



“Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.” Psalm 8:1

THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF STRATFORD

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Celebrating 75 years – God is Faithful – Deuteronomy 7:9

“Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.” Psalm 8:1. We welcome the family and friends of all who are professing their faith and celebrating the blessing of baptism this morning. Please join us downstairs after the service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

ORDER OF SERVICE

10:00 am – Pastor Martin Dam

Prelude: “Open the Eyes of my Heart, Lord”

God Calls Us to Worship

Welcome & Call to Worship

*God’s Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Opening Praise: “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

“Agnus Dei”

We Celebrate God’s Promises:

Profession of Faith of Madelief De Bruin, Joshua Duiker, Wesley Duiker, Athena Powell & Apryl VanderHeide

Celebration of Baptismal Blessing of Isaac Terry Albert Grubb

Song of Celebration: “I am Not my Own”

God Speaks His Word to Us

Children’s Message

Song of Approach: “His Mercy is More”

(During the Hymn of Approach children aged 3 to Grade 3 leave for Sunday school.)

Prayer of Illumination

Text: Psalm 8

Sermon: Truth Balms | “Given a Task”

*Hymn of Response: “God of Wonders”

We Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1. General Fund / Ministry Shares 2. Deacon’s Fund

Offertory: “Psalm 8 (How Majestic is Your Name)”

We Go with God’s Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: “All We Sinners”

**means stand if you are able*

Elder: Barry Horensma
Music: For Him
Ushers: Huizinga Family
Projection: Rebecca Olbach

Hall Monitor: Hans Scheele
Greeter: Fran Timmermans
Sound: Luke Puklicz
Streaming: John DeWeerd

PSALMS SERIES FOR CHILDREN: What a great response last week! **This week we are focusing on Psalm 8:1 – “Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.”** Children and adults are invited to create drawings inspired by the weekly Psalm prompts provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect creatively on the Psalms and share your artwork with our church family. If you would like your picture to be considered for a bulletin cover, displayed on the PowerPoint, or featured throughout the church, please submit it to Betty DeWeerd or the mailbox outside the office. Clipboards, crayons and drawing sheets are available in a basket at the back of the church for anyone who would like to participate. ***Please return all supplies after each use.***

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS: In honour of the Psalms preaching series we have ordered several children’s books about the Psalms – Take one home today and read with your children the beauty of David’s songs about God. Read how the Psalms teach us to pray about everything we experience! In order that everyone has opportunity to check out these books they will be available on a one-week loan.

TODAY’S OFFERING: **Deacon’s Fund** – This fund provides funds to aid those with basic needs including food, clothing and shelter; both in our church family and in our community.

NEXT WEEK’S OFFERING: **Stratford House of Blessing** helps people in our community in their immediate time of need through emergency food and personal care items; programs to reduce childhood inequity; and the provision of essential supplies for unique needs (weather wear, blankets and supplies for people who are homeless and steel-toed work boots for those seeking a return to work). The primary focus of House of Blessing is the food bank which provides people with fresh, frozen and shelf-stable food along with toiletries and hygiene products by way of free home delivery and in-house appointments. The children’s programs include healthy snacks, diapers and formula, Welcome to the World Baskets for new babies, Off to School Smiling Kits and the Christmas Toy Program. To learn more about how you can help or to access our services please visit shob.org or call us at 519-273-3433. Thank you for your support!

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Jun 21: House of Blessing
 Jul 5: Ontario Christian Gleaners

Jun 28: Stephanie Ten Hove
 Jul 12: Christian Education Fund

UPCOMING SERVICES

Jun 21: 10:00 am & 6:30 pm

Jun 28: 10:00 am

Jul 5: 10:00 am

Jul 12: 10:00 am & 6:30 pm

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY: *“When anxiety was great within me, Your consolation brought me joy.” Psalm 94:19.* Please hold in prayer those in our congregation who continue to need our encouragement and God’s healing: Ann Berg, Darryl Berg, MaryAnn Frankruyter, Jeff Geleynse, Trix Heida, Maria Post, David Scheele, Gwen Soepboer, Nellie Tiemens, Henk Vanmeurs, and Theresa Wesseling.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: *“Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.” John 12:26.* Please remember in prayer those missionaries that we as a congregation are encouraging and supporting – John and Marion Vandermeer, Benj & Brie Gillen, Stephanie Ten Hove. Remember Tom & Beth Scott and their family as they are preparing to return to Kingfisher Lake. May God bless the work of their hands.

