



## REDEEMER CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER, SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY



**REDEEMER CRC:** Please pray for our college and university students to have an enjoyable week and safe travels as they soon return to their respective schools.

**LIVING HOPE CRC:** Gerrit V and Henk V remain in the hospital. Remember to keep Mary and Elly and families in prayer as well.

This week, Nancy M received the sacrament of baptism in her home. We joyfully welcome her into membership in our congregation. The service was recorded on video which we hope to share in the service next week.

Carly M will make her public profession of faith next Sunday morning. Thanks be to God for the rich gift of faith. What a great joy we as a congregation have a witnessing how God is answering our prayers. Glory be to our God!

### NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGES

**GOD AND JONAH MEET IN NINEVEH:** Pastor Jim's next series of messages will be based on the book of Jonah. Jonah is well known for being the runaway prophet of the Old Testament who was swallowed by a big fish. What is not so well known is the way God confronts and challenges Jonah. Jonah cannot help but listen to the God he is running away from because God meets him in the creation, a world that is alive and responsive to the Lord God. In His pursuit of Jonah, God would have us see His compassionate love and care for the creation.

**AM: Message: Jonah, Who Are You?**

**Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:1-17 (v9), Acts 9:1-9**

Jonah had a good awareness of who he was and what he was to do in life. He was a Hebrew, a member of God's Chosen People) and he "worshiped the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." In spite of "knowing" this Jonah broke covenant with God and ran from his God-appointed mission. It was only through the persistence of a raging storm that Jonah stopped running. A raging sea proved to be more obedient than this Hebrew prophet of God. Thankfully the creation still compels us to come back to God and to faithfully serve Him

**PM: Psalms for All Seasons: Psalm 1.** The book of Psalms has faithfully provided words that are fitting for all of life's seasons. For our evening services we will listen to these songs and prayers which were song by God's people in the past and which continue to provide present day followers of Jesus with the right words for our seasons of life.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FOLKS IN THE SARNIA LAMBTON AREA** – we are having the first available screening times for COURAGEOUS – a wonderful movie which got great reviews in the theatres.

Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Years Day at 6 PM.  
at Forest Baptist Church, Prince and Wellington St.  
Forest, ON – on our large screen.

### INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS OF GRADE 7 & 8

**STUDENTS:** Parents of students in grades 7 and 8 are invited to attend a Dinner and Information Evening at London District Christian Secondary

School on Friday, January 13, 2012, 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](mailto:office@ldcss.ca)) or call the office (519-455-4360) by Monday, January 9, 2012.

### ANNUAL CURLING BONSPIEL

Come out for a day of fun and fellowship to our annual curling bonspiel to be held on February 18, 2012. No experience is necessary. Call Albert W at 519-773-3238 or register online at [aweesjes@amtelecom.net](mailto:aweesjes@amtelecom.net). Further details will follow.

### YOUTH NEWS

**IGNITE:** Come on out on Friday night to V's for some skating! Check our website for time and location, and weather backup plans.

**FUSION:** No meeting tonight - we will get things going next week.

## OFFERINGS & FINANCIAL INFORMATION

January 1: NeighbourLink  
January 8: Deacons  
January 15: Youth Unlimited  
January 22: Shalem

**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING:** The deacons use these funds to provide assistance for needs within our congregation and in our local community. The deacons reach out to our community by bringing the food from the collection bin in the foyer to the Inn of the Good Shepherd Food Bank and by serving on the boards of NeighbourLink and Pineview (non-profit apartments).

### OFFERINGS RECEIVED December 18 & 25:

Budget	\$ 43,770.00
Homestead Christian Care	\$ 631.70
Kingdom Children	\$ 352.50
CRWRC General Fund	\$ 2,072.75
Deacons	\$ 50.00
Building	\$ 40,000.00

Thank you for your contributions.

## CHRISTIAN REFORMED MINISTRIES



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS

**GIFT!** - In 2012, your Christmas Day gift to CRWRC is making a real difference among those who live daily with poverty, disease, and oppression. CRWRC can bring help and

hope to people in need around the world because you gave. Thank you for generously sharing God's great work of love in the world through your tithes and offerings last week. Happy New Year!

**GROUNDWORK** - Faith: "Have Faith." "Don't lose faith." We often use phrases like these to comfort and encourage one another. But what exactly IS faith and how do we get it? Join the January 8th Groundwork conversation based on Hebrews 11. Find a local radio station or listen online at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com).

**KIDS CORNER** - Attitude of Gratitude: Do you have an attitude of gratitude? Celebrate being thankful 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](http://www.HisKids.net) to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

**A NEW YEAR** - Join in praying that this year – 2012 – may be a year of abundant harvest. Use the book mark - available today – as we respond to "Jesus' Prayer Request" to "ask the Lord of the Harvest to send forth workers." A joint effort of Home and World Missions.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CRCNA:

**Uganda/Kenya** - HIV/AIDS Discovery Tour (CRWRC) – Discover first-hand how CRWRC and its partners are working to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. Open to just six individuals, the 2012 HIV/AIDS Discovery Tour is a popular, hope-filled and life-changing journey that puts a personal face on the people affected by this overwhelming pandemic. Participants will hear from front-line workers, visit health care and education sites, and experience the breath-taking beauty of Africa. To learn more about this powerful journey, please contact ServiceLink.

