



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, January 29, 2012

Welcome to all! The Lord welcomes His people and invites us to receive His rich grace in our lives. In our weekly worship we joyfully acknowledge Him as our only God and Saviour, and confess that we are dependent on Him for our happiness, health, and life.

Today is Cadet Sunday and we extend a special welcome to our Cadets and Cadet Counselors as they participate in this morning's service. We praise God for the Cadet program within our church and pray that through this ministry, our boys may be challenged to offer their lives to Jesus and to live for His glory.

If you are a guest with us this morning, we extend a warm welcome to you! We pray that you will enjoy your time of worship with us, and that you will be encouraged to return. Please take a minute to sign our guestbook in the front entrance, and if we can be of any further help, please ask the "Host Couple" the pastor, or at the church office.

Following this morning's worship service, everyone is invited to join us in the foyer for a time of conversation, coffee, tea or juice.

 **Our Church Family:** Jason L is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, January 31, to remove a herniated disc on his spinal column, which has been causing a lot of pain in his leg. Please pray for positive results from this delicate surgery.

Congratulations to Michelle and Daniel D, who were blessed a few weeks ago with the birth of a baby girl, Rachel Grace. Rachel is another grandchild for Ed and Sonja DeVries. We praise God for this precious new life entrusted to them.

Please keep the ATLAS team in your prayers as they are in the Dominican Republic this week, working with John and Jane Hand the Samaritan Foundation. Pray that they will be a blessing to those they are working for, and also for safety and good health.

THANK YOU: I'd like to say thank you to everyone for your prayers and also to those who brought excellent casseroles. They really helped us get through those early days until I was able to be on my feet a bit again. ~Lisann C

~ MILESTONES: Happy birthday and God's blessings ~			
Jan. 29	Michelle V	Feb. 6	Karin S
Jan. 31	Sonja D	Feb. 7	Adrian S
	Greta P		Mallory V
	Rob V		Marty V
Feb. 1	Jason P		Vanessa V
Feb. 2	Joey H	Feb. 8	Kerry B
	Freda S	Feb. 10	Brian R
	Kurtis T	Feb. 11	Rachelle G
	Jonathan V		Ann N
Feb. 3	Amanda B		Marinus T
	Herman D		

Redeemer~ Joanne Nlearned this week that the tumor removed in December was benign. We thank and praise God with her for this good news. Please pray for continued strength and healing.

Living Hope~ We give thanks that Dick and Aty M are home safely from the Netherlands after attending the funeral for Aty's mom. While they were there, Aty's sister also lost her mother-in-law. Please keep them and their extended family in prayer. We give thanks as well that Ken and Evelyn T were kept safe after being involved in the recent traffic accident on the 402. They continue to recover from a few bumps and bruises. We remember also the many others who were affected by this accident including the emergency personnel who responded to the scene. Henk and Elly and the V family are once again in need of our prayers as Henk suffered another stroke. He's remains in the hospital as they determine what his recovery will require.

Ted and Mettha D's unborn grandchild has been having complications just a few weeks prior to the due date. Keep Jamie and Amanda and their unborn child in prayer. Carolyn V learned this week that her difficulty speaking is the result of nodes on her vocal chords. She has an appointment with a specialist in late February where they'll determine if surgery is an option.

OUR GIFTS WE BRING

Today: **AM:** 1. Ministry Shares 2. Calvinist Cadet Corps
PM: Christian Horizons.

Next Sunday **AM:** 1. Ministry Shares 2. London District Christian High Tuition Assistance
PM: St. Joseph's Hospice

~Deacon's Corner~

Our evening offering is for Christian Horizons. This non-profit, faith-based charitable organization serves nearly 1,500 Ontario families, ministering, in practical ways, to people with exceptional needs. They are dedicated to seeing those with exceptional needs live out the fullest of lives. Spiritual life is an important part of this ministry.