COMMUNION: Next Sunday we will be celebrating Communion in the morning service. Jesus died for our sins, His body was broken and His blood was shed. Let us take time in the coming week to walk in repentance because our sins are great; to walk in humility because His sacrifice is immense; to walk in gratitude because His forgiveness is sure.

TODAY IS THE DAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY PICTURE!!

Why: In celebration of our 75 Anniversary this year.

For: All who worship regularly together with us.

Where: Front lawn of the church building. In case of pouring rain it will take place in the gym.

When: Today, **immediately** after the service **before** coffee!

How: Parents/guardians collect all children from Sunday School and Nursery.

- Line up facing the building. Please stand close together and fill in any gaps so we can make room for everyone and keep the group nice and compact.
- Laf's Photography will be on the roof to take the picture.
- Children at the front of marker and adults and babes/toddlers in arms behind the children.

All: We appreciate your cooperation in listening the photographer's instructions in order to do this efficiently and smoothly.

Note: Guests are welcome to help themselves to coffee while waiting. We will join you later. Thank you for your patience!

75 ACTS OF KINDNESS: Hello everyone! As part of our tribute to our 75th Anniversary we have initiated a kindness campaign. Pick one idea and while you are out and about, allow God to lead you to a person who might need your help or thoughtfulness. Prepare a meal or tell someone to have an amazing day! Take the time to spread blessings and kindness. Check the bulletin for details or check out the Kindness Bulletin Board in the fellowship hall. Let's bless others 75 times and then 75 more! Happy anniversary Stratford CRC!

SAFE CHURCH PAPERWORK TO SECRETARY: Please forward Safe Church paperwork to Betty DeWeerd at office@stratfordcrc.org or by placing it in the mailbox outside the church office. For all other Safe Church questions, please contact a member of the Safe Church Committee: Leo Laarman – Council Rep, Adrianna Borgdorff, Bonnie DeWeerd, or Kristen Parker, or email safechurch@stratfordcrc.org. Thank you!

Happy Birthday!

*Seniors

Sun Jun 14 – Evan Goforth

Mon Jun 15 – Joshua Puklicz, Lena Oosterom

Tues Jun 16 – Max Oosterom

Wed Jun 17 – Zachary Olbach

Thurs Jun 18 – John Meyering, Natalie Puklicz, Adrianna (Ada) de Jong, Bert
VanRavenhorst, Josiah Scott

Fri Jun 19 – Susan Duiker*

Sat Jun 20 – Brianna Peachey



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026: Registration is open! VBS is open to children aged 4-10 (birth years 2016-2022). Scan the QR code to register or find a link on the church Facebook page.

USED STAMPS: Thank you to everyone for collecting their used stamps this year and putting them in my mail slot. My stamp contact from Sarnia is coming to Stratford next month. If you have been saving all year and have a jar ready, could you place them in the box across from the mailboxes. Heather DeWitt

KEY RETURN: If you have changed program leaders – Cadets, Youth, GEMS, Friendship, etc., please return your keys to the office. If you have given your key to the next program leaders, please let the office know. (office@stratfordcrc.org)

SERVE 2026: Our summer **SERVE** week is fast approaching and we are hoping that we can get YOUR help. We are looking at around 55 people (Youth and Leaders) attending this year, which means we will have lots of mouths to feed. In the next couple of weeks I am going to post a list of specific items that we will need for the week; we appreciate anything you can do to help. The items can be brought to the church or given to Vanessa Van Maar. If you would like to donate anything specifically, please let Vanessa know by calling (519-955-1309) or talking to her at church. Thank you church family for everything you do.

THANK YOU!! All leaders and youth have now been matched up with prayer partners from our church. Thank you so much to everyone who was able to help with this piece of SERVE! A blue bin is downstairs on top of the coat racks that prayer packages can be dropped off over the next few weeks.

YARD GAMES AND HAMMOCKS FOR SERVE: I am looking to borrow some yard games for the Serve day away again on July 10. This year we are also looking for any parachute hammocks that people are willing to lend. Please text or call Rebecca Olbach at 226-792-1240 or email at rebecca-woudstra@hotmail.com. Thanks in advance!

SINGLE IN CLASSIS HURON? Inge Rylaarsdam (Palmerston CRC), Samantha Kappers (Bethel CRC - Listowel) and Grace-Emma Bierma (Stratford CRC) are collaborating to host a curated speed dating social for Christian singles between the ages of 25-40. **When:** Friday, June 26 from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm [Dinner will be served at 6:30pm hosted by Holy Smokes BBQ] **Where:** Moorefield, ON **Cost:** \$25 Reserve your spot (as space is limited) by June 12, by emailing: speeddatingsocial1@gmail.com Once you've registered, you will receive a confirmation email with the details regarding payment, the specific location and an overview of the evening. Looking forward to seeing you there!