**Philippines** – HIV/AIDS Prevention Educators (CRWM) – Do you have experience in nursing, public health or HIV/AIDS education? CRWM is looking for up to six North American young adult volunteers to promote HIV prevention through workshops in schools and churches throughout the Philippines. You will have the opportunity to build relationships with the community as you live with host families and work alongside Filipino young people for six weeks. To learn more, please contact ServiceLink.

**Dominican Republic** – Support the work of the CRC in the DR (CRWM) – La Iglesia Cristiana Reformada en la Republica Dominicana (ICRRD), the CRC in the Dominican Republic, is experiencing tremendous growth and mission opportunities. In conjunction with Christian Reformed World Missions, a wide variety of volunteer opportunities are available ranging in duration from a few weeks to several months. To learn more about volunteer positions in the Dominican Republic, please visit the ServiceLink website: [www.crcna.org/servicelink](http://www.crcna.org/servicelink)

**Youth Opportunity!** Partner with CRWRC and All Ontario Youth Convention. We are recruiting youth leaders and youth for our first mission trip to Nicaragua in March 2012. Spend 10 days working alongside Nicaraguan youth and our partner YMCA finishing a local youth center. For further information contact Ray Heeres ([rayheeres@hotmail.com](mailto:rayheeres@hotmail.com))

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MARRIED COUPLES:** Valentine's Day will be here before you know it! Decide today to give your spouse an unforgettable gift this Valentine's Day. Why not take you spouse away for a special weekend of communication, reflection and time away from your hectic schedule? Rekindle the joy, intimacy and romance in your relationship. The next Reformed Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 17-19, 2012 in St. Catharines, ON. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information or to register on-line, visit [www.reformedme.org](http://www.reformedme.org) or call David and Danielle at (905) 985-8305. There is no sharing in a group on the weekend.



A field reporter in Cambodia says, "Many of the young churches are house churches, and with traditional Cambodian houses

built on stilts, the churches literally meet under the house, often the house of the church planter. This was the case with the first house church we visited in a small village, greeting a young pastor and three dozen believers meeting under his house. We brought with us boxes of New Testaments in the Khmer language. For those who received copies, it was the first time they had ever had even a portion of the Bible in their heart language." Imagine reading Luke 2 for the first time in your own language. Praise God for the New Testament message brought to these believers!

[www.bibleleague.ca](http://www.bibleleague.ca)

#### **SARNIA-LAMBTON AMNESTY ACTION GROUP:**

Join us for an hour of letter-signing/writing on the 1<sup>st</sup>

**Wednesday** of every month the Sarnia-Lambton Amnesty Action Group gets together from **7:00 - 8:00** PM at River City Centre (former YMCA building on Mitton Street) to learn more about world human rights issues and sign pre-written letters on those topics. Bring only your interest & concerns. Come whenever you can. Contact: Thea at [theadegroot@sympatico.ca](mailto:theadegroot@sympatico.ca) or check [www.amnesty.ca](http://www.amnesty.ca)

#### **ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER**



**PALSROK POSTINGS** – You'll find the latest newsletter from Russ and Sherry Palsrok on our website – [www.redeemercrc.com](http://www.redeemercrc.com)

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](mailto: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](mailto:sarah@communityencompass.org)  
Website: [www.communityencompass.org](http://www.communityencompass.org)

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

**Sunday:** 9:30 AM – Worship  
**Wednesday:** 8:00 PM – Praise Team

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**January 1 AM:** Mark H  
Rita S  
Anneri V  
**January 8 AM:** Rhea H  
Tanya S  
Devin S  
**January 15 AM:** Dick W  
Wendy W  
Sophia K  
**January 22 AM:** Renee S  
Elsabé V  
Adam V

### Parents of the Month:

**January:** Chad & Christina D  
**February:** Len & Lisa S

## SOUND TECHNICIANS

**January 1:** Sound – Albert V  
Projection – Jacob F

## GREETERS/USHERS

**Ushers for January:** John & Janny B  
**Greeter for January:** Tip H

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

## COFFEE SERVERS

**January:** Group #5 – Casper & Diana R  
**February:** Group #6 – Fred & Joleen V

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS

### January 1:

Preschool: Jordan T/David K  
SK & Gr. 1: Michael John K/Natascha D  
Gr. 2 & 3: Jeannette T/Noah B  
Gr. 4 & 5: Ian M

### January 8, 15, 22, 29:

Preschool: Sophia K/Aly I  
SK & Gr. 1: Linda M/Niklas V  
Gr. 2 & 3: Jeanne F/John M  
Gr. 4 & 5: Kees K

## PRAYER ROOM SCHEDULE

January 1: Rhea H/Cisca D  
January 8: Pat W/Jeanne F  
January 15: Cindy B/Sara S  
January 22: Ian M/Alice K

## BIRTHDAYS

January 1: Linda P  
January 3: Tammy V  
January 3: Alendra d  
January 8: Jacklyn M  
January 8: Alice G  
January 8: Art P  
January 11: Nicole V  
January 12: John J  
January 13: Brian L  
January 13: Joan D  
January 13: Anne R  
January 15: Stephen W  
January 16: Auke Z  
January 17: Gerrit v  
January 17: Daniel N  
January 17: Anita I  
January 19: Herman S  
January 19: Matthew R  
January 22: Ted S

