



REDEEMER CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER, SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2011

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



REDEEMER CRC: Please continue to use the Monthly Prayer Calendar as we remember each other in prayer.

LIVING HOPE CRC: Simon T underwent hip replacement surgery on

Thursday and is now recovering. **Ed D** will be working with CRCWRC Disaster Response Services in Munster, Indiana on a construction project as a result of the September floods in 2008, from April 23 -May 14. Pray for safety, good health, a meaningful experience with opportunities to touch and give hope to hurting people in this relief ministry.

NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGES

AM: Message: Walking With the Risen Jesus
Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-34

Luke brings his "on the way to Jerusalem" gospel journey to a conclusion with Jesus interrupting the journey of two disciples. They journey hopelessly back home from Jerusalem. But the journey is interrupted by Jesus and transformed by his presence, preaching, and feasting (though they did not know it). Suddenly they journey again towards Jerusalem full of joy and the Good News: "He is risen. He is risen indeed."

PM: Combined Easter Sunday worship service at First CRC.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GEMS Sunday Service, tonight!

Please join us **this evening, 6:30 PM at First CRC** as GEMS celebrates "GEMS Sunday" with a special *combined evening service* of praise and worship. Enjoy an evening of special readings, prayers, litanies, creative movement and a special DVD slide show of the "girls in pink". See you tonight!

VISIONING TEAM meets this Monday, April 18 at 7:30 PM at the church.

DEACONS meet Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 PM at the church.

GOOD FRIDAY worship service will begin at 10 AM. We will be reading the Gospel of Matthew's account of Christ's crucifixion. Theme for this service is: Lead Me to the Rock.

LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION: We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together next Sunday as part of our celebration of our new life in Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

EASTER WHITE: Please consider joining us in wearing white on Easter to signify the new life we have in Christ because he rose; white can represent a new beginning, new life and pure joy which are all things that we celebrate at Easter.



Next Sunday morning, Easter Sunday, we will begin the celebration of Easter with a continental breakfast. The Worship Team invites you to come at 8:30 a.m. to have breakfast together as a congregation. We will enjoy some good food and a short time of fellowship before the worship service; a wonderful way to remember and celebrate our new life in Christ! If you have guests, please bring them along.

CATECHISM/FAITH FORMATION CLASSES take a break until September. Thank you to all students and teachers (Murray D and Dianne V) for participating and growing our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.



GEMS Closing Ceremony

Tomorrow evening Gems will be hosting their annual "Family and Awards Closing Ceremony", beginning at 6:30 pm (sharp!) in the sanctuary of Living Hope CRC. This is a special evening for our gems, their families, friends, grandparents and even proud uncles and aunts of our "girls in pink". Please feel free to join us as we close out our season of "Feed the Fire", announce special award recipients, graduate our gems into their next levels and enjoy dessert and refreshments afterwards.

CITY-WIDE EVENING OF PRAYER

"Restore us to Yourself, LORD, that we may return; renew our days as of old" (Lamentations 5:21)

Do you have a burden to pray for the lost in our community? Are you trusting God to heal broken families and restore peace and safety to our city?

A city-wide evening of prayer, "**Sarnia Uplifted**", will be hosted by Redeemer Christian Reformed Church, 5835 Blackwell Side Road, Sarnia, on Wednesday, **April 20th, at 7 PM.**

Pastors from various churches in the **Sarnia Evangelical Fellowship** will lead the evening. Our prayer focus will be renewal. Everyone is warmly invited to gather and seek the Lord for the renewal and restoration of our community.

SARNIA FRIENDSHIP GROUPS Closing Night:

The closing night for the Friendship Groups' season is on Wednesday, April 27 at Missionary Church. This is a combined evening for both groups. We will have a pizza supper starting at 6:00 PM and we are asking every one to start arriving by 5:30.

PASTORAL CARE WORKSHOP: Join deacons, elders, pastoral care workers, pastors and others for a morning workshop focusing on the purpose and role of these kingdom workers in visiting those God has entrusted to them. On June 11, 2011 from 8:30 – 12:30 all those interested are invited to Redeemer CRC for a morning workshop focusing on pastoral care. The training will be inductive where participants will be expected to discover through their own reflection and group discussion how they can become better agents for Kingdom change. Participants are asked to bring a bible. Contact the Redeemer church office at 519-542-4202 with any questions or to register for this event.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR FUSION SUMMER SERVE

TRIP: This year's Youth SERVE Trip scheduled for the week of July 2nd is holding a Spaghetti dinner as one of their fundraisers. Last year they went to Thunder Bay to help in various ways in the community. They all had a wonderful time experiencing God's grace and fellowship with new friends and one another. The dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at Sarnia Christian School gymnasium. The students will also be offering their many talents in the form of a silent auction. The students will offer items like babysitting, yard work, lawn care, dinners, etc. The fee for the dinner will be up to you; whatever you feel is appropriate for the dinner. Looking forward to seeing you at the dinner.



Amnesty Letter Writing for Lent

Please take a moment to participate in advocating for the voiceless and keeping our governments informed on our concerns about issues of human rights and justice around the world.

