



REDEEMER CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



REDEEMER CRC: Lauren B underwent exploratory surgery on Wednesday evening in London. Her chronic abdominal pain has increased in duration and intensity lately. The surgery revealed that there were no abnormalities. Her appendix was removed. Please keep Lauren and her family in your prayers.

LIVING HOPE CRC: Bill R will have follow-up surgery on his left eye on Feb. 7th and will require 2 weeks of bed-rest once again.

Lew R had a surgical procedure to deal with his kidney stones this past Wednesday and will require a second procedure on Feb. 10th.

PASTOR'S PEN



The Worship Symposium sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Center for Excellence in Preaching was a good place to be at the end of January. Presenters, worship and individual workshop experiences were filled with ideas to take home with us. We were introduced to the new songbook, Psalms for All Seasons. More than a dozen people from our congregation attended the symposium. We look forward to tomorrow evening when we will reflect on what we learned and experienced at the symposium. Please pray that we may have the creativity and the wisdom needed to put what was learned into practice.

NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGES

AM: Cadet Sunday. The Cadet theme text for this year is II Timothy 2:15 **Prepare Yourself**. Our scripture reading will be **II Timothy 2:14-26**, and the message title is: **Prepare Yourself Without Shame**. The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is power-packed with God's promises and gifts. To come under the Gospel's influence is to let God change us from the inside out and to become everything God intended us to be. It is, however, not popular to be under this Gospel's influence. At an early age peer pressure is a powerful force that can make us feel shame for letting the Good News of Jesus shape who we are, what we do and how we think. What matters more than peer pressure is "handling the word of truth correctly".

PM: Small Groups meet.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FULL COUNCIL meets Tuesday, February 7 at 7:30 PM at the church.

FAITH FORMATION/CATECHISM CLASSES meet on Wednesday night from 7-8 PM. Grades 9/10 meet with Dianne Visser to study the Ten Commandments. Grades 11/12 meet with Pastor Jim to study stories of the Christian Faith.

THE DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT is this Saturday. The Planning Committee is very excited to present the theme "**GENERATION NOW**"...**A Discussion With and About Emerging Adults 18-25**. On February 11 from 9 AM – 3 PM 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 Hoogstad.
3. Meaningful mentoring and discipleship for, with, and by the emerging adult: Mike Wagenman and Kelly Sibthorpe.

To register, simply email your name, phone number and the church you attend to Marianne I:

majidema@gmail.com or phone 519-424-3948

(evenings). The \$ 10.00 fee can be paid on the DOE.

For more information see the Classis Chatham website:

www.crc-churches.org

FREE MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING PICK UP

Do you have a spare mattress and box spring collecting dust in your house? Put them to excellent use! They are urgently needed by adults and children in our community who have no warm bed to sleep on at night.

On Saturday, February 11 from 10 a.m. – 12 PM, volunteers from Living Hope Christian Reformed Church will be collecting mattresses and box springs for NeighbourLink Sarnia-Lambton, a volunteer organization operated by volunteers from 22 local churches who work together to respond to needs of their Lambton County neighbours. Volunteers will come to your home to pick up your generous donations free of charge. Gifts of other furniture items are also in need, such as dressers, couches, tables and chairs. If you have furniture you wish to donate, please contact Living Hope Christian Reformed Church, leaving your name, address and telephone number. Simply email

churchoffice@livinghopecrc.com or call 519-383-0620.

SARNIA JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL: Why is 'going local' so important? Find out during the Sarnia Justice Film Festival's third free screening in its 2011–2012 season: *The Economics of Happiness*, a documentary about the worldwide movement for localization, to be held at the Sarnia Library Theatre at 7 PM on Saturday, February 18. The *Economics of Happiness* restores our faith in humanity and challenges us to believe that it is possible to build a better world. A panel discussion will immediately follow the film, including conversation leaders from local organizations that are playing important roles in this topic locally.

Admission is free, but donations and sponsorships are welcomed. Contact: justicefilm@sympatico.ca for more information.

