



Duncan Christian Reformed Church

930 Trunk Road, Duncan, British Columbia, V9L 2S1

April 26, 2020

From Pastor Kevin

Sunday, April 26's Sermon will be found on the Church website www.duncancrc.org and on Pastor Kevin's Church Facebook page.

Pastor Kevin is posting regular videos of encouragement and devotions on our church's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/duncancrc/>. If you're not "on" Facebook, you can still visit the page and watch the videos. If you are on Facebook, please like and follow the page.

We also have a Facebook group where regular church attenders can communicate:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/duncancrcfamily>

From the Deacons

Offering

During this time when the Worship Services are cancelled, you can drop off your offerings or contributions to the office during business hours or you can mail them to the church.

Church Office is open this week, Monday - Friday, 9 - 12 noon.

Church Address is 930 Trunk Rd, Duncan, V9L 2S1

Give by e-Transfer

In addition to dropping off or mailing your offerings, we are now setup to receive your offerings through Interac ETransfer from your bank online.

Log in to your bank's online banking and navigate to the Send Interac e-Transfer area. Your first time using this method you will need to add giving@duncancrc.org as a new recipient. (You can leave the mobile phone number blank, and if it asks for a security question you can make up anything - we are setup for auto-deposit so the security question will not be used.) To designate a portion of your offering to a specific cause, note the amount for that cause(s) in the note with your transfer. Any undesignated funds will go to Church Ministries.

Offering for Sunday, April 26: Church Ministries and (GEMS)

Write the cheque to Duncan CRC and the cause in the memo line.

Offering for Sunday, May 3: Church Ministries and (Diaconal Ministries "NewGround"). "New Ground" was formerly "Operation Manna".

Deacon Care

On behalf of the Deacons, we know we are living in troubling and unprecedented times. If you find yourself in need of any kind and would like / need some assistance, please contact your deacons. Phone Lawrence. Stay safe.

Church Family

We pray for Greta K as she battles cancer. We are thankful that her appetite has improved and that she is able to eat again. Lord surround her with your loving arms and encourage her with your wonderful Spirit. We know, as does Greta, that she trusts in a God who does the impossible and that He holds her in His powerful hands.

Please pray for Alice B who will be undergoing Tavi heart valve surgery this Tuesday, April 28 in Victoria.

Thanks for praying for my brother and his wife who live in Fremont, California. He came home last Tuesday after 2 weeks in the hospital for Covid. His wife came home Wednesday after a week in the hospital, in time to celebrate his 66th birthday on Thursday! Now they have to self-isolate for a couple of weeks. We thank God for His mercy and love, for answering our prayers and healing them. We will continue to pray for others during this trying time. May God watch over each one of you and keep you all in His love, mercy and peace, Estherina

Birthdays this Week:

Sunday, April 26: Sietse K

Tuesday, April 28: Kiele V

Saturday, May 2: Bradley J, Eno J

Announcements

Cancelled at the Church:

Everything until further notice.

The Church Alarm will be set at 7 pm every evening and disarmed at 8 am every morning.
The Church Office will be open Monday - Friday of this week.

COVID-19 Resources for Churches

Dear Church friends,

We know that the current COVID-19 pandemic has caused numerous challenges to congregations. Please continue to visit crcna.org/covid19 regularly for the latest resources and support from the CRCNA.

One such item is a recent post entitled "Financial and Other Supports for Canadian Churches." We've tried to collate the best resources to help you navigate government and other grants and supports available to you at this time.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Your partner in ministry,
Darren Roorda

From Diaconal Ministries Canada

Covid-19 Grants Available - Diaconal Ministries Canada and World Renew Canada have partnered together to offer grants to churches who have a great idea for diaconal work right now but lack the resources! Churches can receive up to \$5,000. Visit our website for more information on how to apply (<https://diaconalministries.com/covid-19-resources/>)

Offering Next Sunday, May 3

Offering Next Week May 3: NewGround Sunday 2020 (previously called Diaconal Ministries Operation Manna)

Another Sunday... another cause. You may be asking, 'So where does our money go when we give to NewGround?' Let us tell you! All across Canada, there are churches like yours, filled with people who long to see their communities transformed with the love of Christ. Yet many congregations don't have all of the resources or expertise in order to do that. This is where NewGround can help. Sunday, May 3 has been designated as NewGround Sunday. Through your donations, your church is actively participating in growing God's Kingdom in new and exciting ways all across Canada. To learn more about this revamped program, visit the Diaconal Ministries' website:

diaconalministries.com/newground.
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NewGround

Churches loving communities

God is always at work.

He calls churches to follow Him
into their communities to share
Christ's transformational love
with every person.

*It's time to roll up our sleeves
and join Him.*



Bethesda

Bethesda Lend a Hand Campaign

Bethesda's annual Lend a Hand Campaign is in progress and we would like to invite you to support Bethesda this year with your donation and/or membership. Your participation assists Bethesda to provide a variety of services for people with disabilities and their families.

Your donation and \$5 per person membership fees are tax deductible. Annual receipts will be mailed in February 2021.

This year there will be no Church Coordinator or volunteer contacting you or coming to your home.

You can donate online at www.Bethesdabc.com

or write a cheque to Bethesda Christian Association and mail to:

105-2975 Gladwin Rd Abbotsford BC V2T 5T4.

Synod 2020 Cancelled due to COVID-19

Earlier this month, the Program Committee, together with the Council of Delegates (COD) executive committee and others, decided to cancel Synod 2020 in light of many restrictions related to travel and public gatherings that have come as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The group considered several options ranging from holding synod as usual to attempting to hold the meeting via video conference. But the nature of synod as a deliberative body, with work being done both in advisory committees and as a full group, means a virtual meeting is not a viable option.

The committee is setting aside a large portion of the material in the 335-page agenda and passing it along for consideration at Synod 2021. The matters from the Agenda for Synod 2020 to be addressed in the special COD meeting include the following:

After weighing several options, the group made a recommendation that was then forwarded to the full Council of Delegates to decide by electronic vote.

The full COD, in turn, voted to approve “that Synod 2020 be cancelled due to the current COVID-19 crisis, and that the COD hold a special meeting (virtually) to address any matters that cannot wait until Synod 2021.”

“This is the first time in the CRC’s more than 160-year history that synod has been cancelled,” said Colin Watson, the CRC’s acting executive director.

“While this is disappointing news and joins with other losses that we grieve in the wake of COVID-19, we remember that God’s church will and does go on. We do not need to have a denomination-wide meeting in order for God’s kingdom work to continue,” said Watson in an earlier story.

The original Agenda for Synod 2020 is posted at crcna.org/SynodResources. Churches may still respond to the agenda by way of overture or communication to matters in the Agenda for Synod 2020, and those responses will be forwarded to Synod 2021 in connection with items that will be dealt with then.

The CRCNA will print a small number of copies of the full (original) Agenda for Synod 2020 for people and libraries that want to maintain a historical record. Faith Alive Christian Resources will take orders when the print copy is available.

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