

Welcome to River Park Church!

We are so glad to gather to worship our great God this morning!

Welcome to all of our visitors. We would love to connect with you, kindly fill in the card in the chair pocket and put it in the offering plate.

The Nursery, ages 2 & under, is at the south end of the foyer. Sunday School (preschool – gr 4) and Jacob's Ladder (gr 5 & 6) will be invited to gather downstairs during the worship service.

Difficulty hearing? Devices are available at the sound booth.

Prayer partners are available after the service in the front of the sanctuary.

Oct 14, 2018

Director of Kings Fold Retreat Center, Frank Littel

Welcome

Jesus Messiah

This I Believe

Greeting

Lord I Need You

Children are invited to Sunday School & Jacobs Ladder

River Park Life

Morning Prayer

Offering: Sonshine Center Children's Program

Have It All

Reading: Esther 4:15-16, Exodus 5:1, 1 Samuel 11:6-8, Jonah 3:4,5

Message: Reluctant Heroes

God's Blessing

The Stand

Worship Team

Music: Pao N, Jennifer d
Tech: Jim B, Floyd Hall, Lisa d

Our Offerings

Our offering is an opportunity for us to celebrate financially God's generosity towards us.

Our first offering is for the **Sonshine Center Children's Program**. The Sonshine community center offers specialized care for children exposed to trauma and violence. It costs \$28,000 per year per child to provide therapeutic interventions and break the cycle of violence. Sonshine is having their annual Hope Gala fundraiser Fri, Oct 19, 2018. For info: sonshine.ca/hope-gala/

Our second offering is for the **RPC Ministries Fund**. The RPC Ministries Fund supports the ministries of our church including Sunday School, Jacob's Ladder, Youth Group, Intercultural Ministries, and capital improvements to our building.

Tokens & electronic transfer forms are on the info table.

Next Sunday

Next Sunday Pastor Michelle Top will bring us the message. The offering will be for the Deacon's & Refugee Fund. We will also celebrate the sacrament of the Lords Supper.

Next week at River Park Church

Oct 14	Sunday School Bottle Drive	Before & After the Service
	Youth Group Leadership Team	5 pm
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
Oct 16	Women's Ministry	9:30 am
Oct 17	Prayer Meeting	7:30 am
	Pastoral Elders Meeting	9 am
	ESL by RPC	1 pm
	ICM Discipleship Training	7 pm
Oct 18	Ministry to Men	6 am
	Banner Team	9:30 am
	ESL by CIWA	10 am
Oct 19	Friendship	7 pm
Oct 20	Ministry to Men	8 am
	Taekwondo	3 pm

River Park Family

Sid D will have a hip replacement surgery on Oct 18, please pray for a successful procedure and a rapid recovery.

Please remember our shut-ins and pray for blessings on them and their families.

River Park Life

Sunday School Bottle Drive in support of the Alaak school fund is today. Please drop your bottles off before or after the service at the Currie's blue minivan in the church parking lot.

Deacons Request: At the deacons' meeting last week, we decided to sound out the congregation on the possibility of bringing at least three more refugees into our fold. In addition to having a few volunteers lined up, World Renew also enforces new policies that require us to secure your financial support in advance. If you endorse this decision, we require \$7000 to bring our first person here. It will be put into a special fund that will be dedicated to this cause. We ask that you show your support by designating "refugee fund" on any donation you make to RPC. See the newest Deacon Digest for more details.

RPC Youth Group: Today, we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Those who wish are also welcome to come at 5 pm – as the leadership team will meet to make decisions about ideas/events.

GEMS Blessing Project: Our first project is going to be birthday bags for Emmanuel CRC's food pantry. Each bag will contain a cake mix (add water only), icing and candles. Supplies are needed by Nov 4. Please bring your donated supplies to gems before that, on the 22. We need to make 60 bags.

