



## REDEEMER CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2011

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY



**REDEEMER CRC:** Dick S received very encouraging good news this past Tuesday. His surgeon said, "You are cancer free. No further treatment will be necessary". Praise God for this good news. Pray also for Bert W. His home, Sumac Lodge, is not allowing visitation at this time because of a flu bug. He is able to receive phone calls, so bless him with your prayers, thoughts and a call.

We express our sympathy to May D in the passing of her brother in law, Jake Drost this past Tuesday evening. Jake battled cancer for the past months and had much pain. We pray that May and the extended Drost family may be comforted as again they grieve the death of one of their family members. We pray that you will be surrounded with God's grace and His peace even though you are walking through the valley of death's dark shadow.

**FIRST CRC:** Jenny K remains in London Parkwood Hospital, in the spinal trauma unit, waiting for her spinal cord nerve to heal further. Please pray that therapy will give her a complete recovery. She truly appreciates all your prayers. Visitors are welcome, but please check with Bill first.

### NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGES

**AM:** Next week's message will be given by Harry van K. Pastor Jim has a classis preaching appointment in Strathroy East CRC.

**PM:** Small Groups meet.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ELDERS** meet Tuesday, February 22 at 7:30 PM at the church.

**CATECHISM/FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** will be held this Wednesday from 7-8 at the Living Hope CRC.

**SENIORS' COFFEE** Friday, February 25, 10 o'clock at Living Hope CRC. We plan to have a games morning and soup luncheon. So come out, bring some of your favorite games and let's have fun!



**GEMS.....**did you remember to show your dad (or uncle/grandfather/friend) the invitation to the GEMS Annual Spring Event, a **"Father/Daughter Hobo Square Dance"** to be held Monday, March 7th? Do you have your costumes picked out?? And since we will be "hobo's that care", put aside a can of food to take along for the night, for the Inn of the Good Shepherd. Also GEMS, since **tomorrow night is the Family Day Holiday**, there will be **NO GEMS**. Enjoy your night off with your family and friends.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS:**

Council invites the congregation to submit names to the clerk for new elders and deacons. We will need three elders and two deacons. Those retiring from office are: Art D, Alice K, Pieter V, Bev W and Diana W. Please prayerfully consider who you will nominate.

### **ANNUAL SAFE CHURCH ABUSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TRAINING:**

This workshop will be held Saturday, March 5 from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM at Waterloo CRC, 209 Bearinger Rd., Waterloo, ON. It will be of interest to youth leaders, elders, deacons and safe church team members and all those who have leadership positions in the Christian community. Beth Swagman from the Safe Church Ministry in Grand Rapids will be presenting two workshops. The morning workshop is titled "Covenant of Conduct". The afternoon workshop deals with "Healthy Boundaries". In addition, Lynne MacDonell therapist from the Centre of Abuse Prevention will present an all day workshop and will bring 2 male survivors of sexual abuse who will participate in the workshop delivery by sharing their stories. Registration forms are in the church office.



### **ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISING**

**DINNER:** We invite you to come and join together for an evening of warm fellowship with friends, good food, and great music. Save the evening of Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> for the Annual

Spring Fundraising Dinner at London District Christian Secondary School. Proceeds will be going toward technology and advancement. Punch reception at 6 PM, dinner at 6:30. Reserve now by sending an email to [dinner@ldcss.ca](mailto:dinner@ldcss.ca) stating your name, phone and number of tickets required. Tickets are \$30. You may book an entire table or any number of individual tickets. Tables seat eight people. You may also order tickets by calling the school office at 519-455-4360. See [www.ldcss.ca](http://www.ldcss.ca) for more details.

**THANK YOU** to all who came out and supported the Annual Curling Bonspiel for the London District Christian High Bus from LAMBTON COUNTY. **\$2322.50** was raised on Saturday, February 5, 2011 to help in the continuation of running this bus. It was a great time of fun and fellowship for all who participated and watched. There were many familiar faces and many new faces and we all came together for Christian Secondary Education. Thanks, John and Jan Barneveld, for giving of your time and talent to help organize this Bonspiel for the past FIVE years. Your dedication has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. You will be missed on this committee, but we thank you for your time and efforts. If you would like to join this committee, please contact Ted or Mettha D.



**A Laughable Affair!**

You are all invited to an enjoyable evening of friends, food and fun in support of **Sarnia Christian School**. This Gala event will be on April 9, 2011 at the Lambton Inn Ballroom. The evening will be full of laughter as the hilarious Christian improv troupe

*The Fidgets* will be performing. Check them out [www.fidgetcomedy.com](http://www.fidgetcomedy.com)  
Reservations needed prior to the event. So call the school to reserve today 519 383-7750!  
Unable to attend but would still like to support this great event --- why not sponsor a table.

