Weekly Newsletter of the Christian Reformed Church of Perth Inc.

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Worship service times: Sundays 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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**May 3rd, 2015 AD Worship Services In Perth**

**9:30 a.m. Pastor Reinier Noppers Matthew 11:28-30, Psalm 119:25-32 “Down But Not Out”**

**5:30 p.m. Pastor Reinier Noppers John 9:35-41, Malachi 2:17-3:5 “The Lord is Coming”**

**WELCOME**

*A warm welcome to all who have come to the services today, and a special welcome to visitors. May the Lord bless each of us as we worship together, that His Name may be glorified and that we are encouraged and strengthened in faith. A crèche is available at the back of the building for those who wish to use it for children aged 0-4 years of age. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service.*

Meditation

Where would we be without our mothers? In one sense, none of us would even exist without our mothers: for they are the ones who gave birth to us! Yet our experience of mothers vary as much as their different shapes, size, talents and gifts! Some live far away, others close by. Some we get on well with, others struggle with those bonds; some seem to live forever, while others pass away early in our lives and leave us with much sorrow. Mothers have all been given a task by God, to care for nurture, and love the children entrusted to them; and it is easy (and true) to say: there is no perfect mother here on earth: yet despite all this, God commands us to treat our mothers with honour and respect.

This command did not come with sub clauses or fine print: it is not the heading of further paragraphs like: “if they are nice to me” – “if they get parenting “right,” – “until I get married or move out of home or turn 21” – or only if they live close by and help me out and always agree with me.

The command is to honour our parents for as long as the Lord grants us life. So how should we honour them? On this Mother’s Day, it is good to reflect on how we obey this command.

Is buying a “Mother’s Day” card, a bunch of flowers and telling her once a year “thanks mum, I love you” sufficient? Or is it a daily task, highlighted in the way we speak about her when she is not around; do we express our appreciation for all the blessing she has been to us, even as we accept and forgive her for her many mistakes? If we do not get on to well with our mothers, do we hold on to the wrongs, point out the faults, or accept that like her, we too need forgiveness and grace each day, and that love covers a multitude of sins? And if we love them dearly, get on well with them, do we take the opportunity to express this to them, not just today, but regularly, letting her know by word and deed (hugs tend to help ☺ ) that we truly do appreciate her for her love?

And as they get older, are we willing to help out and assist in the things she can no longer do herself; mowing lawns, visiting doctors, making a cuppa, and simply taking the time to visit regularly, and not just in emergencies? Do we put up with the hearing loss, the moments of forgetfulness, the repeated stories with a smile, or a grumble? Do we enjoy hearing what has happened during her week, or it is a burden to be borne?

Honouring our mothers sounds so simple; and it is. It doesn’t cost any money … although it doesn’t hurt to spend a little on her every now and then either! But it does take a genuine choice, a firm commitment, and a deep desire to love her, honour her, and give thanks to God for the gift she has been to each of us. RN

**Pastoral**

William Plummer, who wrote a massive commentary on the Psalms, includes this personal note: “During a Christian and ministerial life neither short, uneventful nor free from dark days and sharp sorrows I have never been able to secure to myself, or administer to others, full support and abounding consolation, without a resort to the Psalms.”

Weekly income as required by the budget $2 801.00

To date required 43 weeks: $120 443.00

Income received to date: $123 960.50

**Board Of Management**

In the Psalms we find real life, with all its deep valleys and mountain peaks, the depths of despair and the breathtaking heights of mercy and grace. And in Psalm 119, we also find these extremes of life. In verses 25 and 28, the reviving effect of God’s Word is clearly testified. The issue is not what burden the psalmist was carrying: the point is his repetition to God: Preserve my life! According to your word… strengthen me! According to your word! This petition made in the heart of lie’s struggles, with the certainty of God who hears and answers.

We too were strengthened and preserved through the comfort of God’s word as we stood at the graveside with Mary, and then as we gathered in thanksgiving with the funeral service for Arie earlier this week. It was a blessing to come together at this time, and we pray that Mary and her family may continue to receive God’s grace and strength as they adjust to life without Arie: a big thankyou also to everyone who helped out on the day, with sound data, music, food and drink and the cleanup afterward. Through this help we see clearly the body of Christ at work, as each part contributes according to the gifts and talents God has given us.

Ina Eikelboom is making slow progress in her recovery, and we ask that God will continue to grant healing for her.

Yvonne Herft is also feeling a lot better, but will need further rehabilitation before she is able to return home.

