



May the storms of our hearts be stilled by His peace.

**THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF
STRATFORD
SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026**

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

“He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.” Psalm 107:29. We gather today as God’s people, reconciled by grace through Jesus Christ and filled with God’s love through the Holy Spirit. May we trust that in all circumstances that God is in control of it all. May the storms of our hearts be stilled by His peace. Please join us downstairs after the service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

ORDER OF SERVICE

10:00 am – Pastor Martin Dam

God Calls Us to Worship

Welcome & Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:10-11

Silent Prayer

Song of Response: “God Himself is With Us” LH 565

*God’s Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Opening Praise: “Holy, Holy , Holy” LH 538 V 1, 2, 4
“You are Holy (Prince of Peace)”

Time of Confession

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God Speaks His Word to Us

Children’s Message

Song of Approach: “Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King”

Prayer of Illumination

Text: Psalm 107:1-32; 43

Sermon: Truth Balms | The Story of the Redeemed

*Hymn of Response: Psalm 107 – “Now Thank We All our God” LH 543

We Respond with Prayers and Offerings

SERVE Report

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1. General Fund / Ministry Shares 2. Christian Education Fund

We Go with God’s Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: “By the Sea of Crystal”

**means stand if you are able*

Elder: Harry VanderKuylen

Hall Monitor: Hans Scheele

Music: Sandra Visscher

Ushers: Dave Mabee/Don Datema

Projection: Chris Huizinga

Sound: Isaiah Super

Streaming: Nathaniel DeWeerd

TODAY'S OFFERING: Christian Education Fund – Christian Education Fund provides funds to assist parents currently sending children to Christian Day Schools, either on the elementary or secondary level.

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING: KARIS Global – At Karis Disability Services (formerly Christian Horizons), our values come from our belief that every person is loved by God and created in His Image and is gifted to contribute to their community. For almost 30 years, **Karis Global** has been partnering with pastors, educators, and leaders in other countries, promoting belonging and inclusion in communities. This work is 100% donor-funded and goes towards disability advocacy, outreach and inclusion initiatives. Would you like to learn more about Karis Global, our church-equipping initiatives, family camp ministry, or our work across Canada? Visit karis.org, pick up a newsletter, or speak with **Rose Heida** to learn more. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

PSALM SERIES: This week we are drawing Psalm 107:29. ***“He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.”*** Through all the hard things, God is with us. He calms the storms and gives us peace. Children and adults alike are encouraged to reflect creatively on Psalm 107 and to share their artwork with the church family. 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. The children's artwork is displayed on FB, the preservice slideshow and on the credenza in the foyer.

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Jul 19: KARIS

Aug 2: Wycliffe – the VanderMeers

Jul 26: Ramoth House

Aug 9: Teen Challenge

UPCOMING SERVICES

Jul 19: 10:00 am

Aug 2: 10:00 am

Jul 26: 10:00 am & 6:30 pm

Aug 9: 10:00 am & 6:30 pm

VBS 2026: We will be having a meeting for all volunteers this morning after the morning service downstairs in Classroom1. Hope to see you there!

OPEN HOUSE AT BIERMAS: Please join us for an Open House on Sunday, July 12th at 5:00 pm, before the outdoor evening service, weather permitting. Burgers, Sausages, Salads & Beverages will be provided. Please bring a lawn chair and RSVP to graceemma@gmail.com by July 8th if you're planning to join us for dinner. Address is: 3408 Road 130 St Paul's (Avonton)

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY: *“God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1.* 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, Maria Post, David Scheele, Gwen Soepboer, Nellie Tiemens, Henk Vanmeurs, and Theresa Wesseling.

CONDOLENCES: We offer our heartfelt condolences to Ed & Rose Heida and their family as they mourn the loss of Ed’s mother Trix. Trix passed away on Tuesday, July 7th at the age of 95. May God be close to Ed, Rose, Joel and Annelise and the rest of the Heida family in the coming weeks and days. *“Though God brings grief, He will show compassion, so great is His unfailing love.”* Lamentations 3:32. Arrangements are as follows: Funeral service will be held here on Monday, July 13th at 2:00 pm with a light luncheon to follow.

PRAYER REQUEST: Please pray for Jared and Emilie (Scheele) Bos and their families. Jared and Emilie were expecting twin girls, whom they named Noelle and Natalie, and they were heartbroken to learn last week both heartbeats had been lost. They will have a private family service this week to commend the little ones to God. Keep them, their children and the extended families in your prayers.

