



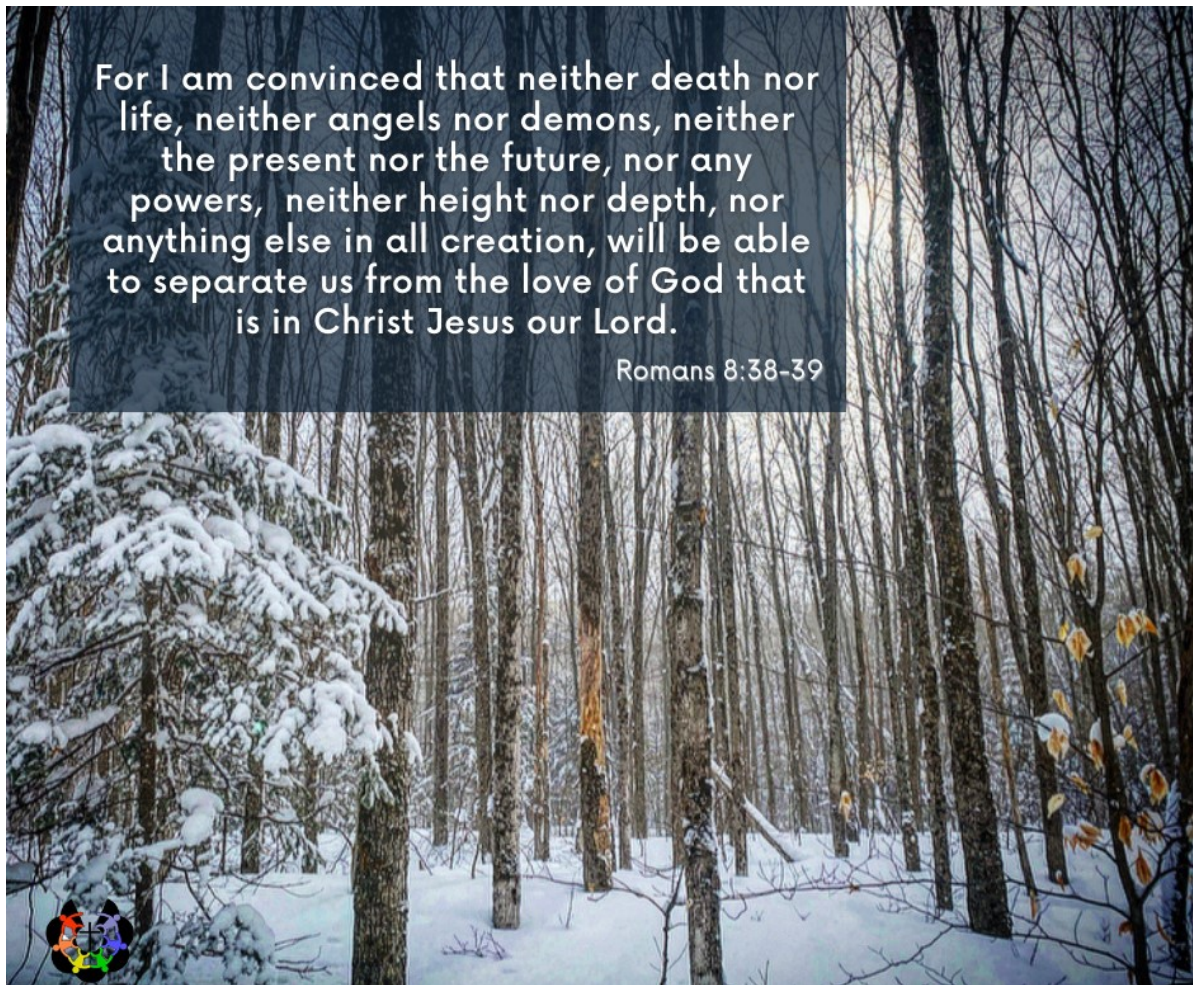
CONNECT

Staying Connected at Drayton Reformed Church

February 21-28, 2021

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39



Lord, hear our prayers...

- Pray for the family of Suelaine and Peter P, following the loss of Betty D this past week. Pray for God's comfort and peace to surround the family and loved ones during this time of loss.
- Praise God that Herma D underwent successful surgery this past Wednesday. Pray for Herma's strength and recovery.
- Pray for Gilles B, who underwent hernia surgery this past Thursday. Pray for Gilles' healing and recovery.
- Pray for all those with ongoing health concerns or who are recovering from recent medical procedures. Pray for patience and healing.
- Pray for God's blessing upon our worship during the season of Lent as we focus our hearts and our minds on the theme of "Cultivating and Letting Go." May we experience God's grace in fresh ways this season.
- Pray for all those who are lonely, discouraged, anxious, depressed, or struggle with burdens of mental health. Pray for those especially affected by the cold and the snow, as well as by the limitations related to COVID guidelines.
- Continue to pray for health, community, and government leaders as they determine guidelines for local communities and businesses. Pray for their wisdom.
- Please also remember our elderly & shut-ins:

