

May 7th, 2017

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Welcome

A warm welcome to all who have come to the service 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 typical service includes a time of singing praise, prayer, Bible reading and a message is given by the Pastor. There is also an opportunity for us to give financially. If you are not a member or regular attendee of CRC Perth, please don't feel obligated to participate in the offering. We have two offerings. The first is for the workings of our local church, the second for a specified group usually outside our local church.

Crèche is available for children aged 0-3 at the rear of the church building during the service. Most Sundays children (4-9 years old) attend church for the first part of the service and then leave for Sunday school during the offering.

After the service please join us for refreshments and fellowship either to the side of church or in the hall.

Please utilise 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 (e.g.: Diaconate)

First Offering:

For the ministry of this church

Second Offering:

14th May Church Planting Taskforce

21st May Ministerial Aid & Mutual Assistance

Gift Account

28th May Manoah House

An outreach of Perth CRC is:

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Weekly Newsletter



Preacher: Craig van Echten

Reading: Judges 7:1-3, 19-25

Text: Luke 5: 1-11

Sermon: Christ is sufficient

Why did Jesus enable the disciples to miraculously catch 153 fish from the other side of the boat?

Why did Jesus provide breakfast for the weary fisherman on the beach?

Why was Jesus content to 'hangout' on the beach with His disciples?

Just as a coach goes over the game strategy before the game, Jesus was reinforcing some valuable truths before He ascended. He encouraged them with His power, provision and presence and what a great encouragement for us!

Meditation

Psalm 34:8 "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

Knowing God is a matter of personal involvement – mind, will and feeling. It would not be a fully personal relationship otherwise. To get to know another person, you have to commit yourself to his company and interests and be ready to identify yourself with his concerns. Without this, our relationship can only be superficial and flavourless. "Taste and see that the Lord is good" says the Psalmist. We do not know another person's real quality till we have 'tasted' the experience of friendship. Friends are, so to speak, communicating flavours to each other all the time by sharing their attitudes both toward each other (think of people in love) and toward everything else that is of common concern. As they open their hearts to each other by what they say and do, each 'tastes' the quality of the other, for sorrow or for joy. This is an essential aspect of the knowledge that friends have of each other; and the same applies to the Christian's knowledge of God, which is itself a relationship between friends. (JI Packer, Knowing God Through the Year, p57.)

Pastoral

We again extend a warm welcome to pastor Craig van Echten who is leading us in worship as part of our regularly monthly Classis swap. May God bless us all through His Word and our fellowship together.

Let us continue to pray for comfort and strength for Dawn Loos as she adjusts to life without Ken, that God will surround her with His compassion and grace through each of us.

Announcements

Shared lunch is on again today: Do stay and enjoy the good food and fellowship.

Pastor Reinier will be away on Long Service Leave and Ecumenical duties as from this Monday: please refer all pastoral and other matters to one of the elders. Lord willing, he will return refreshed on Monday 24th July.

Canning Bible Study: Meets next Wednesday May 17th at the Noppers' home 7:30 p.m. We will be continuing our look at the Gospel of John. Join us for fellowship and encouragement from God's Word.

Senior Men of Our Churches: We plan to meet again next week on Tuesday 16th May, at the Peletier home, 26 Bridge St, Wilson – 10am. Our guest will be Mr. Michael Cockram, a retired lawyer. All very welcome. – Jan

Anniversary of the Reformed Church of Box Hill: On 21 May 2017 the Reformed Church in Box Hill will celebrate God's goodness and blessing in their 60th anniversary. This will be followed by a light lunch. Past members and Ministers of the Box Hill Reformed Church congregation are warmly invited to join in the celebrations. The Worship Service will commence at 10.00 a.m.

Bibles for Russia: Once again we as a congregation will have the opportunity to contribute to Bibles For Russia. A Door Offering will be held on Sunday 28th May. Jenny Abetz will also give a short presentation of the continuing work of this ministry and the blessing they are to Russian children. Please give this your prayerful consideration and support this as we have always done with generosity and thanksgiving to the Lord.

Australind Youth Weekend 20 -21st May:

We plan to have a weekend full of fellowship, food, and fun.

All meals are provided at no cost. Activities include games, sports, and a bonfire on the Saturday night. There will also be a talk on Saturday night about how being created in God's image impacts our relationships.

We plan to kick the weekend off on Saturday morning. Registration will be from 9am-11am

We plan to officially end the weekend after our closing service following lunch.

Who can come? Anyone aged 13 years or older.

RSVP: We need a rough idea of numbers, so please send us a text! Text Barbara: 0429817013

Sleeping Arrangements: As usual the boys will be sleeping in the Sunday school rooms supervised by another older male. And the girls will be sleeping in the Church supervised by another older female.

Supervision: The local youth committee including Brendon ten Brinke, Jarred Plug, Barbara ten Brinke, Clare Vink, and Craig van Echten will be supervising the event. All have a current working with children's card.

What to bring: Bible, notebook and pen, Sleeping gear (sleeping bag, pillow, mattress), Clothing and footwear, Toiletries, Torch, Snacks

Enrolment Forms on Entrance Table under 18's must have enrolment/participation form signed by parent.

CRCA Youth Convention 2018 is open for registrations: For more details see flyer on entrance table.

