



First Christian Reformed Church

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The purpose of First Church in Sarnia is: **LOVE SHARE CARE**
The love of God is celebrated.
The love of God is shared.
The love of God mobilizes us to care.

Sunday, August 22, 2010

Welcome to all, on this day, which the Lord has made! God delights in the fellowship of believers, and so we pray that as we come to worship our Saviour and Lord, He will be edified and we will be blessed.

If you are a guest with us this morning, we extend a special welcome to you. We pray that you will be blessed by your time spent here today. We invite you to sign our guest book in the front foyer. If we can be of further help, please ask the pastor, the 'host couple' or the office.

This evening, our combined service will again be held at Redeemer CRC at 6:30 pm. Pastor Jim Poelman will be bringing the message.

Following this morning's worship service, everyone is invited to join us out front, for a time of conversation, coffee, tea or juice. You can stay in the new foyer, or take your cup outside with you.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN OUR FELLOWSHIP



Please remember to keep in your prayers those of us who are no longer able to come to church to worship with us: Attie D, Grace D, Raymond M and Betty P.

Continue your prayers for those members of our congregation who are in physical pain, such as Dirk B and Riemie V.



CONGRATULATIONS to Rachel V and Michael H who were married yesterday, here in this church. We pray for the Lord's blessing on them as they begin their new life together. Their new address is 27 Moore Street, Norwich ON N0J 1P0.

~ MILESTONES: Happy birthday and God's blessings ~			
Aug 22	Jack K	Aug 31	Rebecca P
	Christopher S	Sept 1	Connor B
Aug 23	Theresa D		Nathaniel S
	Chris P	Sept 2	Brize De
Aug 26	Nina V	Sept 3	Jocelynn P
Aug 27	Tanya M		Tanner Small
Aug 28	Claire B		Sara V
	Nevada C	Sept 4	Jonathan B
	Matthew V		Riek D
	Marcy V		MaryAnn D
Aug. 29	John S		Liz L
Aug 30	Tena H		Marg R
	Jamie K		Chad V
	Mary R		

Redeemer~ Peter D was admitted to the hospital on Monday. He underwent surgery for a pacemaker. He is very thankful for the new energy this is giving him. He was able to return home on Thursday.

Mrs. Liz V suffered a heart attack on Monday evening. She is resting comfortably now and will return to Vision once her condition is more stable.

We give our Christian sympathy to Joan and John H in the passing of their brother-in-law, Tony B of Cambridge, On. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to give their care and support to Joan's sister (Tony's wife) Frances..

Living Hope~ Bert R is recovering from cataract surgery which he had on Thursday.

Scott R is experiencing problems with his vision. Pray that the doctors will soon find the cause and pray for healing.

Hilda D has been admitted to the hospital for heart related problems.

OUR GIFTS WE BRING

Today: **A.M:** 1. Ministry Shares 2. CRWRC

Next Sunday **A.M:** 1. Ministry Shares 2. Refugee Fund

~Deacon's Corner~

Our second offering this morning is for the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee. CRWRC is the diaconal and Christian development agency of the church supplying disaster response, diaconal training, and the development of communities around the world. CRWRC does not receive any ministry share support & is dependent on the regular contributions of God's people for its on-going ministry.

OUR THANKS TODAY TO~

Serving Elders/Deacons: A.M. * F. R., J. V., L. K, F. V

Host/Hostess: Fred and Marg R

Coffee Servers: Josh and Karly S, Sandy and Margriet S

Ushers: Dora B, Rick N

Sound Tech: Sean S **Projection Tech:** Sandy S

Library Attendants: Liz L, Nina V, Marg R

Nursery: A.M. Stacey H, MaryAnn D, Aaron S

SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY, August 29, 2010

Serving Elders/Deacons: A.M. *P. P, J. R., P. W, H. K

Host/Hostess:

Coffee Servers: Jake and Lucille V, Matt and Danielle V

Ushers: JT S, Nicole S

Sound Tech: Phil V **Projection Tech:** Helge B

Library Attendants: Jeannine S, Sherry C, Janessa S

Nursery: A.M. Christal K, Gerdie H, Ian S

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Are you looking for an opportunity to use the gifts God has blessed you with? The Worship Committee needs more worship planners and is looking for additional help. Please contact Pastor Henry or Nicole S for more details.

