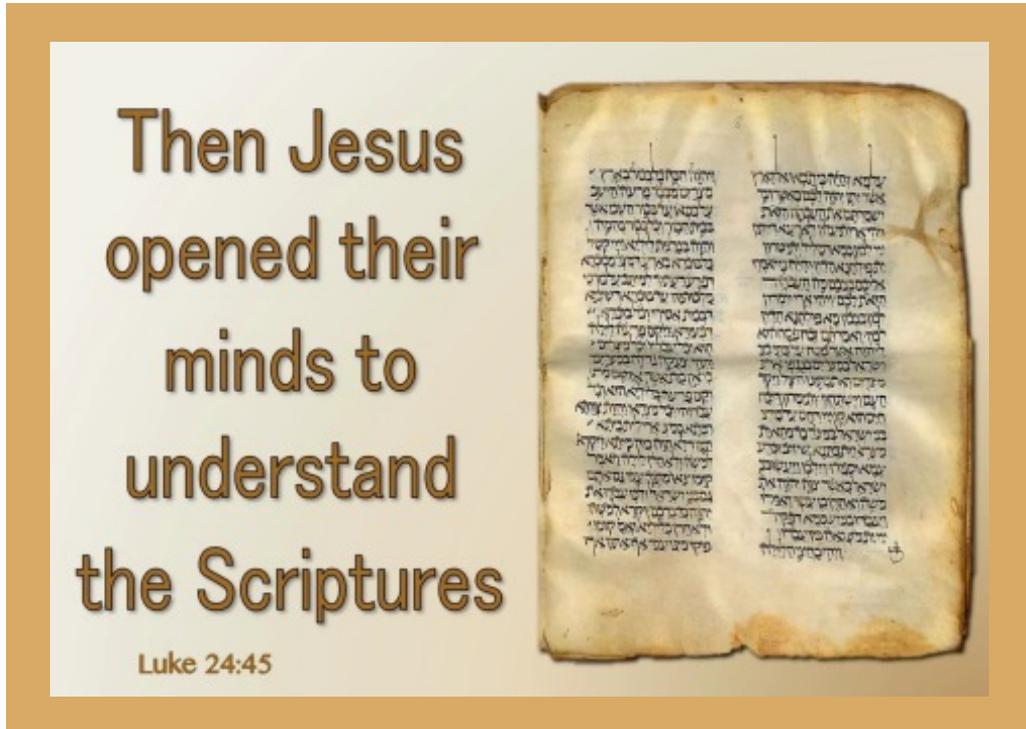


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Announcements

Church Calendar

Wednesday, May 4: Freedom Session 7 - 9 pm

Thursday, May 5: Coffee Break Women's Bible Study - coffee ready at 9:30 am

Saturday, May 7: Total Impact Games Night at the Church 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Monday, May 9: Full Council Mtg 7 pm

Sunday, May 29: Lord's Supper

Total Impact

On Saturday, May 7 we will have a games night at church, 7:30-9:30 pm.

Please bring a snack to share. Friends are always welcome!

Coffee Break Update

For the month of April about 12-14 ladies have been gathering on Thursday mornings and enjoying fellowship together as well as special Easter litanies. We've had 2 lessons from a study called "Encounters with Jesus" and have been blessed as we are reminded that as we are forgiven by God, we must also forgive - and God is always with us so we can take courage and not fear. We have decided to meet for 2 more weeks - so if anyone would still like to join, you are welcome! Thank you Henrietta and Gert for looking after 2-4 little ones!

What does it look like, sound like, and feel like to communicate well?

How does it feel to be heard, valued, and respected while wrestling with things that might challenge us? As our denomination prepares for weighty discussions concerning the Bible's teaching on human sexuality and sexual ethics in the church we, as a congregation desire to join in discussions as well. Although the content of these meetings could be tenuous, we hope to use this time to engage in positive communication practices. Ephesians 4:3 reads, "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." This means valuing each other though we may be at different places in our Christian journey. As a congregation, we should strive towards creating a space that is safe in which to be vulnerable, inviting different perspectives rather than acting in judgment due to fear. Being uncomfortable is okay, it is good to truly consider who Christ wants us to be as individuals and as a congregation.

A series of Sunday evenings (7:00 - 8:00 pm) has been set aside to engage in these discussions. The topics are listed below. We encourage you to come with a spirit of humility, grace and a true desire to not just be heard but to listen. Our prayer is that through these conversations we grow closer to one another and practice communicating in love.