~OUR THANKS TODAY TO~

Serving Elders/Deacons: AM* Lex K, Pete VH, Ken S, Fred V

PM* Dirk B, Bill B, Fred Z, Cheryl D

Coffee Servers : Marv and Ingrid B, Lex and Jennie K

Greeters Carol PJoanne V

Ushers Patti K, Mitch V

Sound Tech Sean S **Projection Tech:** Aaron S

Sunday School Liz or Jessica L, Ashley S, Sonja V, Michael N, Alice V

Library Attendants Angela C, Sherry C, Alice V

Nursery: AM Angela C, Lucille V, Sebastian S

PM Kerry B, Maddie D

SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY, February 5, 2012

Serving Elders/Deacons: AM*Dennis D, Fred R, Dirk B, Rick K

PM* John R, Michael D, Lex K, Kelly V

Coffee Servers: Floyd and Judy V, Ken and Judy S

Greeters Carol P, Joanne V

Ushers Dora B, Jack T

Sound Tech Tom S **Projection Tech:** Helge Bu

Sunday School Margriet S, Sebastian S, Danielle V, Maddie D, Alice V

Library Attendants Liz L, Nina V, Helen S

Nursery: AM Sherry C, Sonja V Kurtis T

PM Jeannine S, Adam K

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Please note the following meetings

Executive Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 pm; **Full Council** Tuesday, Feb.28, at 7:30pm:

FROM THE OFFICE: I will be away from January 26 until February 11. In my absence Diane Plug and Kelly VanderHeide will be working in the office.

Office hours for those two weeks will be Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 until 1:00 and Wednesday from 9:00 until 4:00. **Bulletin announcements need to be in by noon on those two Wednesdays.** Thank you for your co-operation. And thank you to Diane and Kelly for filling in while I'm away. ~Betty

DISTRICT POTLUCK LUNCHEON TODAY, after morning coffee for District 1 & 2!

The Fellowship Committee would like to introduce you to our new District Potluck Luncheons on the last Sunday of the month. Two districts will meet for a potluck after morning coffee. You will receive an invitation for your potluck date 2 weeks ahead of the luncheon.

We are starting today with District 1-Pete V /Rick K and District 2-Michael D/Henny D. If you are in those districts, you will have received an invitation in your mail slot. Please stay after church for a time of fellowship over a nice meal. Bring a main dish and a dessert or salad. We will be serving coffee in the foyer after the service for all the congregation, then Districts 1 and 2 will meet downstairs for lunch.

MEET & GREET - Our church has been blessed with 4 new babies recently! You are all welcome to come to the church on Saturday, February 11 from 10am to noon to meet these new bundles of joy. Check your mailbox for more information.

Fusion News

YOU CAN HELP!: The youth will be going on a ski trip on Friday February 3rd - Saturday Feb. 4th 2012. How can you help? By donating FOOD! chips, cookies, muffins, water, juice boxes would be greatly appreciated. Please call Lucille VanderVies [519-542-3080](tel:519-542-3080) if you are willing to help. Thank you so much!

SKI TRIP: For all those attending our ski trip this weekend, please keep an eye on your email this week for important information about our event!

FUSION: No meeting tonight. We will get together next week again.

A NOTE ABOUT CATECHISM: As some of you know catechism was cancelled last week, since a number of students were writing exams. However, next week if there is a snow day, there's the possibility that Thursday will also be an exam day for some. In such an event, we'll be calling the homes of the students to let you know catechism will be cancelled again, and we'll make up that week at the end of the year. Otherwise we will see you on Wednesday night at 7:00.

COLLEGE AND CAREERS: This week, College and Careers is at Matt and Danielle's house at 3304 Confederation Line! We're continuing our series with the "Truth Project"; this week's topic is "Science: What is Truth?". It's a great chance to enjoy some great discussion, food, and fun! Feel encouraged to bring a friend!

MEN'S LIFE for January 30 will be held at the home of Pete K, at 7:30pm.

MILK BAG CUTTING: Do you have some extra time on Monday morning, January 30? If so, we would love to have you join us for bag cutting at Sarnia Christian School at 9:00am. We have lots of bags! If you would like to crochet, that would be great.



GEMS Soup & Chili Dinner, THIS coming Saturday!