April 17 - Week 7: MDG 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth (Psalm 104:10-14)

Advocacy Action- Canadian Food Grains Postcard



JUMP into JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

On **Tuesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 12, 2011**, we would like to invite children who will be four by December 31, 2011, to spend two mornings with us in the kindergarten room in order to

become a bit more acquainted with Sarnia Christian School. Miss Christine Verdun, the teacher is planning a great introduction to kindergarten, called **Jump into JK**. Please contact the school office at info@sarniachristian.com / 519.383.7750 if you are or know of someone who may be interested in having their child/ren attend.



LDCSS Information Evening

The Lambton Bussing Committee of London District Christian Secondary School (LDCSS) would like to invite any interested prospective parents, grandparents or guardians of grade 7 and 8 children to an INFORMATION

EVENING to be held at Sarnia Christian School on **Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 7:30 PM**. You will have a chance to meet LDCSS principal Dwayne B, office administrator Gien Janssens, and other parents who are currently sending their children to LDCSS on the bus from Lambton County. We will discuss the school, bus schedule, costs, and answer any questions you may have. Please join us for an informal meeting for all the information you may need to make a decision on Christian secondary education for your child. If you have any questions, please contact Christal K at (519) 542-8260 or by email at akapteyn@mnsi.net.

London District Christian Secondary School

has been blessed with a growing international student program, and we are currently looking for families interested in providing homestays for these students during the 2011-2012 school year. If you are interested in learning more about this great opportunity, please join us on Wednesday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m. for a "Homestay Family Information Evening" at the school. Here you will learn more about the program, and also hear from current host families. To register for this event, please contact Kerry Wilson at kwilson@ldcss.ca or 519-455-4360 ex. 129.

YOUTH NEWS

THANK YOU: Thanks to everyone who helped out to make last week's youth service at First CRC a huge success! All the work done, all the food prepared and served - it is well appreciated!

FUSION: No meeting tonight, due to the GEMS service, or next week, due to Easter weekend. We will get together soon!

SALT 2011-12 - Are you looking for an opportunity to develop your leadership skills and to serve your peers? Why not consider being a part of next season's SALT team? Forms are online at our website, or you can talk with Pastor Marc.

LEADERS 2011-12 - We are still looking for a few adult leaders to help coordinate our high school programs. If you are interested, or even if you would like more information about it, please contact Pastor Marc.

INFORMATION: For all info about our high school programming, as well as updates, forms, events changes or last minute cancellations, you can check out our website: www.facebook.com/sarniacrcyouth. Feel free to sign up! And you don't have to have a Facebook account to see the page!

Attention all High School Youth: You are invited to join us at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock (735 Frontenac Cres.) on Sunday May 1st at 4 PM for our Youth Service. Please invite your friends and come out for an evening of worship and fellowship. Our speaker is Ken Dryfhout and worship will be led by Audience of One. A light supper will be provided following the service. Looking forward to seeing everyone!!!!

OFFERINGS & FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- April 17:** Lambton Christian School Society (budget)
- April 22:** Citizens for Public Justice
- April 24:** Christian Reformed Home Missions (ministry shares)
- May 1:** Operation Manna
- May 8:** Lambton Right to Life

GOOD FRIDAY'S OFFERING: Citizens for Public Justice's mission is to promote public justice in Canada by shaping key public policy debates through research and analysis, publishing and public dialogue. CPJ encourages citizens, leaders in society and governments to support policies and practices which reflect God's call for love, justice and stewardship.

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING: Home Missions follows Jesus' example in ministry. Jesus shows us what it feels like, what it is like, to serve others, to care for lost people, to have compassion for those who have not heard the good news. And so they try to be like Him in our work and witness. Also, the ministry of Home Missions is a shared deal. They work together with churches, ministries, and members of the Christian Reformed Church to extend Christ's mission of reconciliation across Canada and the United States.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED April 3 & 10:

Budget	\$ 11,638.00
CRWRC Refugees	\$ 1,085.00
GEMS	\$ 566.50
CRWRC Harvest Hope	\$ 1,186.00
CRWRC Japan	\$ 550.00
Deacons	\$ 100.00
Calvin Seminary	\$ 56.00
Building Fund	100.00

CHRISTIAN REFORMED MINISTRIES

WORLD MISSIONS - Join CRWM and Hope Equals this summer in the West Bank and Israel. Consider being part of this incredible opportunity – a living-learning experience about the peace and reconciliation movement in the Holy Land. Trip dates are July 17 - Aug 20. Visit www.hopeequals.org for more details.

WORLD MISSIONS - Interested in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting? Consider a one-year long internship alongside Christian Reformed World Missions missionaries and local church partners in Guadalajara, Mexico. Visit www.crwmm.org/serve for more information.