SDCS GRADUATION: *Family and friends of Stratford and District Christian School, you are invited to join the students and staff for the 2026 graduation celebration. Please join us at the Stratford CRC (190 Athlone Cres) on Thursday June 18th at 7:00pm, as we celebrate the graduating class of 2026. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments following the ceremony.*

STRATFORD & DISTRICT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is looking to hire a part time, band teacher. This position is a 16% position, two classes two days a week, starting Aug. 31, 2026. Candidates must be passionate in their faith in Jesus Christ, dynamic, energetic and possess strong classroom management skills. Candidates must also be able to teach all instruments in a brass and woodwind band. Only those candidates receiving an invitation to interview will be contacted. Please send a personal statement of faith and resume to: David Straatsma, Principal principal@sdcs.on.ca 190 Queensland Rd., Stratford, ON, N4Z 0A3.

BETHEL CRC YOUNG ADULTS: welcome you to a worship night on Sunday July 5 at 7:00 P.M. with Nick Bierma bringing us a message from Psalm 1. When: July 5 @ 7:00 P.M. Where: 345 Elizabeth St E Listowel ON. Who: Anyone aged 18-30ish

COFFEE SERVERS:

Jun 14: Matt & Laura DeWeerd, Dan & Stacy Groenestege, Dave & Jenna DeWitt

Jun 21: Chris & Charlene Huizinga, John & Audrey Joosse, Tyson & Laura Sjaarda

Jun 28: Luke & Corinna Puklicz, Christopher & Kristen Parker, Sam & Nicole Straatsma

COFFEE PREP

Jun 14: Christa Dennis & Family

June 21: Joanne Schreuders and Theresa Peachey

USHERS

Jun 21: Dave & Karen Brouwer

June 28:

PROJECTION

Jun 21: Jason DeWitt/Dibora Roth

Jun 28: Luke Olbach

STREAMING

Jun 21 AM: Nathaniel DeWeerd

Jun 21 PM: Adam VanderHeide

LIBRARY

Jun 14: Irene Koskamp

June 21: Claire Tiemens

GREETER

June 21:

June 28: John Timmermans

SOUND

Jun 21: Luca Pol/Joel Koskamp

Jun 28: Shawn Hummel

STREAMING

Jun 28: Geena DeWeerd

SUNDAY SCHOOL: To follow our Safe Church Policy, a **parent** needs to sign in/sign out their child. **Parents** will need to bring their child to their ***classroom*** to sign them in and pick them up from their ***classroom*** at the end of the service to sign them out.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – AGE 3 TO GRADE 3

CLASS

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3-year-old Claire Tiemens, Renae Olbach

4-year-old Tracy Sumner, Avery DeWitt

5-year-old Bryanna Fischer, Josh Mosterd

6-year-old Yvonne de Bruin, Brooklyn Otten

7-year-old Rita Weima, Kierra Mosterd

8-year-old Chris Huizinga, Jeriah Van de Kemp

JUNE NURSERY SCHEDULE

Mothers of the Month: Lydia Zein & Corinna Puklicz

I – Infants C – Crawlers NC – Nursery Class downstairs

***Arrives 15 minutes early to welcome parents and children**

- 14 I/C – **Rebecca DeWeerd***, Breanne Olbach, Tamara Van Zandwijk, Dibora Roth,
Alyda Tiemens
NC – **Andrew Koskamp***, Naomi Puklicz, Aiden Pennings
- 21 I/C – **Sheila Best***, Christine DeWeerd, Alanna Poortinga, Zizipho Roth
NC – **Jayme Koskamp***, Noah Puklicz, Sydney Hummel
PM – Vanessa Van Maar, Grace Van Zandwijk
- 28 I/C – **Jenna DeWitt***, Michelle VanderWal, Brittany De Lange, Lydia Sikma,
Melayna Grieve
NC – **Elaine De Freese***, Lydia Dam, Peyton Pennings

SUNDAY JUNE 14 TO SATURDAY JUNE 20

Mon 15-Jun	9:15 AM	One Care Exercise Program	Gym
Tues 16-Jun	9:15 AM 7:00 PM	One Care Exercise Program Consistory Meeting	Gym Library
Wed 17-Jun	9:00 AM	Pickleball SDCS Practice for Grad	Gym Sanctuary
Thurs 18-Jun	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	One Care Exercise Program SDCS Graduation	Gym
Fri 19-Jun	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Pilates Women's Ministry	Gym Double Classroom