**

We are blessed to be hosting the **Watoto Children's Choir** on the evening of Sunday, February 22, 2026. Help is needed in providing a hot meal for the team on the Sunday afternoon following set-up. We also need to provide accommodation for the team for Sunday night until Tuesday morning; up to 10 host homes, each generally hosting two choir children and one young adult chaperone, but if you are able to host more, great! Please talk with James E to review and complete the Host Home Checklist. We must have host homes confirmed by January 18<sup>th</sup>.