Want a night out.....wish there was somewhere "different" to go to...need to "mix it up" a bit with the dinner menu?? Well, the Sarnia GEMS Club has the answer....our **"Annual Soup & Chili Fundraising Dinner"!!!** That's right, **this Sat. Feb 4th** your very own Gems club is putting on a dinner in the SCS gym, and you are all invited! There was a flyer in your church mail slots last week listing all the deliciousness that awaits you! Mark your calendars, set your schedules.....'cause you have a date with us!!!! And just think.....no dishes!!!!



GIDEON EXPRESSIONS: A while ago, we had a Gideons representative show us the cards that they have available for us to use, and give donations to the Gideons. The display has been set up in the library, where you will also find order sheets. Feel free to take a sheet home and order some cards. You can also order them online. Go to www.gideonexpressions.ca

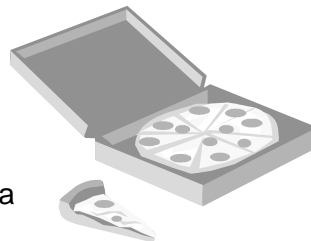
The Ministry to Seafarers would like to thank all of you who participated in this year's Christmas Parcel Drive. We were successful in passing on a parcel to each seafarer on every ship we visited! May God be glorified by your acts of kindness. We here at M2S would also like to thank all our faithful supporters and volunteers of 2011. Have a wonderful 2012 full of His joy! www.ministrytoseafarers.org

Pizza Fundraiser for the LDCSS Drama production

Pizzas are \$12.00 each and come in 4 varieties

- pepperoni
- pepperoni, green peppers, mushrooms
- ham and pineapple
- green peppers, mushroom, onion, olive (vegetarian, in other words)

- Please pay with cheques, which should be made out to LDCSS Drama
- Pizzas will be delivered on March 3rd or 4th
- Please order before February 10th
- To order, contact Aaron S, Ian S, or Zach K



FROM THE SOUND BOOTH: Worship services are now available as an mp3 file. (audio only). If you bring your own memory stick (usb drive) the sound techs can download it for you after the service. We can also email the file to you, if requested. Please contact the office if you wish to have a specific service emailed to you. We also have 2 mp3 players available for you to borrow. The sound tech will show you how to use them. Cassette tapes are no longer available, unless specifically requested before the service.

The Day of Encouragement Planning Committee is very excited to present the theme **"GENERATION NOW"...A Discussion With and About Emerging Adults 18-25.** On Sat. Feb. 11 at Good News Church in London, three presentations centered on different aspects of the theme will be followed by round table discussions. Each table would be led by a group facilitator. The topics and presenters for DOE 2012 are:

1. The relevance of a Reformed world view for emerging adults: Syd Hielema.
2. Cultural realities and shifts facing the emerging adults: Marc Hoogstaad.
3. Meaningful mentoring and discipleship for, with, and by the emerging adult: Mike Wagenman and Kelly Sibthorpe.

For more information or to register, email your name, phone number and your church to Marianne Idema: majidema@gmail.com or phone 519-424-3948 (evenings). The \$10.00 fee can be paid on the DOE

Temple Christian Academy presents **the Fidgets, an Improv Comedy Troupe & Silent Auction** on Saturday, February 11th, 2012 from 7-9 PM at Temple Christian Academy, 1410 Quinn Drive, Sarnia (Temple Baptist Church – Gym). Silent Auction Preview & Early Bidding starts at 6:15 PM. There is no charge to attend this event. Free will offering will be taken for Temple Christian Academy.

NEIGHBOURLINK: We received a call from a friend in need of a cane this week. She has a severe arthritic disability and tends to lose balance easily. In the NeighbourLink medical storage room we have many wonderful articles to give to families in need but **NO CANES**. If you have a good cane that you would like to donate to NeighbourLink so we can help this lady and others like her - please call our office soon (519-336-5465). Thank you in advance, because we know this need will be met through the generous support of our church families. ~Liz Dowswell, Director

Bridges Out of Poverty 2-part workshop will be held March 22 and 29, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm, at Bethel Pentecostal Church. We encourage attendance by all who are interested in being more aware and compassionate towards low income people in our own community and how we can make a difference in their lives. Cheques for workbook (\$12) paid to "NeighbourLink Sarnia-Lambton" at the door. (Receipts issued at the door if requested.)

