

# REDEEMER REPORT



March 14, 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 or Gerald.
- *Thrive* workshop runs on Tuesdays at 11:30am for April and May. Contact Pastor Joe for more details.
- Pastor Joe is on vacation until March 18. Barry will bring us a message on March 17.
- Good Friday service will begin at 10AM on March 29. Easter Sunday service will include celebrating the Lord's Supper, on March 31.
- Council invites the congregation to submit names to the Office Administrator/Clerk for new Elders and Deacons by April 2. Those retiring from office are Sara, Murray (Elders), and Nell (Deacon). Please prayerfully consider whom you will nominate.
- On Saturday, March 23 at 2:30pm, Art and Katie will be joined in marriage here at Redeemer. You are invited to share in their joy by attending the ceremony and enjoying some light refreshments afterward.



## 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>

~Redeemer Christian Reformed  
Church on Facebook



~Redeemer Sarnia on Instagram



# Upcoming Events & News (con't)

## Highlights Council Meeting Held March 5

1. Church Visitors Rev. Nate V and George F joined the meeting for an annual visit. A report will be issued and sent to Redeemer once completed.
2. Pastor Corey V gave an annual review of Redeemer Online (ROL). There are 800 subscribers to the ROL channel presently, representing a wide demographic. Motion made and carried to approve a 3% cost of living increase for Corey, as well as a move to full time compensation should funds become available. It was noted that funds for ROL are wholly independent of Redeemer CRC, who provides oversight only.
3. Meeting held between the councils of the three Sarnia CRC's in order to discuss working together.
4. Motion made and carried to approve amended memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Resonate and Redeemer. The MOU reflects an increase to 8 hours a week that Pastor Joe provides to Resonate. The hours compliment Pastor Joe's work at Redeemer and do not translate to a substantial increase to his work load.
5. Motion made and carried to approve a 5% increase to rental rates as of April 1, 2024. The rates have remained the same since 2019.
6. Congregation will be invited to nominate members for Council. There are three council members retiring this spring. - two Elders and one Deacon.

### From Sarnia Christian School

On behalf of Sarnia Christian School's staff, students and board we want to express our gratitude for sharing Joe Hamilton with us for the month of February. He has been a blessing to us.

Thank you for partnering with us.

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



**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, Diana 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

**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.

## **Lambton Christian School Society (April 7)**

Sarnia Christian School remains true to the mission and vision for students to learn about their place in God's world and their responsibility as image bearers of God to make a difference in the world both now and in the future.

[www.sarniachristian.com](http://www.sarniachristian.com)

**Inn of the Good Shepherd (April 14)** is a local organization that provides services with dignity to those who are in need of food, shelter and other essentials. Some of the services provided are a food bank, soup kitchen, assistance with income tax returns, a back pack program for school children, The Lodge, The Haven, utilities support and many others.

Check out their web site: <https://www.theinnsarnia.ca>

## **Thank you**

World Renew extends our deep gratitude for your commitment to advancing God's work of justice and mercy in our global communities. Your gifts of \$10,477.55 during 2023 helped equip 478,504 participants in 1,200 communities for a hopeful future in 29 developing countries around the globe. We give God the glory for all that He has done in 2023! In the spirit of gratitude and humility, we invite your church to continue to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation with World Renew.

# Birthdays



March 14:	Deborah d
March 14:	Emma R
March 16:	Clarence D
March 18:	Ellie V
March 19:	Declan D
March 25:	Janet S
March 25:	Dave G
March 25:	Jadyen S
March 29:	Dianne V
March 31:	Abigail S
March 31:	Maren R

*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 Vanderheide)*



# Community News

## Rock Your Socks

Thursday March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day. There are 3 chromosomes on the 21st chromosome which is why March 21st is chosen (3:21). Remember to wear your fun and funky socks in support of individuals with Down syndrome.

## Dutch Easter Hymn Sing

Immanuel CRC and Grace Community CRC invite you to a Nederlandse Paas Zangmiddag on Good Friday, March 29 at 3pm at Grace Community CRC in Ancaster. Sing well known Lent and Easter hymns as well as some of your favourite Dutch Songs of Faith. For more, contact John VanderLaan at 905-648-3170 or Femke Visser-Elenbaas at 289-887-2201.

## Do you have questions about a Christian perspective on MAiD? Or concerns about end-of-life decision making?

We invite you to the seminar "A Matter of Life & Death" at Talbot Street Church on Thursday, April 18 at 10 am. Dr. Erica Vandaalen, Chief & Medical Director of Emergency Medicine at St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital, and Ray Pennings, the Executive Vice President of Cardus, will be our speakers. A catered meal will be provided at noon. For registration and more information contact: [office@talbotstreetchurch.com](mailto:office@talbotstreetchurch.com)

## EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

March 31, 2024 @

10AM

Redeemer CRC

5834 Blackwell Side

Road



## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

March 29, 2024 @

10AM

Redeemer CRC

5834 Blackwell

Side Road

A graphic for "New Thrive Sessions". It features a circular inset image of three people sitting and talking. The text "NEW THRIVE SESSIONS" is prominently displayed in bold, orange and black letters. Below it, the schedule "This April & May Tuesdays @11:30-1" is shown. At the bottom, another circular inset shows two women smiling and talking.

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Tuesdays @11:30-1

A graphic for "Wednesday Worship". It features a background of yellow and pink tulips. The text "WEDNESDAY WORSHIP" is in bold, dark green letters. Below it, the date and time "March 20 @3:30pm" is written in a cursive font. The address "5834 BLACKWELL SIDE ROAD ALL WELCOME!" is in bold, dark green letters.

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WORSHIP**

March 20 @3:30pm

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