

We offer a number of programs for youth and adults from September to April.

Give any of the contact people a call, if you are interested in any of these programs.

### **Boys Club: Cadets**

- ⇒ Ages 8 to 15
- ⇒ Meet Thursday evenings 6:30 to 8:00 pm
- ⇒ Sharing a fun time through bible study, crafts and games
- ⇒ Cadets Contact:  
Mike Stienstra @ 779-5865

### **Girls Club: GEMS**

- ⇒ Grades 2-6
- ⇒ Meet alternate Wednesday evenings at Covenant CRC (653 Knowles Ave.) October to April 6:30-8:15 pm
- ⇒ Crafts, games, learning from the Bible, earning badges
- ⇒ Contact: gems@covenantcrc.ca

### **Youth Ministry:**

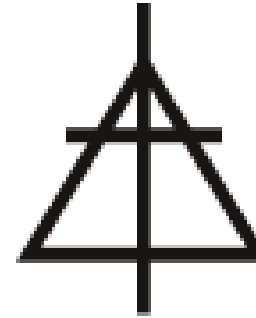
- ⇒ Games, snacks, outside events, Bible Study
- ⇒ Summer volunteer opportunities
- ⇒ Combined ministry with Covenant CRC
- Jr. Youth (Grade 7-9) twice a month, usually Thursday evenings.
- Sr. Youth (Grade 10-12) twice a month, usually Sunday evenings
- ⇒ Contact: email Joan @ youth@covenantcrc.ca

### **UFO (UnFinished Objects) Evening**

- ⇒ One Wednesday evening per month from September to May
- ⇒ Women of all ages meet for crafts and conversation and a short devotion
- ⇒ Contact:  
Grace Zylstra @ 444-3299

### **Bible Study Groups**

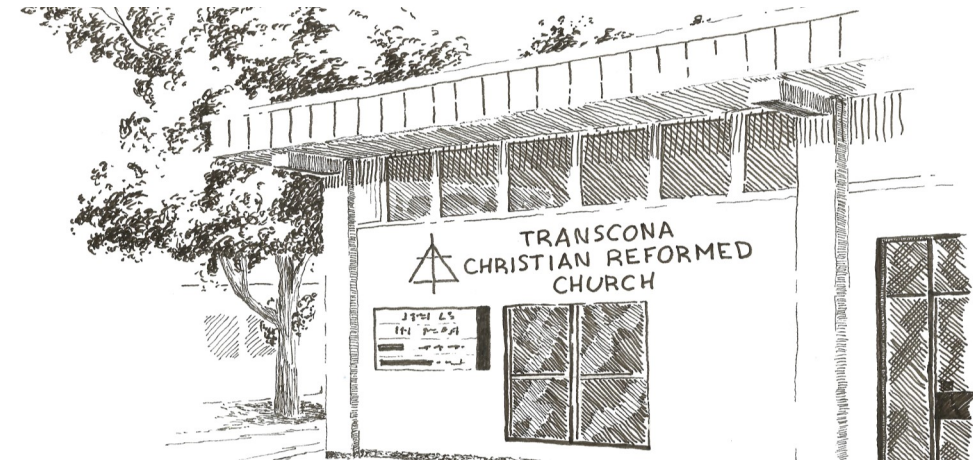
- ⇒ Small groups who meet on a regular basis for Bible study and fellowship
- ⇒ Contact:  
The church office @ 222-4380



# TRANSCONA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

*"I've told you this so that my peace will be with you. In the world you'll have trouble. But cheer up! I have overcome the world."*

*John 16:33*



*Welcome! Please join us for worship.*

*Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00 am.*

*Nursery available for infants up to 2 1/2 yrs.*

*Children & Worship Ages 3-6 (during the service)*

*Sunday School (Sept - June)*

*Pre-K (Age 4) to Grade 6 (Age 11)*

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For Bulletin Announcements:  
Email: [transconacrcbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:transconacrcbulletin@gmail.com)  
Deadline: Thursday at 12:00 p.m.  
Or call the church office  
Office Hours: Tues. - Friday 12pm - 4pm

**January 3rd, 2021 Worship Service**  
at 10:00 a.m. led by Pastor Brian Bolkema

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Prelude	Micah and Elizabeth Halbesma
Call to Worship	
God's Greeting	
Opening Song	<i>LUYH 405 O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>
Call to Confession	
Prayer of Confession	
Assurance of Forgiveness	
Guide for Grateful Living	
Song	<i>I Will Wait for You</i>
Congregational Prayer	
Children's Message	
Song	<i>We Will Extol You, God and King</i>
Prayer for Illumination	
<b>Bible Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah 40:12-31</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>We Believe in God</b>
Prayer of Application	
Song of Response	<i>LUYH 782 In God the Father I Believe</i>
God's Blessing	
Doxology	<i>Across the Lands</i>

\*\*As you worship the Lord with your giving to support the ministry of the church, please consider adding Hope Centre, as the deacons have recommended that we support them this week.

