



SEPTEMBER 2021

Rowandale Reporter

September Soft Start

When our province took big steps to further reopen last month, some of us expected a September kick-off like the good old days. Now, with rising COVID-19 cases, signs of a fourth wave, and today's announcement about reinstating the indoor mask mandate, it looks like there will be a game delay, so to speak.

In the meantime, Council members have been communicating with ministry leaders, and will meet next week to further discuss fall plans. But for now, it has seemed wise to hold off doing the usual September ministry launch. It's also somewhat inevitable, as a number of volunteers and parents are not yet ready to return to these ministries. So, don't expect Sunday morning classes, coffee fellowship time, and in-person Children's ministry just yet (although Pastor Dave will be continuing to offer online children's Sunday school this fall).

Parents of young children should also know that we will not yet be offering Nursery and Junior Church programming on Sunday mornings; however, the nursery will be open and available for parents with young children to use (note that the Nursery will be unsupervised).

Parents of youth can expect our Friday night youth ministry to be in-person, and to start up this month.

Regarding Sunday morning worship, you can expect us to continue offering two services (9:15 am and 11 am), with the live-stream during the 9:15 am service. If we don't see a significant increase in attendance this September, we may decide to go to one 11 am service, and will communicate that in advance.

What about other ministries, like young adults, men's and women's discipleship, mid-week Bible studies, and other training/

equipping/evangelism opportunities? We haven't forgotten about those, and are in the process of communicating with leaders and volunteers about re-launching these ministries in the future.

As deflating as this slow September start may be for some, here are some encouraging reports about summer ministries to lift your spirits. God is at work among us. His gospel is advancing, and his kingdom will come. Read on!

– Pastor Jonathan

Summer Kids Club

We had a fantastic week on "Mystery Island"!

32 kids came, played games, sang songs, and made new friends while learning about God and his love for us. Thank you so much to our volunteers and the Martens family, especially, for the many hours of work to pull off this wonderful week!

– Pastor Dave

Camp Nutimik

God is so good! We have now completed our summer of Day Camps and Family Camping for the 2021 season and have quickly moved into our rental season. We had 15 seasonal staff this summer (11 of them funded through staffing grants), 47 campers in the Day Camp program and 20

families who came out for Family Camping rentals. The joy we experienced while serving this summer is indescribable! The Day Camp days were filled with typical camp activities like field games, archery, fishing, crafts, canoeing, morning cabin devotions, chapel time, and fun at the beach. The staff were so inspired by the spiritual hunger of our campers which was most evident during morning devotions and our chapel time. We were able to share the Good News of Jesus with campers who had no previous understanding of Him prior to their time at camp! We were also able to present some campers with their very first Bible. The most exciting part was that, after showing them how to use it, they were fully engaged – looking up verses, reading out loud for the group and asking questions about what they read! The relationships built with our campers and time spent together was so meaningful.

Between our day camp program and family camping rentals, we were able to give out 16 Bibles this summer! Praise the Lord!

Thank you for coming alongside us with your prayers and support for Camp Nutimik this summer!

– Nancy Paschke (Program Director)

Praise & Prayer

Routine, blessed routine! **PRAISE GOD** that kids can go back to school this fall. Pray for families, parents, and teachers as the kids go back to school amidst continuing changes and adjustments.

PRAY for church unity and fruitful ministry as we head into September; that the Lord would guide us in the decisions we make.

PRAY for those who are in care homes, or sick in hospital. Grietje Brumm at Maples PCH; Lynda Dengate at Riverview; Sieglinde Glesmann at Holy Family Home; Abe Goertzen at Donwood Manor; Rose-Ann Lucius at Donwood Manor; Edgar Olney at Bethania.

In-Person Worship Services take place on Sunday mornings at 9:15 and 11. Registration is no longer required. Sunday worship services continue to be available online at our website, www.rowandale.ca

According to today's announcement from our Provincial Government, beginning Sunday Aug. 29th, **masks will be required in our church building at all times.**

Please stay home if you or someone in your household: has had a fever in the past 14 days, shows any symptoms of COVID-19, has been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or is waiting for a COVID-19 test result.

For those who listen to the service by phone, the service is available at 9:15 am.

LISTEN TO THE SERVICE BY PHONE SUNDAYS at 9:15 am

STEP 1: Call 204-272-7920

STEP 2: Enter Meeting ID: 829 0930 0180 then press #

STEP 3: Wait for the service to begin (ignore further instructions/options)

STEP 4 (optional): After the service you can press *6 to un-mute yourself and speak with others on the phone

Baby Shower for Max Reuter - save the date

October 24, 4:00 pm at Rowandale Baptist Church

Capacity and mask guidelines to be followed as per public health orders on the day of the shower

Because of potential changes to capacity limits please RSVP by October 17 to Simone Gerl (and to arrange to contribute to the group gift) sgerl@mymts.net or 204-290-1281 (text or call)

September birthdays

2	John Gollub	27	Shelley Woods
2	Rachel Gorzen	28	Gary Streuber
8	Debbie Maertins	29	Doug Newton
10	Kevin Nachtigall	30	Rita Streuber
10	Ashley Reuter		
13	Dawn Martens		
13	Nora Morales		
16	Siegfried Gfroerer		
17	Victoria Truderung		
19	Alanna Szydlak		
21	Abe Goertzen 105!		
22	Krystin Sackmann		
25	Amber-Leigh Kehler		
26	Shirley Peters		

September anniversaries

6	Ed & Scarlett Ulrich
11	Roland & Simone Gerl
11	Christoph & Andrea Koebel
15	John & Jessica Gollub
19	Eugene & Leah Kohler
21	Julian & Gloria Giubega
24	Norbert & Debbie Maertins
25	Christy & Thomas Wels
29	Doug & Judy Newton
30	Gord & Audrey Plew

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Join us as we observe the Lord's Supper during the morning services on September 12.

We will continue to use pre-filled "Fellowship Cups" that include wafers and juice in a sealed packet.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Join us for our Congregational (Business) Meeting on **Sunday, September 26** at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. More info to come.

Operation Mobilization

Global Prayer Evening

September 11 at 7 pm

Westwood Community Church
401 Westwood Drive

Join us for an indoor prayer walk to pray for countries like Afghanistan, Nepal, Pakistan, Turkey and others. Contact Christoph Koebel for more information.

Camp Scholarships

Hello Youth! If you worked at a camp this summer you can apply for a camp scholarship. Please contact Andrea Koebel

@m.a.koebel@hotmail.com or the church office for an application. Applications are also available in the church lobby. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is **September 28.**

Thank you for continuing to support Rowandale Baptist Church

ALTERNATIVES TO IN-PERSON GIVING

1. Mail a cheque to the church or drop it off in the drop box at church. 162 Rowandale Ave, Winnipeg, MB R2K 0A5.

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



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