

# REDEEMER REPORT

February 29, 2024



NEWSLETTER OF REDEEMER CRC  
SARNIA, ON

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## Upcoming Events & News

- The next Wednesday Worship takes place on March 20 at 3:30pm. If you would like a ride, please contact Didi van Klaveren or Gerald Vanderheide.
- *Thrive* workshop runs every Tuesday at 11:30am. Contact Pastor Joe for more details.
- *Youth Alpha* is hosted every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm.
- Pastor Joe will be away on March 10 and 17. On March 10, Chaplain Mike W will provide a message via video. On March 17, Barry W will bring us a message.
- Good Friday service will begin at 10AM on March 29. Easter Sunday service will include celebrating the Lord's Supper, on March 31.
- Church Visitors from Classis Ontario Southwest will be attending our next Council meeting on March 4. Please contact Pastor Nate V or George F if there is anything you would like to bring up with them prior to the meeting .

## Connect

~ Weekly in person gatherings,  
Sundays at 10am

~ Live stream Sunday services on  
YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@RedeemerSarnia/streams>

~ Weekly messages from Pastor Corey  
Van Huizen on YouTube

<https://bit.ly/2vPON8L>

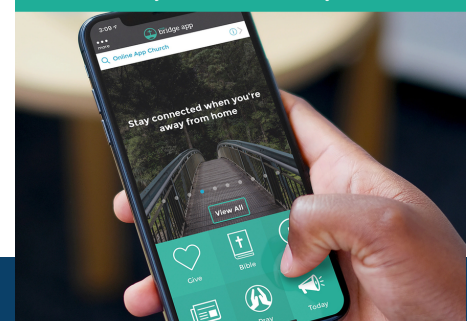
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# Upcoming Events & News (con't)

## Highlights Council Meeting Held February 13

1. A meeting of the three local CRC's Councils will take place on Saturday, February 24.
2. Motion made and carried to approve Pastor Joe's compensation during his teaching time at Sarnia Christian School.
3. Motion made and carried to approve the Human Resource Team (HR) Conflict Resolution Policy. Going forward the HR Team will lead the hiring of staff and interns in order to provide consistency and ensure best practices are followed. The Office Administrator will be the liaison between Council and the HR Team.
4. Motion made and carried to accept the Payments to Directors and Connected Persons for 2023.
5. Team minutes received from Elders, Deacons, Facilities Team, Refugee Team, and Classis.
6. Rob and Jeanette T were thanked for reinstating post service coffee fellowship that is enjoyed by all.
7. Pastor and Office Administrator reports received.
8. Motion made and carried to accept the letter of membership change from Michael John and Katya K. The Ks are worshipping at St. Demetrius Greek Orthodox Church in Sarnia.
9. Church Visitors from Classis will be attending the March 5 Council meeting.
10. Greetings to be send to Good News CRC regarding the ordination of Pastor Daniel M.
11. Paul B gave a report as the Chair of the Safe Church Team. The Team meets throughout the year to plan training sessions, prepare presentations and to follow up on police checks for volunteers and staff. Past training slides are available from the Team for those who were not present this past fall for training.



**Stephen  
Ministry**

Your Stephen Ministry Leaders are here to help you! If you need a helping hand as you walk through a difficult time, please call Sara S, Diana W, or Pastor Joe for more information. We would love to connect you with a trained church member who will meet with you regularly as you sort out how to move forward.

# Opportunities to Give

## **World Renew General Fund (March 3)**

World Renew responds on your behalf to the needs of people who suffer from poverty, hunger, disaster, and injustice.

World Renew is your resource for volunteer opportunities, advocacy ideas, and educational materials.

<https://worldrenew.ca>

## **Friendship Ministry (March 10)**

Friendship is a ministry run by volunteers to support persons living with physical or mental disabilities in our community.

**NeighbourLink Sarnia-Lambton (March 17)** is a network of 20 local community churches working together to respond to the needs of our community neighbours. NeighbourLink could not accomplish their goals without the help of supporters like you. They are always looking for volunteers to help us make their vision a reality. Redeemer supports NeighbourLink through offerings and donations to the food bin in the foyer. <https://neighbourlinksarnia.org>

## **Resonate Global Mission (March 24)**

Formerly Christian Reformed World Missions and Christian Reformed Home Missions, we came together in 2017 as Resonate to walk alongside Christian Reformed churches as they join God's mission in their own neighborhoods and around the world.

## **Missionary Christeena N (March 31)**

Our offering provides support to Christina as she works with new immigrants in the Owen Sound area. Christeena works with the organization Pioneers to teach English classes and coordinates volunteers to teach a class or tutor students.

Contact Pastor Joe at  
519-331-7466  
for any assistance.

# Birthdays



March 1:	Ruben R
March 1:	Tina V
March 5:	Cisca D
March 8:	Carmen H
March 8:	Wilma V
March 9:	Lucas G
March 10:	Abby V
March 11:	Len S
March 14:	Deborah d
March 14:	Emma R
March 16:	Clarence D
March 18:	Ellie V

*If you would like to have your name added or removed from this list, please contact the church office.*

## How Can I Donate?



~ Mail in or drop off cheques to the church office

~ Donate on the Bridge App

~ E-transfers sent to [offering@redeemercrc.com](mailto:offering@redeemercrc.com) (please include in the email the cause that you wish to support)


~ Weekly offerings at the end of each Sunday service.

\* If not using church numbered envelopes, please write the name of the cause on the envelope as well as your name and address if you would like a donation receipt at year-end for tax purposes.

*(Treasurer ~ Fred V)*



**YOUTH**  
**ALPHA**



**WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30**  
**JANUARY 10 - MARCH 6**

Ready to talk about about life, faith, and purpose. No gimmicks. Just safe and judgement free room to talk, wonder, and discover as we explore questions and realities we are all face.

The time together is broken up into three parts:

1. Connection (food & fun)
2. Content (life, Jesus, faith, prayer, the Bible & more)
3. Conversation (deeper group discussion)

Hosted by Redeemer CRC Staff (Ryan, Dhiraj, and Pastor Joe)  
Additional Support: Ashley Schenk - Psychotherapist Qualifying

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SAVE	INFINITY KIDS CAMP
JULY 2024 <b>15-19</b>	THE
DATE	AUGUST 2024 <b>12-16</b>

More info: [infinitykidscamp.ca](http://infinitykidscamp.ca)



# THRIVE

## IN MIND, BODY, & SPIRIT

Led by Ashley Schenk - Psychotherapist Qualifying

**TUESDAYS @ 11:30**  
STARTING JANUARY 16

### JANUARY ROAD MAP



Community is all about human connection and life-giving relationships. Without it, we suffer frustration, fatigue, and discouragement. Join us as we take some steps to enrich the community of care around you!

Stress triggers a mess of symptoms and slows our recovery. Relaxing changes that. It revitalizes by slowing your heart rate, reduces blood pressure, controls breathing, and helps you cope with life. Whether you or someone you know is stressed the skill of relaxation is good to have and share!



Your unhealthy and negative thoughts likely are leaving you emotionally disconnected and overly critical toward everyone, even yourself. Let them go and learn a healthier pattern of thinking. Doing so will bring add a new level of peace and stability to your mind. Let's give it a thought!



**WEDNESDAY**  
**WORSHIP**

March 20 @ 3:30pm

**5834 BLACKWELL**  
**SIDE ROAD ALL**  
**WELCOME!**