

Granum Christian Reformed Church

Rev. Pastor Henry Veldboom

Sunday, December 3, 2023

December 3, 2023 ~ First Sunday of Advent

Entering God's Presence

Call to Worship ~ Isaiah 7:14, 12:1-6

*Song ~ "Mary's Little Boy-Child"

*Greeting

*Song ~ "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Celebrating the Hope of Advent

Advent Readings

Candle Lighting

Song ~ "Imagine"

Advent Prayer

*Song ~ "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" L69

Hearing God's Word

Children's Blessing

Scripture ~ Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon ~ "A Dream Fulfilled"

Prayer

Responding to God's Word

*Song ~ "Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"

Congregational Prayer

Song during Offering ~ "What Child Is This" L95

Offering ~ Calvin University

*Offertory Prayer

Receiving God's Blessing

*God's Blessing

*Song ~ "Joy Has Dawned/Angels We Have Heard"

*Please stand if able

CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Tom and Rachel and their families on the birth of their daughter, Kinley Stephanie on Tuesday, November 28. Praise the Lord for this child and the gift of life!

We extend our condolences to Rebecka and Colin and their families. Rebecka's mother passed away on Thursday after a lengthy battle with heart complications. We pray the Lord will grant them his peace and comfort in their time of loss and mourning.

Please remember our members who need ongoing prayer, including:
Henrietta, Ralph, Aleda, and Rob, Crystal & Alex.

MUSICIAN

Today- Worship Team

Next Sunday- Jennie

A/V TEAM:

Today- Adam, Marianne & Aidan

Next Sunday- Neal & Alex

NURSERY

Today- Twyla, Rebecka & Avry

Next Sunday- Lauren, Amber & Anna

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today- Diane & Paige

Next Sunday- Diane & Kaydie

OFFERING:

Today- Calvin University

Next Sunday- Emma House

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 4- Kylie

- Elise

December 6- Tina

- Trent

December 7- Marlee

December 8- Hudson

- Beau



**Congratulations to everyone
celebrating Birthdays this week!**

TODAY:

Nursery is available prior to start of service.

Sunday School

- Children age 4 to Grade 1 leave during the service
- Assembly directly after service in sanctuary age 4 to Grade 6. After assembly grade 2-6 Sunday school teachers will lead children to their Sunday school classrooms

-Grade 7/8: meets directly after church

Chapel at Pioneer Lodge 2:00 pm

Chapel at Extencicare 3:00 pm

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday- 10:00 am Coffee Break

- 7:00 pm Congregational Meeting

UPCOMING DATES:

December 17- Sunday School Christmas Program

OUR CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 28, 2023 Council Meeting Notes

- A representative from the board of BeLoved Care presented the project to council. BeLoved Care will be a care facility for people from a Reformed faith background requiring high levels of care. More information can be found on their website: <https://belovedcare.ca/>
- We have had contact with the PR representative for the proposed solar farm in the land directly west of the church. Council is not in favor and we are deciding how best to make our thoughts known on the matter.
- The following people have agreed to stand for officebearer selection: For Elder: Ken S., Peter W. For Deacon: Grant D., Trent O., David Vv. New officebearers will be chosen by lot at the Congregational Meeting.
- The Proposed 2024 Budget is in the mail slots and will be discussed and voted on at the Congregational Meeting.
- The Congregational Meeting is set for Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7pm.
- Next Council meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 7:30pm. Elders will meet at 7pm.

Recorded videos of services can be found on our Granum CRC YouTube channel.
Go to YouTube and in search box enter "GranumCRC AV" and click on that search result option.
Then click on the video you want to watch.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs0yVIMAC_bnTpqX8Ch0xfA

Previous bulletins with order of worship can be found on our website.

<https://www.granumcrc.com/news-1>

Website: www.granumcrc.com Announcements: info@granumcrc.com Submission deadline is **Thursday 12:00 pm.**

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GRANUM CRC NEWSLETTER

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OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Needing some Christmas Spirit? We've got it! Christmas Choir Concert at 7:30 pm. Saturday, December 9th @ St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Lethbridge. The Lethbridge Christian Men and Women's Choirs with guests performing. Donations accepted.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY & AROUND THE WORLD

Dear friends at Granum CRC- Thank you for joining us on mission with our God whose compassions never fail. Your congregation's support for Resonate helps spread the gospel in more than 40 countries where your missionaries and church planters are at work. Every day, people who are struggling find hope in Jesus Christ through the work you've made possible. What a great example of faith in action! Many of those your ministry leaders are working with come from difficult circumstances, but through Resonate you are a witness to the truth that God's compassions are new every morning. Thank you for supporting this work of living and sharing the gospel—we couldn't do it without faithful supporting churches! It's your generosity that helps to share the everlasting hope we have in Jesus with people who are lonely, anxious, and struggling. And what's more—mission work is an area of unity for the denomination. Mission work brings us together! Your giving is an encouraging reminder of what we can accomplish as the body of Christ across North America. Thank you! In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf, Director

Canadian Stewardship Services- Is there a charity close to your heart that you would love to see thrive for years to come? Have you ever considered who would make a suitable Executor or Power of Attorney? Why might someone donate Life Insurance? Christian Stewardship Services is hosting open Q&A sessions about these topics and more throughout the winter to answer all of your questions on charitable giving and estate planning. Find out more about the Winter Conversation series [here](#). While you are planning ahead, why not contact a consultant to maximize your year end giving, or set up an appointment to review your will in the new year? [Schedule an appointment](#) today!

Kids Corner: The Prophet's Message of Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. The devotion is all about how the prophet Isaiah talked about how light shining in the darkness gave people comfort. We know Isaiah 9:2 is about Jesus coming to earth and dying on the cross for our sins. How amazing is that! The hope we have is a person! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Story of the Prophets."

Devotions for a Blue Christmas - In the midst of hard times, find strength and encouragement through God's word. A set of fourteen encouraging Today devotions reassure you that even during the darkest of Christmas seasons, you're not alone. Receive this free email series and ebook when you subscribe to Today at todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas

Groundwork: Jesus: Our Wonderful Counselor - The prophet Isaiah calls the coming Messiah a "Wonderful Counselor." Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Proverbs 1:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:18-24, and Colossians 1:15-19 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus and its connection to the biblical wisdom tradition. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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