Visit the Sarnia Justice Film Festival online at www.Facebook.com/SarniaJusticeFilmFestival

Sarnia Justice Film Festival's 2011-2012 Upcoming Films - The remaining films of the 2011–2012 season are being screened at the Sarnia Library Theatre on Saturday evenings at 7 PM:

February 18 – Economics of Happiness – Going local!
March 17 – The Market – Overseas organ transplants.
Apr. 21–Queen of the Sun–What are the bees telling us



Building the Foundation for Lifelong Learning:

It is that time of the year when parents make the important decision regarding which school to send their child to. If you are considering enrolling your

child in Kindergarten at Sarnia Christian School, please call to reserve a space or book a tour. We will be having a **JUMP into Kindergarten** orientation in May. Please call us at 519.383.7750. Sarnia Christian School has proudly provided Christian education for nearly 60 years!

Our Vision

As a Christian School in partnership with families and community we:

- Deliver an education, which integrates faith and learning within a safe environment
- Challenge students to discover their gifts and use them to serve God and community
- Equip students with the skills and discernment required to interact with contemporary culture

LONDON DISTRICT CHRISTIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL Information Evening and Dinner

Parents of students in grades 7 and 8 are invited to attend London District Christian Secondary School's Information Evening on **Friday, February 10**. This event will be held at the school (24 Braesyde Ave.) and run from 6:30-9:30 PM. The program will include alumni reflections, curricular highlights, and student perspectives on Christian education. If you wish to attend, please email (office@ldcss.ca) or call the school office (519-455-4360) by Monday, February 6. For info on this and other events, please check out our website – www.ldcss.ca.

THE MANDATE OF CHRISTIAN SALVAGE MISSION is to gather Bibles and other evangelical literature no longer needed from the shelves of people across Canada and ship it to Christians in third world countries who are less fortunate than we are. Please save any devotionals or Bibles that you no longer use and bring them to the church office.

YOUTH NEWS

SKI TRIP: A very big thanks for the support from our community who helped out with our ski trip this year! For our drivers and chaperones, and everyone who donated and purchased food for us - Thank you so much!

FUSION: Come on out tonight and watch "Pay It Forward." Please note, the movie will start at exactly 6:05, and our meeting will be extended until 8:30pm.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend a Youth Service at First CRC, London, on Sunday, February 19, at 7:00 PM. First CRC's youth praise team will lead worship and Youth Director Anita Plat-Kuiken will deliver the message. Refreshments following the service. Please remember we are back at our original church facility on 513 Talbot Street. Come check out our renovated facility!

ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION YOUTH SYMPOSIUM:

This generation has a voice and a place at the planning tables of our communities - even our country. You, as a young person, can dream a vision of Canada where Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people walk together and work together. Come to Ottawa, Feb 23-26 to participate in a youth symposium to cast a vision and take practical steps toward reconciliation. More information at roq.gatheringnations.ca or <http://youtu.be/NZbEIHyhSL0>. Email Steve at svandehoef@crcna.org for details.

OFFERINGS & FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- February 5: Race Relations (ministry share)
- February 12: Cadets
- February 19: Inn of the Good Shepherd
- February 26: Friendship

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING: The Calvinist Cadet Corps is an independent (non-denominational) youth ministry organization whose purpose is to provide the local church with a ministry program that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys from their church and community.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED January 15, 22, 29:

Youth Unlimited	\$ 532.15
Shalem	\$ 620.15
Lambton Christian School Society	\$ 695.25
Budget	\$ 12,362.00
Building	\$ 200.00

Thank you for your contributions.

CHRISTIAN REFORMED MINISTRIES

HOPE EQUALS - Summer Hope Equals Team to Israel and the West Bank: Join a team of young adults from June 11 to July 13 to learn about peace and reconciliation in Israel and the West Bank. Contact Mariano Avila at mavila@crcna.org for more details.

CRWRC Name Change Discussion - For 50 years, CRWRC has been responding on your behalf to situations of poverty, disaster, and injustice around the world. Thank you for your devoted support. As we look forward to the future, CRWRC is considering changing its name to better communicate who we are and what we do. This is not something that we undertake lightly. We want to make sure our new name continues to reflect you and the ministry you want to do through us. To weigh in on the proposed new name, logo, tagline, and color options, please visit www.crwrc.org/proposedname. If you would prefer to talk to someone over the phone, please call 1-800-730-3490 (Canada) or 1-800-552-7972 (US).

FAITH ALIVE NEWS - Sign up for Faith Alive News and get free email updates from Faith Alive Christian Resources about ministry tools that can help you as you live and serve. If you sign up by February 9 you'll be entered to win a Kindle Fire and other Faith Alive product! Sign up today at FaithAliveResources.org/FANews or [Facebook.com/FaithAlive](https://www.facebook.com/FaithAlive) - or call us at 1-800-333-8300.