PRAY REQUEST: The International Cadet Camporee will be taking place from July 15 to 22 in Longview, Alberta. Our church and club will be well represented. Pastor Martin will be serving as a chaplain, along with 2 counselors, 3 junior counselors and 11 cadets. Please pray for good weather and safety, but even more than that, that God will move mightily in the hearts of the cadets, counselors and staff through the week.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: *“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9.* 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, Makayla Meinen. Remember Tom & Beth Scott and their family as they returned to Kingfisher Lake. May God bless the work of their hands.

FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE SCOTTS: If you would like to follow along with the Scott’s as they minister in Kingfisher Lake this summer, you can join their Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/scottministryupdates or email newsletter: [The Scotts’ Ministry Updates](mailto:The.Scotts'MinistryUpdates).

PILATES & WOMEN’S MINISTRY: We will be meeting informally and possibly at off-site locations over the months of July and August. If you need information for times and locations, please contact Jane Sinden at jlsinden@redeemer.ca or Heather DeWitt at rhde Witt@quadro.net

Happy Birthday!

*Seniors

Sun Jul 12 – Avery DeWitt

Mon Jul 13 – Niksen DeWeerd, Audrey Joosse*

Tues Jul 14 – Nicole Straatsma

Wed Jul 15 – Dennis Goforth, Brittany de Lange, Angelina VanderWal

Fri Jul 17 – Bonnie DeWeerd, Henry Olbach, Jeriah Van de Kemp, Ariya Olbach

Sat Jul 18 – Malayna Grieve

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!

REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST: If any of the committee's leaders have receipts for costs associated with January - June 2026, we request you send them by email to treasurer@stratfordcrc.org or put in the treasurer's mail slot by the 2nd Sunday of July. This will help us review our year-to-date spending and donations received and compare it with our 2026 approved budget. Thanks in advance, Finance Committee

SAVE THE DATE: There is a "Save the Date" postcard in your mailbox with a short list of the activities that will take place during the weekend of November 21 and 22. Please make sure to post that on your fridge! We will be running an Open House for our members and the neighbourhood on Saturday from 10:00 to 1:00 pm. There will Children's activities in the gym – Bouncy house, games and more. We have planned a dinner and a program for 16+ on Saturday evening. If you would like tickets for the dinner on November 21, please contact the office and some will be set aside for you. Tickets will be \$20.00 per person. Payment can be made to treasurer@stratfordcrc.org. Sunday we will have special church service followed by coffee, a Soup lunch with cake for dessert! There are extra invitations below the mailslots. Please feel free to share this event with others!

75TH ANNIVERSARY: SHARE YOUR STORY: We would like to know you better! As part of our church's 75th anniversary, we are sending out an invitation to share your or your family's story of how you came to attend the Stratford CRC. Please check your email and/or your mailslot for questions to help you **Share Your Story**. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Weima or Hilda Olbach, 75th Anniversary Committee.

75 ACTS OF KINDNESS: Let's bless others 75 times and then 75 more! Join our 75th Anniversary kindness initiative. Bulletin Board Details: 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. Happy anniversary Stratford CRC!

OFF TO SCHOOL SMILING: Looking for an idea of how to spread blessings in the community? Check out the **OFF-TO-SCHOOL SMILING** program through the House of Blessing. You can support students for Kindergarten to Grade 12 with new backpacks and essential school supplies! A list of items is available on the Church Bulletin Board or the 75 Acts of Kindness Bulletin Board downstairs. Financial donations are also welcome!



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.

VBS 2026 CLOSING PROGRAM: You are invited to join us at 11:30 am on Thursday, July 23 for our VBS Closing Program to watch the children sing the songs and Bible passages they've learned during the week. Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE Ramoth House is having their annual fundraising dinner on Friday Oct 2, 2026, at 6:30pm at the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex. Tickets are \$300 for a table of 8 or \$37.50/individual. Deadline to purchase is Sept 26, 2026. To reserve a ticket please call 519-323-3751 or email Brenda at office@ramoth.ca

MUD, SWEAT, AND GEARS MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB: We are opening up some spots in our highly exclusive mountain bike club. If you think you might have what it takes, here are some details.