Budget to date for April 2017

Budget at 43 weeks: \$124,608.00

	Date	Church	2nd Offerings
Carry over balace		\$84,168.55	
	04/02/2017	\$1,496.05	\$213.65 Reformed Theological College (RTC)
	04/09/2017	\$1475.35	\$181.30 Diaconate
	14/4/2017		\$463.25 Prison Fellowship
	16/4/2017	\$2,089.70	\$138.55 Cadet and Gems (National)
	23/4/2017	\$3,677.20	\$296.30 TRAIN Workgroup
	30/4/2017	\$3,800.50	\$256.25 Reformed Church Children's & Youth Committee

Giving up to 30/04/2016: \$96,707.35

Over/Under: \$27,900.65

FUND RAISING HIGH TEA

Treat that **SPECIAL** woman in your life to a **Mother's Day High Tea**

*Enjoy the beautiful surrounds whilst sipping your favourite cuppa
and eating sumptuous treats.*

When: *Saturday 13th May, 2017*

Time: *2-5 PM*

Location: *"THE KOSSEN'S" 196 Bodeman Road, Wandi*

Cost: *\$25 each.*

For tickets phone Helen 0413 090156

Craft items will also be for sale.

All profits will go towards the Perth Christian Reformed Women's Convention 2018

(An Australia wide biannual conference for women from Reformed backgrounds. Next year it will be held in Western Australia. As the hosting state, we are raising funds which will help run the conference.)

News from Other Churches.

Gosnells:

- This morning we welcome Lucy Herweynen into God's covenant family through baptism.
- Congratulations to Peter and Tina Batchelor, on the birth of their second son, James just over a week ago.
- Mimi de Boer passed away unexpectedly on Monday night. It was a shock to hear, yet we are thankful for the comfort of knowing that she has gone to be with her Lord Jesus whom she loved and served. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Rev. John and Rolanda de Boer (who arrived on Wednesday), Robbie and Annie de Boer, Eddy and Teresa Pol, and all their extended family and friends. A graveside service will be held at Fremantle Cemetery tomorrow (Monday 8th May) at 10.15 a.m. followed by a thanksgiving service at Gosnells church at 12 noon.
- Anne Howard suffered a fall on Monday leading to a broken hip and elbow. She underwent surgery on Wednesday and we now pray that her recovery goes well.
- Len Aarnoudse has been diagnosed with a rare form of lymphoma and he begins chemotherapy next week.
- Marian Aukema's knee replacement has gone well and she is recovering in hospital.
- John van Bruchem's condition continues to change from day to day.



G.O.S.P.E.L. Prayer Points for May

1. In the Badwani cluster a rally conducted last month saw nearly 1200 come to hear the Gospel. What amazing opening exists in India. Pray that God blesses his Word.
2. All the congregations held Easter meetings where the death and resurrection of Jesus was strongly affirmed. Many became new believers and were strengthened and encouraged to put their hope in Christ alone.
3. Udaipur cluster workers praise God for 4 new bore wells which all provided good clean water. (Funded by Compassionate Catalogue donations.) Wells bless the whole village. Please pray that this help to the community will open the door for the Gospel in these villages.
4. The CHP (Community Health Program) team gave (in Jesus' name) medicine and treatment to 708 folk. Kindly pray for this powerful witness that God may nurture the seed of love sown into the lives of desperately poor people who have little access to health services.
5. The month of May will be a strategic month for G.O.S.P.E.L. Our long desired training program is being taught! Praise God. This diploma course was specially designed by PTS (Presbyterian Theological Seminary). Half of our 60 Gospel workers will initially attend this training program that delivers better training for our evangelists.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday 7th May: SHARED LUNCH after church

Monday 8th May: 10:15 a.m. – Gravesite service for Mimi de Boer at Fremantle Cemetery.
12 noon - Thanksgiving service for Mimi de Boer at Gosnells Church.

Wednesday 10th May: 8:30 a.m. - Bread @ the Church



BIRDAYS THIS WEEK

TODAY May 7th Klarinda de Jager

Saturday May 13th Joshua Ossevoort

Coming Up...

May 13th – Mother's Day High Tea at "The Kossens"

May 16th – Senior Men of our Churches at Peletier home

May 17th - Canning Bible Study at Noppers home

May 20th - Australind Youth Event

May 21st – Box Hill 60th Anniversary Celebration

May 23rd - Rally for Life

May 28th – Door offering for "Bibles for Russia"

Service Rosters

		Duty elder	Greeters	Reader	Musician	Data	Sound
		Willem	Bardi & Jacqueline	Beslin	Elsa	Johan	Paul vdk.
	melen	Sam	Willem & Jannet	Jacqueline	Rebecca	Paul N.	Nelson
		Bardi	Sam & Eril	Nelson	Elsa	Johan	Paul vdk
		Willem	Bardi & Yvonne	Raymond	Rebecca	Luke	Klarinda

Helping Hands

Date	Coffee	Crèche	Sunday School
14 th May	Knoetze, Alberts	Melody, Nicola	Nicolene
21 st May	Morgan, Elsa	Annette, Nicola	Nicolene
28 th May	Ossevoort, de Haan	Vanessa, Luke	Saara
4 TH June	De Jager, Janny	Jacqueline, Joshua	Saara