COUNCIL HANDBOOKS: Would all the council members who have not yet returned your handbooks to the office, please do so as soon as possible? I hope to have them updated, and ready to return to you by the beginning of September. There are also a few retired council members who still have to return their books, so they can be updated and given to new council members.

LABOUR DAY BREAKFAST: The refugee families invite everyone to breakfast on Labour Day. Location will be the Kiwanis wedding pavilion at Canatara Park, right near the animal farm. Stay tuned for further details. If you would like to volunteer or help prepare food, please call the R family at 519 491 6609 or Cheryl and John D 519 336 6526.

FUSION NEWS

SNAC: Tonight we're meeting at John and Helen V's place (1994 Michigan Line) from 8-10pm. See you there!

DOWNTIME: Over the past few weeks we have been exploring various ways in which we can worship in a quiet, more contemplative manner. This Monday night, come on out and experience "holy rest." Bring your pillow!

THANK YOU: CELEBRATING THE DIFFERENCE YOU ARE MAKING!

Twenty-seven Lambton County churches have raised a total of \$24,163.34 in support of The Pregnancy Centre through the 2010 Baby Bottle Campaign.

We are so thankful to the congregation of First CRC for donating \$698.52. Your support and generosity is what keeps the doors of the Pregnancy Centre open.

This ministry continues to offer hope and assistance to those who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy and to those women struggling with a past abortion decision.

Some of you have likely been collecting money in the bottle and simply forgot to return it. If so, please bring it by the church office or the Centre. If you took a baby bottle and just didn't participate, for whatever reason, that's okay. You can still help. The return of your bottle will be appreciated.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FROM THE LAMBTON COUNTY CHAPTER OF LONDON DISTRICT CHRISTIAN

SECONDARY SCHOOL: Hear ye, hear ye! Please mark Saturday, September 25 on your calendars as the date for our sixth annual Gala Dinner - a Medieval Feast! This fabulous fundraising event will take you back to the time of castles and fiefs, knights and damsels in distress. You will feast on delicious fare while enjoying the ambience of authentic medieval decor and the fellowship of other lords and ladies. Look for an invitation in your mailslots. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we seek to raise the funds necessary to bus our children to LDCSS.

Support Christian education on the greens!

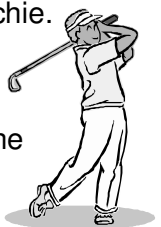
Spots are filling quickly for the 9th Annual Sarnia Christian School Golf Classic, to be held on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Bonnie Doon Golf & Country Club in Camlachie.

Sign up your foursome for only \$500, which includes 18 holes of great golfing with two power carts and AAA-steak dinners at the clubhouse!

Great sponsorship opportunities are still available – please ask us about the new value-added benefits for 2010!

To register or sponsor, contact either Darren H (519-383-8316) or Chad D (519-344-8653) or email them at golf@sarniachristian.com.

Space is limited!



THE 5TH ANNUAL DUTCH HYMN SING will be held, d.v. on Wednesday, August 25th at 1:30 p.m. in the Westmount Christian Reformed Church - 425 Drury Lane in Strathroy. If you enjoy singing and listening to the songs you learned in your youth, you would be blessed to be part of the audience. This year there will be a special time of remembrance of the 65th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. If you have interesting memorabilia or special pictures of that time in history, please bring it along for the display table. Come and bring friends and join us in singing our praises to God and enjoying fellowship and refreshments following the program.