DISABILITY CONCERNS Conference - "Ministry to the Whole Person", April 30. Dr. Grant Mullen switched from practicing as an anesthetist and G.P. to treating mental health and emotional issues. Starting Your Journey to Recovery is his topic, captioned in real time during the morning session of the conference. The afternoon features workshops on pastoral care, Friendship ministry, local church advocacy and issues affecting care givers. Community Christian Reformed Church, Kitchener, Ont., 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Cost \$20, contact your church's Disability Concerns Advocate or call Heather DeBoer at 1-800-730-3490. Register by Apr. 23.

POSITION OPENING - Haiti - The Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) has a full-time opening for a Construction Manager with the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) in Haiti. This position will provide consultation to construction projects within CRWRC's relief and rehabilitation activities in transitional shelter and building permanent houses in Haiti. For more information or to apply visit www.crcna.org/pages/opportunities.cfm by May 2.

VOLUNTEER WITH THE CRC! - Current opportunities include a summer trip with HOPE EQUALS to Israel and the West Bank, as well as a Special Ed Volunteer in Nigeria through World Missions. Additionally CRWRC is looking for a Director Assistant with one of their partners in Honduras and an Organization Development Coordinator in Mozambique. For these and other volunteer opportunities, please contact ServiceLink at volunteer@crcna.org or visit www.crcna.org/servicelink

DAILY PRAYER - Celebrate Easter this year by making a commitment to take your prayer life to the next level! The new daily prayer book "Seeking God's Face" offers an entire year of daily prayers and readings. Save 40% through Friday 4/22 - just \$17.99 per copy. Visit www.FaithAliveResources.org/SeekingGodsFace to read a sample. Quantity discounts are available by phone at 1-800-333-8300.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHRISTIAN MALE CHORUS Association of South Western Ontario presents the Annual Festival of Praise on Saturday, April 30th, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. in the Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 735 Frontenac Crescent, Woodstock. Further details are shown on the posters on our bulletin boards.

ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER



Please remember Rev. Russell and Mrs. Sherrill Palsrok as they work as career missionaries for Christian Reformed World Missions. Our partnership with them involves our commitment to remember them in prayer and to encourage them. Their address: Rev. Russ and Mrs. Sherry Palsrok, 6175 Wallis St., Fremont, MI 49412 Email: rpalsrok@crcna.org

Please remember Dan and Sarah Rinsema/Sybenga with your prayers and words of encouragement at: Community enCompass, 289 E. Larch Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442-5615 Email: sarah@communityencompass.org Website: www.communityencompass.org

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 9:30 AM – Worship
6:30 PM – GEMS Service at First CRC

Monday: 6:30 PM – GEMS
7:30 PM – Visioning Team

Tuesday: 1:00 PM – Ladies Auxiliary
7:00 PM – Friendship
7:30 PM – Deacons
7:30 PM – Con Spirito Choir

Wednesday: 7:00 PM – Sarnia Uplifted Prayer Service
7:30 PM – Sursum Corda Choir
7:30 PM – Praise Team

Thursday: 9:30 AM – Coffee Break
7:00 PM – Cadets
7:00 PM – Friendship
7:30 PM – Joyful Praise Choir

Friday: 10:00 AM – Good Friday service

NURSERY SCHEDULE

April 17: Rhea H
Mary V
Katie J

April 22: Chad D
Didi v
Nathaneal D

April 24: Alicia D
Jeanne F
Zoe W

Parents of the Month:
April: Rick & Jeanne F

SOUND TECHNICIANS

April 17: Sound – Albert V
Projection – Jacob F

April 22: Sound – Chris V
Projection – Ian W

April 24: Sound – Albert V
Projection – Lea W

May 1: Sound – Jay O
Projection – Jacob F

May 8: Sound – Chris V
Projection – Lawrence M

GREETERS/USHERS

Ushers for April: Harry & Lammie J
Greeters for April: Jamie & Wendy W
Ushers for May: Gerald & Nell V
Greeter for May: Tip H

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS

April 17, 24

Preschool: Thea D/Adam V
Grade 1 & 2: Trish M/David K
Grade 3 & 4: Jeannette T/Abigail V
Grade 5: Rob T/Niklas V

May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29:

Preschool: Christina D/John M
Grade 1 & 2: Linda Moraal/Max V
Grade 3 & 4: Michael John K/Jacob F
Grade 5: Jeanne F/Hendrik V

COFFEE SERVERS

April: Group #4 – Auke & Denise Z
May: Group #5 – Casper & Diana R

PRAYER ROOM SCHEDULE

April 17: Rhea H/Cisca D
April 24: Evert W/Joleen V
May 1: Ian M/Jeanne F
May 8: Cindy B/Harry v

BIRTHDAYS

April 18: Helen V
April 18: John B
April 18: Tanya S
April 19: John A
April 19: Ian M
April 20: Diana R
April 21: Annette W
April 21: Zachery I
April 23: Mel M
April 24: Janice B
April 24: Denise Z
April 24: Elysia v
April 25: Iede R
April 26: Ryan T
April 26: Coby D
April 28: Katie J
April 29: Curtis S
April 29: George V
April 30: Mickey T
April 30: Ann v
April 30: Martin T
May 2: Paul D
May 4: Jeannette T
May 4: Gretha V
May 6: Nettie B