**CALLING ALL RETIRED or Semi-retired or Working Grandfriends:**

The grade 7/8 class at Sarnia Christian School would like to get to know you better (you do not need to be related to any of them). On Tuesday, February 22 from 2:00 to 3:30 (earlier than the last time) the grade 7/8 class has a band presentation and history projects that they would like to present to you in the SCS gym. They would also like to know what the earliest house you can remember living in was like so that they can write a descriptive paragraph about it. After the presentations there will be games to play with freshly brewed coffee and delicious desserts available. If you would like to know more please contact me. Joe S 519 383 7072 or [joe.smits@sarniachristian.com](mailto:joe.smits@sarniachristian.com)

**GRADE 7/8 CLASS at Sarnia Christian School Open**

**House:** On Tuesday, March 1 from 2:30-3:30 students in the grade 7/8 class at Sarnia Christian School would like to share some of the things they have been working on this past term. They really appreciated all the people who came to the last open house. They have major history projects, as well as, art posters and other activities to share. Delicious goodies and savoury coffee will be available. If you would like to know more please contact me. Joe S 519 383 7072 or [joe.smits@sarniachristian.com](mailto:joe.smits@sarniachristian.com)

**FUSION:** No meeting tonight. Next week: If "running the race" is just about where to place your feet, how to breathe, and arm-swinging techniques, where is the joy and love of the sport? We will be talking about our faith journey, and finding that passion (within the rules).

**INSIDE OUT:** Practice this Thursday night. See you there!

**SERVE 2011:** There is still space available! It's first come-first served, so get your forms in! There may also be a possibility (but no promises) of getting another 4-5 youth going, so there's plenty of space.

**WE INVITE YOU** to attend the Classis Area Youth Service hosted by First Christian Reformed Church, London on Sunday, February 27, at 7:00 PM. Please note the service will be held at their temporary church location: 75 Blackfriars Street. Refreshments will be served following the service!

**ALL ONTARIO YOUTH CONVENTION** - Get ready for a life-changing weekend of worship, learning, friends, and fun! Be challenged by the speakers and join the band Article One in worship. Spend time playing sports, at workshops, or hanging out with friends. Mark your calendars for May 20-23 - it's an event you won't want to miss! Early registration discount ends March 1, so register today! Visit [www.allontario.com](http://www.allontario.com) for more.

**OFFERINGS & FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

- February 20:** Inn of the Good Shepherd
- February 27:** Friendship
- March 6:** CRWRC Canadian Foodgrains Bank
- March 13:** Local Refugees

**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING:** Friendship Ministries' mission is to share God's love with people who have intellectual disabilities and to enable them to become an active part of God's family. For over 25 years, Friendship Ministries has been sharing God's love with people who have cognitive impairments.

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED February 6 & 13:**

Budget	\$ 8,630.00
Race Relations	\$ 448.80
Lambton Christian School Society	\$ 743.95
Building	\$ 210.00

Thank you for your contributions.

## CHRISTIAN REFORMED MINISTRIES



**MISSIONS WEBINAR SERIES** - Are Missionaries Still Needed? The world and missions methodology is changing dramatically. On Mar. 2 at noon (EST), explore what implications this has for CRC

congregations and World Missions in their global ministries. Presented by Steve Van Zanen, CRWM Director of Missions Education & Engagement. To register for this event visit [www.crcna.org/MissionWebinars](http://www.crcna.org/MissionWebinars).

**WORLD MISSIONS** - Hope Equals Visit to Israel and the West Bank: This summer, join other college students in spending four weeks living and learning about the peace and reconciliation movement in the Holy Land. For further details, visit the Christian Reformed World Missions section under the "International Opportunities" link at [www.crcna.org/servicelink](http://www.crcna.org/servicelink).



**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED** - how the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) serves those people and communities impacted by HIV and Aids? On the 2011 HIV and AIDS Tour to Malawi and Kenya you'll have an opportunity to learn and experience

firsthand what CRWRC is doing to stop the spread of this disease and connect with people, families, and communities who are eager to share their experiences with you. But you need to act NOW, as applications for this tour are due February 24. For further information and/or an application form, contact [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org) or call 800-730-3490

**The Network Turns One** - One year ago, The Network launched with the goal of helping CRC members connect about the nuts and bolts of local church ministry. In the past year, the site has received half a million page views and you've posted over 3,000 comments and discussion topics. Thank you! To see how we're celebrating our first birthday, visit [www.crcna.org/Network](http://www.crcna.org/Network)

**CRWRC Responds to Monsoons in Sri Lanka** - For the past month, far heavier than usual monsoon rains have fallen on Sri Lanka, displacing more than 367,000 people to temporary camps. CRWRC is coordinating with ZOA Refugee Care and LEADS (a Christian Sri Lankan partner organization) to provide emergency aid to thousands of families. Your prayers and donations are urgently needed. Please mark your gift "Sri Lanka Floods 2011" and send it to 3475 Mainway, PO Box 5070 STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON, L7R 3Y8. You can also give online at [www.crwrc.org](http://www.crwrc.org) or by calling 1-800-730-3490.

