



REDEEMER CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER, SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



REDEEMER CRC: Please pray for **Harry and Allie G** as Harry receives his chemotherapy treatments. Pray also for **Rob and Angela S** that they may be blessed with healing and care in response to Rob's cancer on his lungs.

NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGES

AM: Message: Salvation Comes from the Lord
Scripture: Jonah 1:17-2:10, Ephesians 2:1-10

Jonah sank deep into the waters and it was there that he found himself entangled by death. The deeper he sank the more Jonah was confronted with his impending death. At the very moment that Jonah became convinced he would never see the light of day again, God rescued him. Miraculously God provided a place in the face of death where Jonah would be kept safe. Death is a powerful enemy, as the story of creation testifies to, but God, "the Lord God of heaven, the sea and dry land" (whom "we worship/fear") is also the Lord God of our (and creation's) salvation.

PM will be for small group ministry.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH groups meet this morning after our service. Leaders, please make sure all the people in your group have received an invitation.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10 at 8:00 PM.

NEW IN THE LIBRARY

Check out one of these DVDs based on true stories:

In ***Soul Surfer*** Bethany Hamilton courageously overcomes all odds and strives to become a champion again after losing her arm in a shark attack.

In ***Faith Like Potatoes*** a South African farmer suffers a series of seemingly insurmountable losses. Follow the journey of a man who, like his potatoes, grows his faith unseen until the harvest.

THANKS to all who have made donations to our library over the past year!



STARTING OUT THE NEW YEAR!

Tomorrow night, we were *hoping* to be "skating-in" the new year with a night of outdoor skating, but the weather has been making different plans than us! So, it's looking like a "fun-filled" regular night it will be.....but, with hot chocolate included! (if the weather does decide to co-operate, your counsellor will call you)



CADET NEWS:

This coming Thursday Congress will take place in Grand Rapids. All congressmen and presidents will meet to discuss recommendations and proposals. Henry F and John B will represent Bear Creek Council. Please pray for guidance and travelling mercies. May our efforts make our ministry stronger to our Cadets.

NEIGHBOURLINK REPORT: The New Year is here and there are many new opportunities for our church volunteers to make a difference in our own community.

~ It's no surprise that more families are using the food banks than ever. When there is not enough money in the budget to buy food - that is not the only point of anxiety within the family unit.

~ Our new Associate Director, Dianne H is preparing short video clips for our churches to share in the coming months that will encourage all of us in the NeighbourLink work.

~ Another Bridges Out of Poverty workshop is being planned in the month of March for our church congregants who have not already attended one, to learn more about how to connect with families from generational poverty. Plan to attend - invite a friend.

~ Volunteers are needed in the office for both mornings and afternoons - call for more info.

~ We are planning a Network Meeting for all coordinators and volunteers - date and time will be in your church bulletins.

FAREWELL SERVICE: Pastor Vic V will be leading the service at St. Thomas First CRC on Sunday morning, January 15 at 10:00 AM, as a "farewell service." It will also be a service in which we celebrate the Lord's Supper. You are invited to share in this service. If you have any questions, please direct them to Office Administrator, Lucy Ann Z at 519-631-7730.

THE DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT PLANNING

COMMITTEE is very excited to present the theme "**GENERATION NOW**"...A Discussion With and About Emerging Adults 18-25. On Sat. Feb. 11 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.

Through the Day of Encouragement, our hope is to begin a dialogue about an intergenerational approach to discipleship--an issue that involves the whole church. Come out to enlarge your understanding of emerging adults within the current cultural context and finally, provide questions, resources, strategies for you to take back to your church.

For more information or to register, email your name, phone number and your church to Marianne I: majidema@gmail.com or phone 519-424-3948 (evenings). The \$10.00 fee can be paid on the DOE.



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) 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. Further details will follow.

YOUTH NEWS

FUSION: Time to get back at it! Over the past weeks we have been exploring various ways in which we can worship God. Through food, fun, writing, art, prayer - we can worship God in many different ways! But what about through our interactions with others? Come on out tonight!

IGNITE: We are having a practice this Thursday night at First CRC from 7:00-8:30 PM. See you then!

SKI TRIP: Forms are due soon! Get them tonight at Fusion, or go to our Facebook page and get them in soon!

SERVE 2012: Want to know more about our summer mission trip? Check out all the details at <http://www.youthunlimited.org/youth/marion-project>.

OFFERINGS & FINANCIAL INFORMATION

January 8: Deacons
January 15: Youth Unlimited
January 22: Shalem
January 29: Lambton Christian School Society

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING: Youth Unlimited is a Christ-centered youth ministry that supports over 500 churches across the United States and Canada. Their mission commits them to assist youth ministry efforts in the local church to effectively reach junior high (early teen) and senior high youth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

CHRISTIAN REFORMED MINISTRIES

Come to the Light - As the church enters the Epiphany season, we are reminded how the "light of the world" came to the Gentiles – to you and to me. There remain millions who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus. Your prayers this week to the Lord of the Harvest will raise up workers so they might hear the Good News. A joint effort of Home and World Missions.

Experience Israel and the West Bank - Join a Christian Reformed World Missions' Hope Equals trip to Israel and the West Bank from June 11 to July 13. The team will meet with leaders involved in peace and reconciliation efforts, hear first-person stories from both sides, tour important places and much more. For more information or to apply, visit www.hopeequals.org.