The triennial Synod of the CRCA commences in a week’s time, with an opening service next Sunday evening 17th May at 5:00 p.m. at the Gosnells church, 55 Mills Road. A big note of appreciation and thanks goes to all who have offered accommodation, transport help, or being a kitchen hand. We still need some help, so if you can help in the kitchen at any time during the week please speak to Trudy as soon as possible. Also, after the opening service this Sunday evening, we need some able-bodied people to help set up the auditorium for Synod meetings which begin Monday morning. Tasks include: removing the pulpit, moving chairs, setting up tables, etc. Work will commence approximately 15 minutes after the service has concluded on the Sunday evening. Further, at the conclusion of Synod, on Friday May 22nd from approximately 4 p.m. (time to be confirmed) we also need **able bodied persons** to remove all the tables, to vacuum, and to clean the building so it can be again set up for Worship for the following Sunday. If you are able to help please speak to Reinier or Trudy.

**Catechism has been postponed until after Synod.** ☺. **Pastor Reinier**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Door Collection for Nepal** after service

**Please give generously to World Transform's Nepal Earthquake response. If you prefer to give electronically, payments by E.F.T. can be made directly to:**

**WDR BSB 037608     A/C 131 745    (**Please designate **Nepal)**

**Wilson Fellowship** Meets again D.V. Wednesday 13th May, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Hetty Zoethout’s place. Please Study Lesson 11 from the Book and Read John 10: 1-42. All Welcome.

**Ascension Service** this Thursday evening in Gosnells CRC 7:30 p.m. to commemorate our Lord’s return to heaven.

No evening Service Sunday 17th May in Perth but there will be a service in **Gosnells CRC**

**(55 Mills Road, Gosnell) for the Opening of Synod commencing at 5:00 p.m.**

**SENIOR MEN OF OUR CHURCHES**

We plan to meet again. Lord willing, TUESDAY 19th MAY (next week) at the Peletier home,  26a Bridge Street, WILSON. 10am.

A guest has been invited to join us.

All very welcome. Jan

**NEPAL EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS – FUND RAISER/GARAGE SALE  SATURDAY 16TH MAY .   from 7am to 1pm**

The Peletier’s are planning a garage sale at their place, 26a Bridge Street, WILSON next Saturday morning to raise funds for the earthquake victims in Nepal. There will be a large number of items including some furniture,  household items , hanging pictures and other interesting items (dutch) from a deceased estate.

The proceeds will be forwarded to INTERNATIONAL NEPAL FELLOWSHIP, a mission we have supported, after we visited there a number of years ago. They also operate the Green Pastures  Leprosy Hospital, currently taking in many earthquake victims at this time.

Our much needed support will be gratefully received.

Anne and Jan Peletier

Dear partners in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Please join the Church Planting Taskforce in concerted prayer for the work of church planting?  We depend on God, and believe that He is willing and able to answer our prayers.  Between Easter and Pentecost Sunday we would ask congregations to focus on the work of church planting in their congregational prayers.  Here is the prayer point for this coming Sunday for 10 May 2015

Pray For Hope Christian Community, Baldivis, WA

At Hope community Church Baldivis our Toddler Jam Ministry continues to attract people from our community. We currently have a waiting list and we’re very thankful for the way in which the mums, dads and children from the wider community are opening up to us and sharing their lives. New opportunities to serve the wider community have opened up as well. We give thanks to the Lord for these opportunities to engage with our community and shine Christ’s light. Recently one of the mothers from Toddler Jam, attended one of our Sunday services. Through relationships nurtured through this ministry we are praying that the Lord will draw more people to himself.  For more information about new CRCA churches being planted, check out the link to new churches on the CRCA website:  <http://www.crca.org.au/about-the-crca/new-churches.html>.

Prayer Points: That every person attending Hope will attend a home group and connect deeply in fellowship and worship.

**RALLY FOR LIFE: Tuesday 12th May, 2015**

O**n 26 May 1998 abortion became legal in Western Australia. Since then over 141,000 unborn children have been killed with the approval of the State.**

The first babies legally killed by abortion in Western Australia would have been turning seventeen this year – finishing high school, planning university or an apprenticeship, looking forward to life and love. But they were not given this chance. Join in solidarity with other Western Australians as we remember these lost young people and call for an end to all abortion.

*Remembering the missing generation*

**The 2015 Walk and Rally for Life will commence at**

**Florence Hummerston Reserve,**

**corner St George’s Terracece and Mount Street, Perth**

**(opposite QV1) at 7pm on Tuesday 12 May.**

We will begin with prayers over the city of Perth and the State for an end to abortion.