May 22 - Introduction to the conversation and setting the stage to communicate well

May 29 - Overview of the Human Sexuality Report and its conclusions

June 12 - The discussions and decisions of Synod

June 19 - Moving forward together as a worshipping community

Safe Church Ministry

May 2022 Safe Church Webinar: Step 2 Making and Revising Policy - Join us May 18 at 12pm (Eastern) for Webinar 2 of our Safe Church Basics Series. In this webinar, Safe Church Ministry staff will highlight common myths hidden within many abuse prevention policies, share a new model policy, and hear from other leaders about ways they have navigated the tedious task of revising and making policies. Register at: <https://bit.ly/SCwebinarMay22>

Church Family

This past Tuesday, on April 26, Shirley VW passed away to be with her Lord and Saviour. Please pray that the family senses God's nearness and that His goodness is made known to them.

Congratulations and God's blessings for Henry VB who is turning 90 on May 9. Henry is now in a Care Home on the mainland and you can send cards to his daughter Anita (please contact the office for the address).

Pastor Kevin and Jessica are now on their way to Israel. Pray for protection and that they experience God in fresh and powerful ways.

Gifts & Tithes

Collected for April

Church Ministries	11,390.25
The House of Grace	50.00
Resonate Global Mission	115.00
Ministry to Seafarers	255.00
World Renew - Ukraine	100.00
Young Life	35.00

PAR month of April

Church Ministries: \$4,344.00

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Church Ministries: \$4,520.00
World Renew Ukraine: \$1000.00
Resonate Global Mission: \$100.00
Ministry to Seafarers: \$100.00

Nursery, Sunday School

Nursery in the Preschool Wing May 1

Danielle D and Lindsay D

May Sunday School in the Fireside Room

Teachers: Kristen V, Danielle G

Helpers: Aliya N, Laura S

Birthdays this Week

Monday, May 2: Brad J, Eno J

Wednesday, May 4: Bill N

Saturday, May 7: Dianne L, Bill W

Sunday, May 8: William W

Coffee Servers

Sunday, May 1: Susan & Raymond W

Sunday, May 8: Chris & Henrietta G

Sunday, May 15: Joe & Trudy W

Hall Monitors

Sunday, May 1: Fred W

Sunday, May 8: Tom V

Sunday, May 15: Will B

If you are interested in becoming a Hall Monitor during Sunday morning church services, please contact Tom V

Child care for infants to 3 is located in the wing to the right of the sanctuary.

Sunday school children 3 years to grade 5 are dismissed part way through the service and return during the service.

Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer, please call the PRAYER CHAIN, Anneke W

Church Service Sunday, May 1

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Pastor Dan will bring the Message, “A Resurrected Mindset: Seeing Jesus Changes How We Think”, from Luke 24:36-49.

Offering:
Church Ministries and
(New Ground)

Anyone can come to the 10 am service. Masks are optional.

It’s still important to stay home if you or anyone in your household is feeling sick.

The services will continue to be live-streamed at 10 am and then available as recordings afterwards.

This Sunday, May 1

The Offering for this Sunday will be for Church Ministries and (New Ground).

New Ground Program of Diaconal Ministries Canada

Deacons serve by leading and equipping the church to minister to its members and the world in a rich diversity of ministries, awakening compassion, demonstrating mercy, seeking justice, and collaborating with God’s Spirit for the transformation of persons and communities.

Resources and information with the tools, resources, and workshops Diaconal Ministries Canada offers to equip deacons in the work they do can be found on their website: <https://diaconalministries.com/>



Next Sunday, May 8

The Offering for next Sunday will be for Church Ministries and (World Renew).

Domestic Disaster Response

When disasters strike on Canadian soil, World Renew responds through its Disaster Response Services. Volunteers give of their time and talents to help clear debris, assess unmet needs, make repairs, and completely rebuild homes after disasters strike.

Refugee Resettlement

Canada is unique among nations that welcome refugees. That’s because it is the only country that allows sponsorship of refugees by private organizations. World Renew is one of a handful of Canadian agencies that have been granted a sponsorship agreement by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Community Development

World Renew’s community development ministry in Canada is carried out by Diaconal Ministries Canada (DMC). DMC partners with churches and ministries across Canada to demonstrate God’s love in their own communities. This includes inspiring, equipping, and encouraging deacons, churches, and their partners to join in God’s transforming work.