- **What:** Bike riding on the local trails. These are mountain bike trails, so a mountain bike would be a good idea. Typical ride is 15-20 km.
- **Where:** Fanshawe, Wildwood, The Pines, occasionally Hydrocut or Turkey Point
- **When:** Typically, we ride once a week (usually Wednesday) starting around 6pm, followed by a time of refreshment.
- **Qualifications:** To be a successful candidate, you: **1)** Own a bike that is functional, **2)** Can bike at least 15 km, **3)** Don't cry (much) if you fall down, and **4)** Think hotdogs are one of the basic food groups.

Contact: Chat with Peter Visscher, Steve Hiemstra, or Aiden Talsma

COFFEE SERVERS

Jul 12: Devon & Laura Feltz, Anthony & Ashley DeWeerd, Neil & Theresa Scholten

Jul 19: Dave & Emily Grieve, Justan & Vanessa Van Maar, Brian & Jenn Super

Jul 26: Joel & Vanessa Koskamp, Esther Visser, Heidi Flikkema, Will & Tracy Sumner

COFFEE PREP

Jul 12: Pat & Lori Tiemens

Jul 19: Joanne Schreuders and Teresa Peachey

USHERS

Jul 19: Don Datema/Brayden VanderHeide

Jul 26: Tanner Meinen/ Joel Meinen

PROJECTION

Jul 12: (Rachel Sikma*)

Jul 19: Rebecca Olbach

Jul 26: Jason DeWitt (Dibora Roth*)

STREAMING

Jul 12: John DeWeerd/(Nathaniel DeWeerd*)

Jul 19: Joel Heida

LIBRARY

Jul 12: Closed

Jul 19: Marjorie Vanmeurs

GREETER

Jul 19: Wilma de Young

SOUND

Jul 12: (Justin Otten*)

Jul 19: Luke Puklicz-Coen Hummel

Jul 26: Joel Koskamp (Luke Puklicz*)

STREAMING

Jul 26: Jonathan DeWeerd
(Adam VanderHeide*)

*Tech scheduled for Sunday evening in the event of inclement weather on July 12 & 26

JULY NURSERY SCHEDULE

Mothers of the Month: Breanne Olbach & Josie Koskamp

I – Infants C – Crawlers NC – Nursery Class downstairs

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

12 I/C – **Tracy Sumner***, Heather DeWitt, Kirstyn DeWeerd, Theodore Olbach

NC – **Laura Sjaarda***, Luke Van Ravenhorst, Brooklyn Otten

19 I/C – **Corinna Puklicz***, Jenn Hummel, Jocelyn Sikma, Shauna DeWeerd

26 I/C – **Quinton McDonnell***, Brynn De Bruin, Kierra Mosterd, Olivia Pennings

NC – **Frank DeWeerd***, Eleanor Van de Kemp, Rayelle Grieve

AUGUST NURSERY SCHEDULE

Mothers of the Month: Gabriëlle Mosterd & Vanessa Koskamp

I – Infants C – Crawlers NC – Nursery Class downstairs

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

2 I/C – **Josie Koskamp***, Wilma DeYoung, Micah Dam, Ava DeWeerd

NC – **Esther Roth***, Avery DeWitt, Zach DeWeerd

9 I/C – **Adrianna Borgdorff***, Kirby Pol, Alesha Van Ravenhorst, Bronwyn Bradshaw

NC – **Heather Olbach***, Jolene Van Ravenhorst, Emma Speelman

16 I/C – **Rebecca Olbach***, Dayna Otten, Averiana Pol, Nyah Puklicz

NC – **Kari Puklicz***, Josh Mosterd, Margaret Sikma

23 I/C – **Gabriëlle Mosterd***, Amanda Olbach, Ana Gutierrez, Max Oosterom

NC – **Sara McDonnell***, Naomi Puklicz, Ethan Hummel

30 I/C – **Vanessa Koskamp***, Michelle VanderWal, Alyson Otten, Alyssia Mosterd
 NC – **Bryanna Fischer***, Dibora Roth, Alyda Tiemens

SUNDAY JULY 12 TO SATURDAY AUGUST 8

Wed 15-Jul	9:00 AM	Pickleball	Gym
Mon - Thurs Jul 20-24	9:00 AM	VBS	Building
Tues 28-Jul	7:00 PM	Music & Worship	Library
Wed 29-Jul	9:00 AM	Pickleball	Gym
Wed 5-Aug	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Pickleball Meeting	Gym Library