October is Rehoboth Membership Month! Why not join thousands across Alberta as a Rehoboth member and support the ministry of supporting persons with developmental disabilities! Membership fees are just \$10 each and additional donations of any amount are also greatly appreciated. Look for the October is Membership Month envelope in your mail slot or from your canvasser, Jim B (403-246-4183). Thank you.

New Small Group Starting: Bert and Janna are inviting other interested people to a new small group/book club. So far, we have a group of seven people, and we would like to have more join us. Contact us at 403-251-6625 or seinen@telusplanet.net.

Calvin Theological Seminary Dessert Reception: Hessel & Alice Kielstra, and Chris & Janelle Reitsma invite you to a Dessert Reception Celebrating the Parable of the Prodigal Son in Works of Art with Dr. Larry Gerbens. Dr. Gerbens will showcase the 2nd edition of his book *The Father and His Two Sons: The Art of Forgiveness through images and conversation*. All attendees will receive a complimentary signed copy of this book. This reception will be held on Mon, Oct 29 at 7 pm at the Heritage Park Historical Village. Please RSVP by Mon, Oct 22 to 616-957-6037 or semevents@calvinseminary.edu.

Church Fund Giving Summary

Month	2018 Actual	2018 Projected	2017 Actual	(Deficit) / Surplus
January	25,400	43,000	22251	(17,600)
February	35,061	43,000	42298	(7,939)
March	42,553	43,000	55632	(447)
April	43,220	43,000	37343	220
May	41,104	43,000	34850	(1,896)
June	34,700	43,000	34769	(8,300)
July	35,130	43,000	40063	(7,870)
August	23,786	43,000	33182	(19,214)
September	49,200	43,000	50035	6,200
October	-	-	38415	-
November	-	-	29744	-
December	-	-	94335	-
Total	330,154	387,000	512,917	(56,846)

Note from Council

Hi Congregation! Council would like to provide an update to our staffing model. You might recall in our Sept 23rd update, we alluded to the fact that we were looking to engage the services of a Specialized Transition Minister (STM). A STM has specific training to work with churches like ours, who have gone through difficult challenges. Many of you know Reverend Case Vink, as he's lived in Calgary and worked with several other CRC churches over the past few years. While we haven't fully finalized our agreement; we are close enough that we wanted to let the congregation know of our specific plans to engage Case over the next several months. We expect that Case will begin his work with us sometime in Oct, likely for 10 hrs a week. Those hrs will ramp up by the end of the year to a max of 20-25 hrs per week.

Case, as our STM, will have a very important role in working with both Council and the Congregation. This role will include making a recommendation to our Oversight Committee as to when we're ready to begin a Calling Process. In addition, Case will assist us in the areas of critical pastoral care, transition assistance and spiritual support, planning of worship services, preaching once a month, and mentoring, guiding and advising Council.

While we always seek your prayers, and your support, we're asking the congregation to specifically pray for the work of Case. As a Council, we hope to be challenged by him in a way that leads to great growth for RPC. Growth generally comes when we're made to feel uncomfortable about our circumstances. So we also pray for patience and resilience to follow God's voice as we seek His calling for RPC.

Greeters

Oct 14	Josh & Jolyn B, Grace S
Oct 21	Hank & Jane B, John & Donna S

Nursery Schedule

	Babies & toddlers
Oct 14	Maryanne D, Joanna N, Cordelia v
	Reception: Cara M
Oct 21	Jenny B, Kiera B, Laura B
	Reception: Joanne B

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Coffee Hosts

	Serving & clean-up (after service)
Oct 14	Alice & Bert H, Tony R
Oct 21	Duane & Marianne K, Morris & Betty S

We would like to get to know you better and so we invite you to fill out a welcome card. Please leave the card in mail slot #1.

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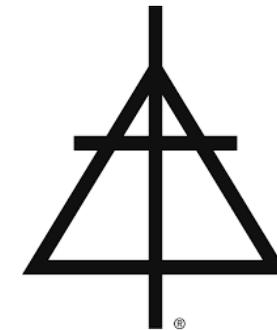
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