



# Rowandale Reporter

NEWS DEVOTIONS INFORMATION CONNECTION

## Update from Council

It's hard to believe that over two months have passed since our last regular church service at Rowandale! I know that we are missing our services and the opportunity to see everyone on a Sunday like we used to, and I know that everyone is wishing that things could be that way again soon!

Over the past two months we've had a Council meeting about every two weeks on average. We have been keeping in touch with people by phone or in other ways during this time and have been praying for people and meeting needs that we are aware of. We have also been thankful for opportunities to connect online and to share messages, worship songs, children's features, youth devotionals, etc. using electronic media. We are fortunate to have some people at Rowandale who know how to put these things together!

As our Province has begun to lift restrictions on numbers that can gather, we are becoming more hopeful about having group functions at Rowandale again soon. Right now we can only have groups of up to 25 indoors – that is very limiting when we would normally have had over 200 people in a Sunday service! We expect that the allowable numbers will increase again in June, and we have been discussing different ideas that would facilitate having small groups starting to meet for worship and fellowship, or having smaller services with up to just 50 people at a time. We are thinking through how each option might work, keeping in mind that we

would also need to provide sanitizing stations, and would have to manage how people come and go so that they will maintain proper distancing between themselves. These are new concepts, and they create challenges, but we have to adapt. We will communicate further in the weeks ahead as we reach conclusions and when we are ready to move forward with our plans. Please pray for us on Council - that we will have wisdom, guidance from above and that we will find effective ways to experience worship together, learning together, serving together and to reach our community in these very different times.

Thank you to all of you for your faithful financial support to the church – it has been encouraging to see how funds have continued to come in, so that we can maintain our staffing, our building and to be ready and able to move forward again when we can do so safely.

Since the arrival of the coronavirus,

so many things have changed. Some of the changes have been difficult and some have probably been annoying! However, it is possible that some good may come out of the changes that have come too. I encourage you to look for the good – whether it is new openness to the gospel by people we know, or more time to spend with our families, or maybe more time to read your Bible and to cultivate a closer relationship with God. Make the most of new opportunities you have, and ask how God how He would like you to respond to the new circumstances you find yourself in. God has not changed – He is still with us, still in control, still on the throne, and He is also still waiting to hear from us and willing to help us when we ask Him to.

Let's be faithful in prayer, in sharing our faith, and in serving others, even while we wait for the time when we can start to gather together again as a church. God bless you! —*Leo Jansens, Moderator*

## Praise & Prayer

**Praise God**, who gives us life and breath and everything else (Acts 17:25).

**Pray** for Sieglinde Glesmann, whose husband Harry went to be with the Lord last week. Sieglinde is currently at Victoria Hospital, waiting to be panelled to a care home. Pray that she would have a place to live soon, and also that the Lord would comfort the Glesmann family during this time of loss.

**Pray** for our Church Council, that the Lord would give them wisdom, unity, and clarity as they make decisions about how we can meet together as the province reopens and restrictions are lifted.

**Pray** for those who are discouraged and doubting God's goodness during this time, that the Lord would encourage their hearts in Christ.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

At this time we are pre-recording our Sunday worship (singing, sermon, etc.), which is then published on our church blog: <https://www.rowandale.ca/blog/> on Sunday morning before 10 am. These services can be viewed anytime after they are published, but we encourage you to keep the rhythm of Sunday morning worship in your life and family.

We are making **sermon audio CDs** available for those of you without internet access. Each CD will include two recorded sermons. Please phone the church office to request a CD. 204-338-1174

## ONLINE PRAYER MEETINGS

Wednesdays at 7 pm. Look for a weekly email with a link to the meeting. We look forward to having you join us!

## APPOINTMENTS WITH A PASTOR

Our church building is now available for visits with Pastor Jonathan or Pastor Dave. Please phone or email the church to book an appointment in advance. Pastor Jonathan has set aside all day Friday for appointments, but if this day doesn't suit you, another time can be arranged. Visits will take place in the church lobby (or outside, weather permitting), with appropriate distancing.

## Thank you for continuing to support ROWANDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

### OFFERING WITHOUT THE BASKET

1. Mail a cheque\* to the church or drop it off in the mail slot at the Rowandale Avenue entrance. 162 Rowandale Ave, Winnipeg, MB R2K 0A5

2. You can contact our treasurer, Jason Nickel to get set up for regular withdrawals from your bank account (use this option only for regular, ongoing donations)

\*Cheques are being processed semi-monthly.

## June birthdays

2	Peter Kahler-Collins
3	Ben Tiede
4	Ken Harder
4	Abigail Truderung
5	Michael Gerl
5	Elsie Sakwi
5	Jordan Szydlik
7	Leo Jansens
8	Karin Pauls
8	Bennet Ulrich
10	Brian Matychuk
11	Gloria Giubega
11	Ingrid Reuter
14	Jason Nickel
15	Anneliese Owzarezek
15	James Slaton
18	Carol Ulrich
20	Shane Ulrich
21	Ella Martens

22	Ella Schindel
23	Austin Pauls
24	Karin Lutz
26	Shari Friesen
30	Edwin Ulrich

## June anniversaries

1	Rick & Petra Pedde
6	Luke & Karina Pauls
8	Joe & Joan Jagdeo
14	Evan & Nancy Paschke
15	Kevin & Ashley Reuter
16	Russell & Shari Friesen
18	Dave & Janice Robinson
20	David & Hazel King
20	Adam & Samantha Pauls
20	Rick & Shirley Peters
24	Michael & Mallory Nash
26	Werner & Jennifer Tiede
29	Dietmar & Hannelore Potschka

## YOUTH & KIDS

YOUTH WIND-UP on June 10th (Rain date June 17th)

7pm - 8pm Drop off and Pick up @ Fraser's Grove (Rossmere Crescent)

Bring a lawn chair. RSVP to [dmiller@rowandale.ca](mailto:dmiller@rowandale.ca)

Look for an email to confirm on June 8th

Note: There are no bathrooms at this location, come prepared

We will follow the social distancing guidelines that will be in effect that day.

## VBS for August 17-21

Following the health guidelines for day-camps, we will have VBS!

9:00 am - 11:00 am @ Rowandale Baptist Church

For kids going into grades **one** through **six** • Please register today at this link: <https://forms.gle/dcmZmFCm72zhRNrN9>

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**Due to COVID-19, access to the church building is currently limited to staff, except by appointment. Please Call:**  
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