Joyce K (Royal Terrace, Palmerston) **Gea L** (Royal Terrace, Palmerston)

Janna O(at home with Grace & Jan Slot) **Cor P**(Royal Terrace, Palmerston)

MESSAGE TO THOSE WHO ARE VISITING WITH US				
The offering goes towards the general ministry expenses of the church and designated missions of the month.				
	Weekly Actual (February 14)	Weekly Budget	YTD Actual (Provided monthly)	YTD Budget (Provided monthly)
General		TBD	TBD	TBD
Missions		TBD	TBD	TBD

THANK YOU: We would like to thank our church family for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and gifts over the last six months. I am walking lots every day to build up my strength and am feeling good. I thank God that I have been declared cancer free. Thanks so much for caring.
Albert N and family

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: Your income tax receipts are completed and in church mail slots. They will be available for pick up during Sunday morning worship until March 14th. After this time, all remaining receipts will be mailed out. If Sunday morning is not a suitable time for pick up, please arrange a time with one of the pastors or the church office. *Thanks, The Deacons.*

VOTE TO PASS 2021 BUDGET: Please note that we have received feedback that some individuals have experienced issues with their email failing to send. If this is you, please email your response directly to the chair of deacons and chair of elders. *For each professing member in your household, please list their name and indicate either a vote YES (in favour of passing the proposed budget) or NO (not in favour of passing the proposed budget). ***Thank you in advance for your flexibility and patience.*** Those who do not have access to email will be contacted by their elder in order to hear their vote. **Please submit your vote by February 28, when voting will close.**

ZOOM COFFEE CLUSTER: Please note there is NO ZOOM scheduled for this Sunday.

ONLINE PRAYER GATHERING: Pastor Duane and Pastor Daniel invite you to join them for a Zoom prayer gathering on **Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30pm.** If you have any questions please contact one of the pastors. No pre-registration required.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: This **Sunday, February 21,** we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper during our in-person & online worship service. Those of you who are worshipping with us at home, we invite you to prepare bread and juice (or other suitable elements) in your home so that you can share in the communion celebration.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Please note that offering envelopes are available at the church. Please contact secretary@draytonreformed.org or Pastor Duane to set up a time to pick yours up.

COLLECTING: As we move back to in-person worship at 30% capacity, we will be collecting your tithes and offerings with baskets outside the sanctuary. We will also collect outside the church for 30 minutes starting immediately after the service ends, typically 11:00 am to 11:30 am, for those enjoying the livestream. There are other ways to donate as well. These include mailing your cheque to the church with attention to the deacons, using Pre-Authorized Remittance (contact Kelly for a form), and/or donating through Tithe.ly. Thank you for your faithful support.

NEWSLETTER: Please have all submissions for the March edition of the DRC newsletter into the church office no later than Thursday, February 25. Thank you!

ARE YOU WILLING TO SHARE YOUR GIFTS

THROUGH WRITING? This can be poetry, written testimonies, short stories, or general reflections. You could write about where you have encountered Jesus. Perhaps you have some reflective words looking back at 2020, or maybe you are looking ahead to our Lenten series words "Cultivating and Letting Go" and wonder what that means to you. Your submissions will be included in the March Newsletter. Please contact Mari-Anne T or Kelly R with your submission(s).

GLOBAL COFFEE BREAK WOMEN'S ONLINE RE-

TREAT: In this season, are you tired and weary? Have you struggled to stay connected with other Christians? Do you look for ways to encourage the women in your church? We think it's time for a Women's Retreat. This year we are hoping to gather women from across the country for a virtual retreat!! All women are welcome, especially if you've never been part of a Coffee Break or small group. We'd love to have you join us. **Save the date: April 16 & 17, 2021...**more information to follow!

A MESSAGE FROM CAMP SHALOM: I think many of you will agree that we need camp more than ever this year! We missed you in 2020, but we are excited to be back, better than ever in 2021! We are planning to have the BEST SUMMER EVER but also the safest summer ever. campers and staff. We will be launching **registration on March 1st** with a reduced capacity in order to increase social distancing at camp. This will mean smaller cabin sizes. In addition, we are exploring options such as operating in cohorts to limit camper contact and/or dedicating specific buildings for specific programs. To find out more about what to expect at camp this summer, including all of the planned safety precautions, please visit us online [Countryside Camp](#).

DRAYTON & COMMUNITY FOOD BANK: Offering Take-Out Tuesdays. Do you or someone you know need a hot meal? Register a week in advance by calling/texting 519.504.2346 or email draytonfoodbank@gmail.com. ***Upcoming dates: March 9, 23 & April 6, 20.***

PLEASE RSVP
SECRETARY@DRAYTONREFORMED.ORG

SR. YOUTH SKATE NIGHT at the KABBESPATCH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 7:30-9:30 PM



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