Participants will then walk to Parliament House.

At **Parliament House** we will be joined by prolife members of parliament. The rally is expected to conclude around 9.00 pm.

Assemble at Florence Hummerston Reserve,

Corner St George’s Terrace and Mount Street

at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday 12 May.

Come and support LIFE.

Walk and Rally for Life

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***NEVER ALONE***  
We walk a lonesome pathway,

but never walk alone.  
And sometimes cannot see Him,

but He is never gone  
And when the sky has darkened,

The light just fading grays  
The SON is shining brightly,

and will for endless days.    
So faith moves on to victr'y,

and love goes on before  
The pathway may seem endless,

but the destiny is sure.

So we'll go on together,

He'll conquer every foe.  
And I'll never cease to love HIM.

How can he love me so?   
  
~ David Rowley ~  
02/08/03

**SYNOD UPDATE**

So what is SYNOD? It is a time for representatives from the Australian Christian Reformed Churches to gather and discuss issues affecting the churches as a whole. International delegates are also invited to discuss relations with CRCA. Issues range from which Bible translation we should use, Mission work, Training and Youthwork, as well as the more mundane matter of finances and Synodical quotas to which every church is required to contribute. Look at last week’s LINK for a further description of the reports/topics being discussed at SYNOD.

If you have free time during the week come listen to the discussions or **offer your services to help those who will be working hard behind the scenes.** Each evening session will have a special presentation from 7:30 p.m.

**Monday:**  Reformed Churches Youth Committee Presentation

**Tuesday:** Reformed theological College Presentation

**Wednesday:** Solomon Islands  and GOSPEL (India) Presentation

**Thursday:** International Justice Mission and World Development and Relief Presentation

**WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK**

TUESDAY MAY 12th RALLY FOR LIFE

WEDNESDAY May 13th 9:30 a.m. Bread @ the church

May 13th 7:30 p.m. Wilson Fellowship @ Hetty’s place

THURSDAY MAY 14th 7:30 p.m. Ascension Service @ CRC Gosnells

FRIDAY MAY 15th 7:00 p.m. Cadets meet @ Gosnells CRC

MAY 15th 7:30 p.m. Youthgroup @ Gosnells CRC

SUNDAY MAY 17th am service at CRC PERTH

17th pm NO EVENING SERVICE COMBINE WITH OPENING OF SYNOD @ CRC

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 13th Joshua Ossevoort

Saturday 16th Corne de Jager

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Saturday April 4th Rachel Noppers

GOSNELLS

**WHAT’S COMING UP**

May 17-23 CRCA Synod at Gosnells CRC

**SECOND OFFERINGS**

May 10th Reformed Church Children’s & Youth Ministry

May 17th W.A. Needy Churches Fund

May 24th Church Planting Taskforce

May 31st Crossroad Bible Institute

**Please utilize the church’s electronic banking.**

**Banking details:**

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Christian Reformed Church of Perth

**BSB:** 066 153 **#:** 1002 5589

Mark as tithe or first offering or the name of the second offering (ie. Diaconate )

**WORSHIP MINISTRY**

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| **Date** | **Duty Elder** | **Greeters** | **Data** | **Sound** | **Video** | **Musician** | **Preacher** |
| May 10th a.m.  p.m. | Willem | Henry & Eril | Johan  Isaak | Luke | James | Rachel  Elsa | R. Noppers  R. Noppers |
| May 17th a.m.  p.m. | Raymond | Willem | Paul Nieuwkerk | Johan | James | Rachel | M. Willemse  NO EVENING SERVICE |
| May 24th a.m.  p.m. | Steve | Raymond & Jill | Luke | Isaak | James | Elsa | R. Noppers  G. van Schie |
| May 31st a.m.  p.m. | Bardi | Steve &  Rob | Johan  Luke | Paul Nieuwkerk | James |  | R. Noppers  R. Noppers |

**HELPING HANDS Please arrange your own swap if you are unable to do your duty.**

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| **Date** | **Coffee Fellowship** | **Crèche** | **Sunday School** |
| May 10th  Mother’s Day | A.& M. Slooter, Oostryck, Bardi | Rebecca, Eliza, Rebekah | Yvonne & Saara |
| May 17th | R. & H. van der Kooij, Everix, Elsa | Annette, Luke, Klarinda | Yvonne & Bethia |
| May 24th | P & Y van der Kooij, Assaad, Bill | Ilezebel, Leon, Joshua | Mieke & Rebekah |
| May 31st | Noppers, Knoetze, Johan | Jacqueline, Emma, Nelson | Trudy & Eliza |