Ministry Webinars - Too busy to attend a training event? Join others across the CRC for "Webinar Wednesdays" - one-hour, live workshops you can attend from your home, office, or church. All you need is a computer. Get the full schedule and free registration at: www.crcna.org/webinars

"WHEN HELPING HURTS" - a seminar. - The paradigm-shifting book--When Helping Hurts--has caused many churches and ministry leaders to ask: What do we do next in our efforts to help people who are poor? How can we shift our efforts from dependency to empowerment? How can we get our entire ministry network on the same page? In response, co-author of the book--Steve Corbett of the Chalmers Center for Economic Development--is offering a one-day, regional training seminar entitled "Helping Without Hurting: The Next Step," to be held in London, ON on Saturday, Jan. 14 at Northpark Community Church. Register at www.northpark.ca under "upcoming events" or call 1-519-697-2500

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 between Jan. 1 and Feb. 9, and 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.

CALVIN SEMINARY - You are invited to attend the 25th annual Calvin Symposium on Worship, Jan. 26 - 28, at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. This year's theme is "The Psalms: When Life is Prayer." Excellent rates for students and groups from churches. All worship services are free and open to the public, including the Friday night Psalmfest, hosted by Martin Tel, co-editor of the brand new Psalms for All Seasons: A Complete Psalter for Worship (7:30 p.m. in the Covenant Fine Arts Center). See <http://worship.calvin.edu> for complete information.

CRWRC Marks Second Anniversary of Haiti Earthquake: - CRWRC would like to express its deep gratitude to CRC churches and donors for enabling it to implement such a major and multi-faceted response to the January 12, 2010 Haiti earthquake. CRWRC initially distributed tarps, emergency food and hygiene supplies and carried out psycho-social counseling, then moved on to constructing wood-framed houses, latrines and wells, and is now also implementing a livelihood restoration project. CRWRC has constructed 2,600 earthquake-resistant houses so far, and will reach its goal of 3,150 homes by June 2012. Thank you for enabling us to show Christ's love to so many of His people in Haiti!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MOVIE 'COURAGEOUS' will be shown at Forest Baptist Church, Prince and Wellington St., Forest, ON – on our large screen. We had a power outage in Forest on January 1st at 5 PM that lasted to 10 PM and thus were not able to screen COURAGEOUS. We have rescheduled for Sunday, January 15th at 6 PM. Anyone in the policing, fire fighting and ambulance services should see it!!!

SURSUM CORDA MALE CHORUS will begin choir practices this coming Wednesday evening, January 11 in the fellowship hall of First Christian Reformed Church, corner Exmouth Street & Murphy Road in Sarnia at 7:30 PM. Among the activities of our choir, we'll be preparing for the Male Choir Festival, which is in Chatham, Ontario on Saturday, April 28th. Further details will be given closer to the date of the Men's Choirs Festival. Anyone of you men interested in joining our choir, please contact Adrian, Tel. 519-882-2842.

CON SPIRITO CHOIR: Practices resume on **Tuesday, January 17th** at the Wyoming CRC at 7:30 PM. We look forward to another season of singing the praises of our God! New members are welcome!

ATTENTION THOSE WHO LOVE TO SING: On Tues. Jan. 24, at 7:30 PM, *The Psalm Project*, a seven person worship team from the Netherlands (which will be featured for a second year at the *Calvin Institute for Worship Symposium*) will present a free worship concert at London First CRC, 531 Talbot St. *The Psalm Project* reworks songs from John Calvin's 1562 *Genevan Psalter* into contemporary settings for a variety of instruments, with an aim to introduce the Psalms to a new generation of worshippers. A freewill offering will be taken. Refreshments following concert; CDs will be available for purchase; contact mdijkhuis@ldcss.ca for more information. For a sample of their work, free sheet music, mp3 downloads, facebook, twitter, and related article/blog links, go to <http://www.thepsalmproject.com/>.

THE JOYFUL PRAISE CHOIR will begin its rehearsals once again on Thursday, January 12, at 7:30 PM in Living Hope Christian Reformed Church, Sarnia. We once again invite all interested in joining this exciting ministry, male and female, to come out and join us for an evening of praise as we glorify our Lord's name in song. No music reading skills are required, but you must be able to carry a tune. We have one engagement (concert) already lined up in March, and will add more engagements as we progress through the season. For more information please call 519-344-9407, or email joyfulpraise@sympatico.ca. Plan now to join this praise filled ministry.

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
After service – Households of Faith
6:00 PM – Fusion
6:30 PM – Worship

Monday: 6:30 PM – GEMS

Tuesday: 7:00 PM – Friendship
8:00 PM – Executive Council

Wednesday: 7:00 PM – Prayer Time
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
7:00 PM – Ignite Practice
7:30 PM – Joyful Praise Choir

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

January 29 AM: Mary V
Diana W
Zoe W

Parents of the Month:

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

SOUND TECHNICIANS

January 8: Sound – Jay O
Projection – Lea W

January 15: Sound – Albert V
Projection – Jacob F

January 22: Sound – Chris V
Projection – Zac I

January 29: Sound – Jay O
Projection – Paul D

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 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 8: Pat W/Jeanne F
January 15: Cindy B/Sara S
January 22: Ian M/Alice K
January 29: Elsabé V/Joleen V

BIRTHDAYS

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