MINISTRY WEBINAR -

The Network - Your Ministry Connection - Feb. 8: The Network is an online destination where you can connect with other CRC members who serve in their local churches. The Network is built on the idea that often the best help comes from people who are doing similar work and have struggled with similar questions. Discover all the resources and connections The Network has to offer. Presented by Jonathan Wilson the Community and Content Manager for The Network. Register at www.crcna.org/webinars

GROUNDWORK - How to read the Hard Stories: If you are a long-time Christian, the Bible may be very familiar and comforting to you. Perhaps it's so familiar that it no longer surprises you. But the Bible ought to startle us— even shock and upset us. Join the Feb. 12 Groundwork conversation on 2 Peter 3:15-18 and you'll see what we mean. Find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Lucky Lizards: Liz just found \$500.00 in the park, and he can't wait to spend it! Check out what Liz decides to do with the money on this week's Kids Corner. Visit www.kidscorner.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DO YOU HAVE FUNDS sitting in savings or chequing not earning much? The CRC Extension Fund is paying 2.75% on deposits, with funds available on short notice. The board of directors lends these funds to CR Churches and Christian Schools at 3%. The CRC Extension Fund has operated 41 years without a single loss! Satisfying and safe. Inquire from administrator Harry Houtman by phone at (416) 461-1207 or write him at 45 Harriet St., Toronto M4L 2G1 or harry@crcextensionfund.org



In 2011, 3,303 individuals participated in church planter training overseas through The Bible League of Canada. Each individual is a national Christian selected by their local church. Many are already pastors who have a desire to plant new churches; others are lay people who want to see a church planted in their own community or region. These called and trained leaders planted 6,445 new churches in 2011! That is an average of more than 2 new churches for each person trained. Praise God for these willing hearts and hands. www.bibleleague.ca

ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

You'll find the latest newsletter from Russ and Sherry Palsrok and Sara Rinsema/Sybenga on our website – www.redeemercrc.com



PALSROK POSTINGS – Please remember them 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
6:00 PM – Fusion
6:30 PM – Worship

Tuesday: 7:00 PM – Friendship
7:30 PM – Full Council
7:30 PM – Con Spirito Choir

Wednesday: 7:00 PM – Prayer Time
7:00 PM – Faith Formation classes
7:30 PM – Sursum Corda Chorus
8:00 PM – Praise Team

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE

February 5 AM: Trish V
Rob V
Natascha d

February 12 AM: Dana P
Joleen V
Noah B

February 19 AM: Helen V
Judy V
Nik V

February 26 AM: Fran V
Nell V
Hendrik V

Parents of the Month:

February: Len & Lisa S
March: Rick & Jeanne F

SOUND TECHNICIANS

February 5: Sound – Chris V
Projection – Jenny D

February 12: Sound – Albert V
Projection – Lea W

February 19: Sound – Jay O
Projection – Zac I

February 26: Sound – Albert V
Projection – Jacob F

GREETERS/USHERS

Ushers for February: Ben & Mary V
Greeters for February: Kees & Alice K

Ushers for March: Frances H, Jay O,
Gretha V
Greeters for March: John & Dianne V

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS

February 5, 12, 19, 26:

Preschool: Anneri V/Hannah I
SK & Gr. 1: Debbie P/Hendrik V
Gr. 2 & 3: Bev W/Lauren B
Gr. 4 & 5: Gaye M

COFFEE SERVERS

February: Group #6 – Fred & Joleen V
March: Group #7 – Albert & Wilma V

PRAYER ROOM SCHEDULE

February 5: Evert W/Cisca D
February 12: Pat W/Harry v
February 19: Cindy B/Jeanne F
February 26: Ian M/Sara S

BIRTHDAYS

February 5: Max V
February 6: Jim V
February 7: Martin B
February 7: Leah H
February 8: Amy V
February 8: Shayanne d
February 8: Sam V
February 9: Julie V
February 9: Joleen V
February 11: Bill Z
February 11: Cindy B
February 11: Mary V
February 14: Dylan S
February 14: Nell T
February 16: Jeremy H
February 17: Joanne S
February 17: Amy F
February 18: Derk R
February 19: Gerald V
February 20: Christina D
February 20: Cecily D
February 24: Derek N
February 24: Ada W
February 24: Cora F
February 25: Tyler S
February 27: Linda M
February 28: Angela E