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## **Drawing Near**

### *A New Year's Prayer*

*May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and  
their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy  
to you for the year ahead.*

*Author unknown*

*Praying with you, Linda Schreuders (Prayer Coordinator)*

*The Lord makes a path through the sea  
and a road through the strong currents.*

*Forget what happened in the past,  
and do not dwell on  
events from long ago.*

*I am going to do something new.*

*It is already happening.*

*Don't you recognize it?*

*I will clear a way in the desert.*

*I will make rivers on dry land.*

*Isaiah 43: 16, 18-19*

## **SERVING GOD**

<b>January 3rd:</b> Audio/Visual:	Darran McLarty, Ron Schreuders
<b>January 10th:</b> Audio/Visual:	Todd Schreuders, Caleb Hamstra
<b>January 17th:</b> Audio/Visual:	Nathan Stienstra, Andrew Steendam
<b>January 24th:</b> Audio/Visual:	Andrew Stienstra, Ron Schreuders

## **Calendar**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>January 3rd</b>	Sr. Youth on Zoom
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>January 6th</b>	Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm (Zoom)
<b>Thursday</b> <b>January 7th</b>	Jr. Youth on Zoom
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>January 13th</b>	Vision Committee Meeting @ 7:30 pm (Zoom)
<b>Monday</b> <b>January 18th</b>	Anticipated return of students to school at Transcona CRC
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>January 20th</b>	Elder Meeting @ 7:00 pm (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>January 27th</b>	Vision Committee Meeting @ 7:30 pm (Zoom)

## Our Church Family

### Please Remember our Shut-in Members:

- \* Mr. George Brakel - St. Amant Center; 440 River Rd. R2M 3Z9
- \* Mr. Harry DeJong - 6th floor Deer Lodge Centre 2109 Portage Ave R3J 0L3
- \* Mr. & Mrs. Geschiere –Riverview Health Centre; mailing address: 308-1090 Devonshire Dr. W, R3W 1T5
- \* Mrs. Louise Hadaller - Concordia Place Room D416-1000 Molson Ave. R2K 4L5
- \* Mr. Boyd Jeeninga - Concordia Place, Rm. 411C - 1000 Molson Ave. R2K 4L5
- \* Mrs. Frances Jeeninga - Concordia Place, Rm. D415 - 1000 Molson Ave. R2K 4L5
- \* Mrs. Bep Pastoor - Donwood Manor 298-171 Donwood Dr. R2G 0V9
- \* Ms. Catherine Young - Lions Supportive Housing 828-320 Sherbrook St. R3B 2W6

### Birthday's this week:

- ◆ Dayna Zwiars on January 5th
- ◆ Robyn Zwiars on January 5th
- ◆ Lucy Westervelt on January 6th
- ◆ Susan Smid on January 7th (75)
- ◆ Brandon Vaags on January 7th
- ◆ Doris Koss on January 8th (85)
- ◆ Reid Nyhof on January 8th
- ◆ Craig Westervelt on January 9th
- ◆ Lila van Boven on January 10th

## Collection Schedule

Jan 3	Hope Center
Jan 10	Teach Beyond - Gail Gorfe
Jan 17	Ian and Jess Friesen
Jan 24	Union Gospel Mission
Jan 31	Calvin Christian School

The January Series is being live streamed on-line at <https://calvin.edu/january-series/> starting on Wednesday January 6, 2021 at 11:30 – 12:30 . **You will need to register to watch from you own devise.**

On Wednesday the speaker is Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung : **GLITTERING VICES: SOUL CARE FOR STRUGGLING CHRISTIANS** which explores why our hearts are captivated by glittery but false substitutes for true human goodness and happiness.

On Thursday the speaker is Matt de la Pena: **THE POWER OF STORY**. He will be discussing the power of story and why everyone's story matters.

On Friday the speaker is William Garvelink: **THE FUTURE WITH PANDEMICS**. He will speak on the current COVID crisis, lessons learned from Ebola, his experience as a senior diplomat and share why he believes pandemics will continue to be a part of our future.



## Happening in Youth

Happy New Year! Are you glad 2020 is done? Bring on 2021! Looking forward to starting the new year with you! **We will resume Youth on Zoom for Sr. Youth on January 3rd and for Jr. Youth on January 7th.** Look in your email for the zoom links a couple of days beforehand. Contact Joan (youth@covenantcrc.ca) for more info or to be added to the email list. Enjoy your time away from school!

