

May Newsletter

Highlights from the Council Meeting held on May 3, 2017

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with a devotion based on Exodus 4: 11 and 12, how we must be the Lord's mouthpiece – he will help us to speak and teach us what to say.

The Chair then welcomed all those in attendance.

1. Council would like to thank the Youth and their leaders for the wonderful Pancake Breakfast which was held on April 29. Their efforts to aid in the fundraising for the sanctuary level washroom are very greatly appreciated.
2. Council would also like to encourage the congregation to continue to participate in the fellowship of these fundraising events and to thank those who attended the breakfast.
3. Council discussed the Saturday morning prayer meeting and discussed the possibility of replacing it with a Men's Bible Study.
4. Council decided on dates for the drawing of lots and installation of the new Elders and Deacons.
5. Council would like to thank Ben Schinkel Building and Design for the beautiful fence which was constructed around the back yard of the manse.

Contribute to Canada's Anti-Poverty Plan!

As people of faith, we must stand in solidarity with those who carry the burden of poverty. The government of Canada has begun consultations for its Poverty Reduction Strategy, and **Citizens for Public Justice** (CPJ) has prepared an easy-to-use online form that you can submit directly to Employment and Social Development Canada to share what you want to see in the plan. CPJ's website also provides resources to help inform faith communities about poverty in Canada, key policy issues, and the Dignity for All campaign. Let's make sure the Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy is strong, accountable, and promotes the dignity of all people! To make your voice heard, go to cpj.ca/cprs.

Available Free In The Digital Library

"Daylight: 366 Daily Devotional Readings" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library (crcna.org/Library). In this popular devotional, Andrew Kuyvenhoven explores biblical books and themes in a full year of devotional reading that will challenge your mind and inspire your heart.

Retirement

Pastor Len Batterink (1983-1987) is getting ready to retire from the ministry. Rocky Mountain House CRC is planning an afternoon of fun and fellowship in June. If there is anyone who has pictures or memories they would like to share please send them to:

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Pray for Inspire 2017

Inspire 2017 is a conference to connect people from across the 1000+ churches in the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. As we plan and prepare for this event, happening August 3-5 in Detroit, Mich., please join us in praying for the event and all who will attend. This week, please pray for worship team members Kizzy Thomas and Nate Glasper. Pray for them as they make decisions about worship sessions at Inspire 2017 and as they plan and prepare. Pray that worship will be powerful and positive for all involved.