A freewill offering to help cover costs will be held and any extra funds will be sent to The Bible league. Last year, because of your generosity, we were able to send \$85.00! Spread the word... Everyone is welcome!

30TH ANNUAL CHORAL CONCERT: Join us for a summer evening of sacred music, featuring multiple choirs and ensembles, under the direction of Dr. J. Nixon McMillan (Albany, NY) and April Brien (St. Jacob's). Cost: free-will offering. Date: Thursday, Aug, 26, 7:00 pm at Grace United Church, Sarnia.

COMMON GROUND: TWENTYSOMETHINGS AT LONDON FIRST CRC: Coming to study or work in London this fall? Check out London First CRC at 10 a.m. on Sundays. On Sept. 12th, come to 513 Talbot St. for the service and after the service meet other twentysomethings. On Sept. 19th, come to 75 Blackfriars for worship, our temporary location (as we start renovations on Talbot St) and join in the church picnic afterwards. On Sept. 26, after worship, come to the Common Ground kick-off BBQ lunch at pastor Willemina & Chaplain Kelly's house. For more info contact: wzwart@londonfirstcrc.ca

THE SHEPHERD'S GUIDE: The 2010-11 edition of The Shepherd's Guide Christian Business and Ministry Directory is now available. Please pick up your copy of this handy resource directory from the table in the narthex, or from the Christian Bookstore, FREE of cost. For more information, call The Shepherd's Guide at 1-888-276-5225.

THE BIBLE LEAGUE: The Bibles for Missions Thrift Stores are a valuable part of the ministry of The Bible League of Canada. By recycling used goods in 40 stores across Canada, these stores have not only raised significant funds for Bibles and Bible training ministries, but they have created an important community resource in their own neighbourhoods. By ministering with love and kindness to the people who come through the doors to shop or browse they give hands and feet to God's message of love and salvation. Praise God for willing volunteers! www.bibleleague.ca

DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRIES

GROUNDWORK - Gospel Helper of Sell Out? Is it ever okay to be flexible with our behavior in an effort to remove the stumbling blocks to faith of someone else? Or is that just a sell out? Join the conversation and study what the Bible says about the intersection of justice and righteousness in our daily lives. Tune in to Groundwork - find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - The End of the World: Have you ever been so disappointed that crying didn't help? Check out this week's Kids Corner to see what God promises about disappointment. Then write to Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R3Y8 or kids@kidscorner.net for your very own Bible study.

POSITION OPENINGS - The Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) has position openings for an Online Community & Content Manager (by Aug 30) and a new director of Home Missions (by Sept 30) Visit the web site www.crcna.org/pages/opportunities.cfm, for job descriptions and more details.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE - Partners Worldwide, the business ministry partner of the CRC, is hosting the conference "Marketplace Revolution: Fighting Global Poverty Through Business" on Oct. 7-8 in Grand Rapids, Mich. Speakers include Richard DeVos, co-founder of Amway Corp., and Neal Johnson, author of Business as Mission. The event will draw Christian business, church and community leaders from around the world to explore how business can be part of the solution to poverty. Details and registration at www.partnersworldwide.org.

YOUTH AND MISSIONS CONFERENCE - Global Outreach for a New Generation Conference sponsored by Christian Reformed World Missions in cooperation with Youth Unlimited, CRWRC, Home Missions, and Calvin Seminary. This conference is for missions enthusiasts, pastors, youth workers, and anyone interested in youth and missions to dialogue about intergenerational missions. Renowned youth and missions specialist, Dr. David Livermore, will present two keynote addresses and a variety of workshops will be offered. Date: Oct. 30, at Ivanrest CRC, Grandville, Mich. Visit www.crwrm.org/next or contact Bill Thornburg at 616-224-0848 (U.S.) or Trish De Jong at 800-730-3490 (CAN).

...If we can be of assistance.....

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Please have all bulletin announcements into the office by 4 p.m. Wednesday

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