New for 2021! Do you make New Year's Resolutions? Maybe you don't dare make any because you doubt you'll follow through? You need some friends to encourage you along! **A NEW CHALLENGE for Youth Ministry in 2021 is to read through the Bible in one year!** We have a great tool for reading through the Bible this year, and we'd love for you to sign up for that. Each week you will get a list of Bible passages to read, along with highlights and prompts to deepen God's Word in your heart and mind. This will be a chronological journey through the Bible, starting with Job. Let Joan know if you'd like to sign up with that! We will check-in during our Youth Zoom chats as we go along throughout the year. Email youth@covenantcrc.ca to get started on this awesome New Year's resolution!

### From Back to God Ministries International:

GROUNDWORK: COMMITMENT AND DISCIPLESHIP - Following Jesus is not always easy. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 13:3-23, Luke 14:25-33, and Hebrews 12:1-3 **to better understand the spiritual discipline of commitment and learn how we can cultivate the lifelong discipline of following Jesus Christ.** Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### What we can be Praying for:

- Fred and Claire Jeninga covet your prayers, love and support as they are dealing with Fred's pancreatic cancer diagnosis. May God make clear through test results the best course of treatment for Fred. May He grant peace to both of them.
- We lift up Marlene Kollinger as she deals with bone marrow cancer, the treatment, and appointments involved and how to manage day to day. May the Lord surround Marlene and Karl.
- Jared Sinninghe has finished his chemo treatments. The initial test results have been encouraging and he expects to have more tests in a number of weeks. Praying for Jared, Jenn, Brody and Bennet.
- Brian Derksen continues the journey of cancer treatment. May Brian sense God pressing in close as he deals with the effects of chemo. May the Lord give His peace and assurance to Brian and to Betty
- For the first time since Michael Pastoor was diagnosed with cancer, we have received some positive news. There is little to no cancer activity in response to the chemo. Praise God for answered prayers. Thank you Transcona CRC for your prayers.
- Our prayers continue to lift up those from our congregation who are in long term care facilities who are experiencing Covid outbreaks.
- We offer prayers up for those who work in health care, who work in care home facilities, and who work as fire fighters/paramedics and police officers.
- May God uphold all those who work in essential services in our city and province.
- May the Lord give wisdom to each person who makes decisions regarding Covid in our city, our province and in our country.
- For those who struggle with emotional and mental health concerns, may God provide connection & community in what ever way possible during this uncertain time.

## Announcements

### To all Congregation members:

This is a friendly reminder that any 2020 contributions must be received no later than **January 10 2021** to be credited to your 2020 tax contributions.

Any contributions received after January 10, regardless of the cheque date will be for the 2021 tax year.

Any questions feel free to call.

God's Blessings for 2021

From the Deacons of TCRC

### New Address for Randy, Margaret and Deanna Kunkel.

2541 Knowles Avenue Winnipeg Manitoba R2G 2K7

### From Faith Formation Ministries:

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Engaging Scripture: Eugene Peterson says of Scripture engagement, "Reading is an immense gift, but only if the words are assimilated, taken into the soul—eaten, chewed, gnawed, received in unhurried delight." Read your favorite Scripture passage that way today. Take time to savor and "gnaw" on it, noticing any new insights that come to mind. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

### From World Renew:

Justice and Global Engagement Virtual Learning Experience - The Justice and Global Relationships Virtual Experience is being offered in partnership between World Renew and The King's University. This 8-session virtual learning experience is open to all Canadians who are committed to learning about and promoting justice and advocacy. Visit [worldrenew.ca/justice-and-global-relationships-virtual-experience](http://worldrenew.ca/justice-and-global-relationships-virtual-experience) for more information.

**Sunday@Seven prayers.** This week we're going to start something called Sunday@Seven. We're encouraging everyone to join in prayer together on Sundays at 7 PM. Each week, a specific need will be highlighted, along with a couple other prayer prompts. Everyone can participate by taking a few moments to pray on Sunday at 7. In addition, we're going to utilize The Bridge App prayer feature. We'll send out a notification through the app as a reminder to pray. The app will also display at least 2 other prayer prompts. The hope is that this will not only be an encouragement for us to pray, but unite us as a congregation as we pray at the same time each week for a specific need. If you do not yet have The Bridge App on your phone, it is a free app available in your app store. The Bridge App also includes other great features like an online directory of members, a link to the Today devotional, the Bible in various versions, as well as many great resources and news from the denomination. If you need help setting it up or have any other questions, please contact the church office and we can help!