YOUTH SERVICE: First CRC London is happy to announce we are back in our renovated facility on Talbot Street! Please come check it out at our annual Youth Service, February 19 at 7:00 pm. First CRC Youth Band will lead the service, Anita Plat-Kuiken will bring the message. Refreshments following the service in our glass atrium.

THE BIBLE LEAGUE: The Bible says that "if you confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord' and you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9). In 2011, by God's grace, through the various ministries of The Bible League of Canada, 1,133,524 men, women and children made a first-time commitment to trust Jesus as their Saviour and follow Him. Praise the Lord!

www.bibleleague.ca

DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRIES

GROUNDWORK - Finding Christ in the Scriptures: What is the Bible really about? Is it a handbook for successful living? A guidebook about the way to heaven? A theology textbook, a source for formulating doctrines? Or is it a storybook about Jesus? Join the Feb. 5 Groundwork conversation based on Luke 24:44-49. Tune in to CHOK 1070 AM at 7:30 am or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Scooter's Secret: Scooter is tired of getting no respect from his friends, so he decides to win a go-kart competition—no matter what it takes. See if Scooter's plan will work on this week's Kids Corner. Kids Corner is a member of the HisKids.net alliance—working together to provide quality entertainment for kids that is Christ-centered and Bible-based. Visit www.HisKids.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

CRWRC HIV/AIDS DISCOVERY TOUR. - YOU are invited to join a small group of people in a LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE to witness the work and ministry of CRWRC in Kenya and Uganda and see the amazing ways that God is working in the lives of those living with HIV/Aids. You'll experience first hand what CRWRC is doing to stop the spread of AIDS, and connect with people, families, and communities who are eager to share their experiences with you. The result? You'll discover hope—and be encouraged to take action on AIDS in your own community and around the world. Tour dates are April 15 - 29, with the application deadline of Feb. 1. Is God tugging at your heart on this one? Then check out further details at www.crcna.org/servicelink or email volunteer@crcna.org

CRCNA Position Opening - The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC), an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) has a one year maternity leave opening for a half-time Development Associate in Burlington. The focus of this position is to increase support for CRWRC by supporting the donor development program with individual donors in Canada. For more information regarding this position or to apply, please visit www.crcna.org/jobs or www.crwrc.org. The application deadline is Feb. 3.

CRCNA Position Opening - Development Associate - The Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) has an opening for a full-time Development Associate for Christian Reformed Home Missions. This position will represent and help accomplish Christian Reformed Home Missions advancement goals in Canada. For more information visit www.crcna.org/jobs. For consideration, a cover letter and current resume must accompany your on-line application, by Feb. 6.

Special Needs SERVE - July 14-19, 2012 – OTTAWA, ON: A 5 day spiritual journey for youth between the ages 14-26. This unique SERVE project is for young people with special needs who cannot be accommodated on a traditional SERVE program. Participants will spend time serving God through work projects, worship, and prayer. The events of SERVE are tailored to the ability of the individual so that each person can experience the joy that comes from serving God. Please contact Joanna Janssen at jo_janssen_8@hotmail.com or Pastor Ron Hosmar at youthpastor@calvincrc.ca or 613-225-2889 Ext. #3 more information. Learn more about SERVE at: <http://www.youthunlimited.org/events-2/ottawa-on-special-needs/> or <http://www.ronhosmar.blogspot.com/2010/07/serve-day2-saturday-participants-arrive.html> and look in the July 2010 entries.

MENTORS NEEDED - Special Needs SERVE July 14-19, 2012 – OTTAWA, ON - We are seeking youth and young adults, who would like to walk alongside a participant who has a special need. Your help is needed to encourage the participants in all areas of their journey. We look forward to some great work sites, worship, and sight seeing! Please contact Ron Hosmar at youthpastor@calvincrc.ca or 613-225-2889 ext. 3 for more information.

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

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Treasurer: Ray Kapteyn (519-332-0868) E-mail: rkapteyn@hometrak.net

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The Network: www.crcna.org/network

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