

# REDEEMER REPORT

March 28, 2024



NEWSLETTER OF REDEEMER CRC  
SARNIA, ON

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## Upcoming Events & News

- The next Wednesday Worship takes place on April 17 at 3:30pm. If you would like a ride, please contact Didi van Klaveren or Gerald Vanderheide.
- *Thrive* workshop runs on Tuesdays at 11:30am for April and May. Contact Pastor Joe for more details.
- Pastor Joe has a classical appointment on April 14. Pastor Corey V will bring us a message via video that day.
- 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 S, Murray d (Elders), and Nell V (Deacon). Please prayerfully consider whom you will nominate.

## Connect

~ Weekly in person gatherings,  
Sundays at 10am

~ Live stream Sunday services on  
YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/@  
RedeemerSarnia/streams](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



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# Upcoming Events & News (con't)

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE



March 29, 2024 @  
10AM  
Redeemer CRC  
5834 Blackwell  
Side Road

## EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE



March 31, 2024 @  
10AM  
Redeemer CRC  
5834 Blackwell Side  
Road

## NEW THRIVE SESSIONS



This April & May  
Tuesdays @11:30-1



## 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.

The Church Office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9AM and 1PM.

# Opportunities to Give

## **Missionary Christeena Nienhuis (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>

**GEMS (April 21)** is an acronym for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour. Their vision is to see girls actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others – girls equipped, motivated and passionately engaged in living out their faith. This is a combined ministry of our local Sarnia CRC churches to our girls.

## **UWO Chaplains (April 28)**

Dr. Michael Wagenman is the chaplain at Western University, supported by the Christian Reformed Church. Mike challenges students as they ask questions about faith, Christianity and life. Students are supported through Jam sessions, coffee houses and Love Western Project.

[https://chaplain.uwo.ca/meet\\_the\\_chaplains/Christian%20Reformed%20Church.html](https://chaplain.uwo.ca/meet_the_chaplains/Christian%20Reformed%20Church.html)

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

# Birthdays



March 29: Dianne V  
March 31: Abigail S  
March 31: Maren R  
April 8: Didi v  
April 9: Jackie V  
April 13: Joe H  
April 15: Casper R  
April 15: Bea R  
April 18: Tanya S  
April 20: Diana R  
April 21: Annette W

*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)*



# Community News

## **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?**

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 more information and to register for both in-person and online, contact: [office@talbotstreetchurch.com](mailto:office@talbotstreetchurch.com).

## **SOCO Beach Project Update**

In this newsletter, see how we are casting vision for the SOCO house and property for additional retreats and young adult discipleship. Keep up to date with the renos. Pray for SOCO as we prepare for the summer 2024 participants. If you have a gently used/new fridge or dryer to donate to SOCO, see the newsletter for details:

<https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-march-21-6221513>

## **First CRC – Chatham : 100 years celebration**

The committee formed to celebrate and commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Christian Reformed Church in Ontario is looking for photographs, documents and other memorabilia which you may have to loan us for this milestone. First CRC Chatham was the first CRC in Ontario and we will be celebrating this event in 2026. Please contact the committee members listed below if you have anything that can assist in the history of First Chatham CRC. Liane Vanderveen, Tim Bisschop, Lena VanDyke, or George Flikweert or [1stcrcchatham@gmail.com](mailto:1stcrcchatham@gmail.com)

## **Happy Easter from Western Campus Ministry!**

In the power of the Resurrection, the early church went into the world on a mission of love. At Western Campus Ministry, we have been continuing to follow the risen Lord into many new and exciting opportunities to serve the university community. Feeding hungry students through our food pantry. Supporting student mental health through pastoral counselling. Mentoring graduate students through our leadership program. We have met many new students from around the world and their prayers have become our own. Join us in praying for our students from Palestine, Libya, India, South Africa, the USA, and Canada. Thank you for your ongoing support as we seek to respond to the tangible needs of students today. He is risen indeed!

~From Mike Wagenman, campus minister

