



REDEEMER CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER, SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



REDEEMER CRC: Joanne N learned 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.

FIRST CRC: 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 D. We praise God for this precious new life entrusted to them.

LIVING HOPE CRC: 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 continue to 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.

NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGES

AM: Message: A Parting Question

**Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11,
Colossians 1:15-20**

Jonah found a comfy place in the shade and waited for Nineveh to be destroyed. A fast growing plant protected him from the sun's blistering heat. All was well until...a

grub chewed its way through the shade plant and Jonah baked in the sun. He wanted to die. Jonah's cold and calloused wish for Nineveh's destruction is contrasted with God's compassion. The story concludes with a question still begging to be answered.

PM: Service at 6:30 PM. Holy Communion will be celebrated. We do this in remembrance of our Savior who came, who promised to be with us always, and who is coming to us again in all of His glory.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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!!!!

FAITH FORMATION/CATECHISM CLASSES begin this week Wednesday night from 7-8 at Redeemer CRC. Dianne V will lead the grades 9 and 10 class (Ten Commandments) and Pastor Jim will lead the grades 11 and 12 class (Telling the Christian Story as Your Story).

NEIGHBOURLINK: NeighbourLink 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.

PENNIES FOR “GOD’S LITTLEST ANGELS”

ORPHANGE: Thank you to all of you who have donated your small change. Please continue to save your pennies and other coins and pass them on to Joanne S. Together we can make a difference!

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. Every donation makes a huge difference in the lives of those in need!

THE DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT is fast approaching.

The Planning Committee is very excited to present the theme “**GENERATION NOW**”...**A Discussion With and About Emerging Adults 18-25**. On Saturday, 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 H.
2. Cultural realities and shifts facing the emerging adults: Marc H.
3. Meaningful mentoring and discipleship for, with, and by the emerging adult: Mike W and Kelly S.

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

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

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.

April 21 – Queen of the Sun – What are the bees telling us?

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.

CLASSIS CHATHAM HIGHLIGHTS January 24:

1. An overture from Sarnia-Living Hope that the CRCNA not adopt the Belhar Confession as a confession was passed by a recorded vote of 54-19.
2. Recently retired pastor Vic V thanked classis for its support, love and encouragement during his ongoing illness.
3. Ministry Associate Beth F of St. Thomas Destination Church gave a compelling presentation on “How to be an Engaging Community.” A copy of her presentation is on file with the Stated Clerk.
4. With the concurrence of the Synodical Deputies, classis approved a separation of Tillsonburg CRC from its pastor, Rev. George R according to the provision of Church Order, Article 17a.
5. With the concurrence of the Synodical Deputies, the position of Campus Chaplain at Fanshawe College was declared to be consistent of the office of Ministry Associate.
6. St. Thomas-First CRC reported that George L has accepted their call and will begin his ministry on Feb. 20, 2012 D.V. and Strathroy East reported that Rev. Derek B has accepted their call and will begin his ministry on April 1, 2012 D.V.
7. Rev. Craig H (Sarnia Living Hope) and Rev. Bob L (Woodstock Covenant) along with Elder Jenny D (Sarnia Redeemer) and Elder Martin B (Chatham Calvary) were chosen to represent Classis Chatham at Synod 2012 at Redeemer University College in Ancaster, ON in June.

YOUTH 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 V 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.

COLLEGE AND CAREERS:

This week, College and Careers is at Matt and Danielle V's! 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!

OFFERINGS & FINANCIAL INFORMATION

January 29: Lambton Christian School Society (budget)
February 5: Race Relations (ministry share)
February 12: Cadets
February 19: Inn of the Good Shepherd

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING: Race Relations promotes antiracism and racial reconciliation within our congregations, our institutions of higher learning, and our agencies by offering Widening the Circle workshops, All Nations Heritage Sunday and the Multiethnic Conference.

CHRISTIAN REFORMED MINISTRIES

THANK YOU - God promises when we ask, we will receive. Thank You! for asking. Thank God! for his faithful answers. And even though this specific prayer initiative has concluded, please continue to remember the lost, church planters, and the spiritual harvest in your daily prayers! May God be glorified! May His Kingdom grow! A joint effort of Home and World Missions.

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

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.

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

MILK BAG CUTTING: Do you have some extra time on Monday morning, Jan. 29? If so, we would love to have you join us for bag cutting at Sarnia Christian School at 9:00 AM. We have lots of bags! If you would like to crochet, that would be great.

IT'S A NEW CONTRIBUTION YEAR for the Tax Free Savings Account. If you pay income tax, and have savings, it pays to participate. Consider the CRC Community TFSA currently earning you approximately 3%. No fees. Funds invested in CR churches and Christian Schools also at 3%. If mortgage rates increase, you also earn more. Contact administrator: Harry Houtman at harry@crcextensionfund.org or 416-461-1207.

ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER



PALSROK POSTINGS – You'll find the latest newsletter from Russ and Sherry Palsrok on our website – 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

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 – Small Groups
8:00 PM – College and Careers

Tuesday: 7:00 PM – Friendship
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

Saturday: 4:30 PM – Soup & Chili Dinner

NURSERY SCHEDULE

January 29 AM: Mary V
Diana W
Zoe W

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

Parents of the Month:

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

SOUND TECHNICIANS

January 29: Sound – Jay O
Projection – Paul D

February 5: Sound – Chris V
Projection – Jenny D

February 12: Sound – Albert V
Projection – Lea W

February 19: Sound – Jay O
Projection – Zac I

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 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

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

PRAYER ROOM SCHEDULE

January 29: Elsabé V/Joleen V
February 5: Evert W/Cisca D
February 12: Pat W/Harry v
February 19: Cindy B/Jeanne F

BIRTHDAYS

January 31: John V
January 31: Herman B
January 31: Jessica D
February 1: Robert T
February 3: Linnea V
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