**Free DWELL Preview coming soon!** - If you're a Sunday school coordinator, children's ministry director, teacher, pastor, or elder, you are invited to preview Faith Alive's newest curriculum for children in grades K-8! Visit [DwellCurriculum.org/register](http://DwellCurriculum.org/register) or call Faith Alive at 800-333-8300 to sign up for the free preview event. You'll discover how DWELL could help you awaken kids' imaginations to God's ongoing story and encourage families to grow in faith together. London, Ont., First CRC, Feb. 28 at 7 PM., Ancaster, Ont., Meadowlands Fellowship CRC, March 1 at 7 p.m., Kitchener, Ont., Community CRC, March 2 at 7 p.m., Newmarket, Ont., St. Andrews Presbyterian, March 3 at 7 p.m.

**BELHAR CONFESSION** - What is the Belhar Confession? Should the CRC adopt it as our fourth confession? Explore its themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice through resources available at [www.crcna.org/belhar](http://www.crcna.org/belhar).

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LAMBTON RIGHT TO LIFE** is sponsoring a candle light vigil on Family Day, Monday, February 21 at 6:30 PM for an hour at Bluewater Health, Norman Site. We will be praying for our city and country, remembering 23 years in Canada without any abortion law. We will meet on Norman St. directly across from the emergency entrance. Parking is available at St. Patrick's high school. Electric candles and warm refreshments will be supplied. Call the office at 519-542-1132 for further info.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** "Building Our Faith" will have their next meeting on Wednesday, February 23 at 1 pm. at Living Hope Please call Elza if you can't make it.



**BibleLeague**

Praise God and give thanks with the family who came into relationship with Christ because their little daughter began to follow Jesus at a children's Bible class in India. Her songs of joy and her eagerness to return to the Bible class the next day stirred up curiosity in the hearts and minds of her parents – and before long, the entire family came to know Christ. Praise the Lord! [www.bibleleague.ca](http://www.bibleleague.ca)

## 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](mailto:rpalsrok@crcna.org)

Please remember **Dan and Sarah Rinsema/Sybunga** with your prayers and words of encouragement at: Community enCompass, 289 E. Larch Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442-5615 Email: [sarah@communityencompass.org](mailto:sarah@communityencompass.org) Website: [www.communityencompass.org](http://www.communityencompass.org)

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

**Sunday:** 9:30 AM – Worship  
6:30 PM – Combined Worship at Living Hope

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

**Wednesday:** 7:00 PM – Youth Education Program  
7:00 PM – Prayer Meeting  
7:30 PM – Sursum Corda Choir  
8:00 PM – Praise Team

**Thursday:** 9:30 AM – Coffee Break  
7:00 PM – Cadets  
7:00 PM – Inside/Out practice  
7:00 PM – Friendship  
7:30 PM – Joyful Praise Choir

**Friday:** 10:00 AM – Senior's Coffee

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**February 20:** Pauline M  
Len S  
Natascha D

**February 27:** Rob V  
Diana W  
Sophia K

**March 6:** Wendy W  
Elsabé V  
Niklas V

**March 13:** Dick W  
Trish V  
Zachery I

### Parents of the Month:

**February:** Joe & Tanya S  
**March:** Wilson & Pauline M

## SOUND TECHNICIANS

**February 20:** Sound – Chris V  
Projection – Lea W

**February 27:** Sound – Albert V  
Projection – Lawrence M

**March 6:** Sound – Jay O  
Projection – Ian W

**March 13:** Sound – Albert V  
Projection – Lawrence M

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS

### February 20 and 27

Preschool: Didi van K/Adam V  
Grade 1 & 2: Anneri V/Natascha D  
Grade 3 & 4: Jeanne F/Aly I  
Grade 5: Linda M/Devin S

### March 6, 13, 20, 27

Preschool: Thea D/Sophie K  
Grade 1 & 2: Trish V/Aly I  
Grade 3 & 4: Jeannette T/Lauren B  
Grade 5: Kees K/Noah B

## COFFEE SERVERS

**February:** Group #2 – Gerald & Nell V  
**March:** Group #3 – Art & Thea D

## GREETERS/USHERS

**Ushers for February:** Ben & Mary V  
**Greeters for February:** Kees & Alice K  
**Ushers for March:** Frances H, Gretha V, Jay O  
**Greeters for March:** John & Dianne V

## PRAYER ROOM SCHEDULE

**February 20:** Elsabe V/Alice K  
**February 27:** Rhea H/Harry van K  
**March 6:** Evert W/Cisca D  
**March 13:** Ian M/Joleen V

## BIRTHDAYS

February 20: Christina D  
February 20: Cecily D  
February 24: Derek N  
February 24: Ada W  
February 27: Linda M  
March 1: Tina V  
March 5: Lammie J  
March 5: Cisca D  
March 6: John S  
March 7: Gabriella M  
March 8: Carmen H  
March 8: Wilma V  
March 9: Bill W  
March 10: Abby V  
March 11: Elsabé V  
March 11: Len S  
March 14: Deborah D  
March 14: Russ P (missionary we support)  
March 17: Nicole V  
March 18: Jamie W

