

REDEEMER REPORT



April 11, 2024

NEWSLETTER OF REDEEMER CRC
SARNIA, ON

info@redeemercrc.com



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



Upcoming Events & News

- The next Wednesday Worship takes place on April 17 at 3:30pm. If you would like a ride, please contact Didi v.
- *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.
- The three Christian Reformed Churches in Sarnia have decided to combine for the long weekend morning services this summer. The dates that we are worshipping at another church, Redeemer CRC will be closed. The schedule is as follows:
 - May 19 – Worship at Redeemer CRC (with First CRC)
 - June 30 – Worship at Redeemer CRC
 - August 4 – Worship at First CRC 10am
 - Sept. 1 – Worship at Living Hope CRC 10am
- The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, April 28, reminding us of the gift of Jesus' sacrifice

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Upcoming Events & News (con't)

Council Highlights April 2

1. Summer long weekend services will be combined. Redeemer will host June 30, First CRC will host August 4, and Living Hope CRC will host Sept. 1. The executives of the three CRC's are meeting semi-annually to discuss how to work together in the future.
2. Motion made and carried to accept the 2023 Examiners Report. The Financial Statements will be presented to the congregation at a meeting in late May or early June for discussion and approval.
3. Fall Council retreat will focus on revisiting the Vision/Mission/Values from a few years ago.
4. Office Administrator will be taking vacation the week of June 3-6.
5. Pastor reports that the winter internships are concluded and were very helpful. Summer intern fundraising goals are being prepared. Care for the church community is an ongoing area where more opportunities exist.
6. Delegates to the Classis meeting in Strathroy in May are Pastor Joe and Elder Wilma V.
7. No nominations for office bearers received from the congregation. People nominated by Council will be contacted by the Chair, Murray d.

Donations Received January 1 to March 31, 2024

General Fund	72,513.95
Lambton Christian School Society	487.05
Pioneers Christeena Nienhuis	384.00
Redeemer Online	948.50
World Renew General Fund	780.55
Deacons	3,242.05
Inn of the Good Shepherd	622.05
Bluewater Growing Project	507.05
Cadets	467.50
Friendship	384.00
Lambton Right to Life	402.05
Resonate Global Mission	439.00
NeighbourLink	871.05
Rock on Campus Ministry	<u>487.05</u>
	82,535.85



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

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)

Down Syndrome Association of Lambton County (May 5)

provides support for individuals with Down Syndrome and their families. They advocate for appropriate educational services for children and housing for adults. They also provide opportunities for individuals to participate in activities such as Special Olympics and musical presentations. Check out their Facebook page at Down Syndrome Association of Lambton County.

Women's Interval Home (May 12)

The Women's Interval Home of Sarnia and Lambton Inc. is a non-profit charitable organization established in 1977 to provide emergency shelter and counselling services to women and their children who have experienced abuse. The Home provides 24 hour emergency and short-term shelter, support, counselling, transitional services and child witness counselling. The Home strives to end the cycle of violence against women by working with local partners.

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

Birthdays

April 13: Joe H
April 15: Casper R
April 15: Bea R
April 18: Tanya S
April 20: Diana R
April 21: Annette W
April 23: Mel M
April 24: Janice B
April 24: Elysia R
April 25: Iede R
April 26: Coby D
April 28: Bill B



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
(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

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.

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

Youth/YA Worship Night

Join us at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock on Sunday, April 28 for another Youth & Young Adult Worship Evening, focusing on finding PURPOSE in Christ's Kingdom. 5:30pm Meal & Games and 7:00pm Worship with Rick Zomer from ThereforeGo Ministries. Meal and Game time is for Youth and Young Adults and their families, but ALL AGES are welcome to join for the worship service at 7:00!

Seniors Coffee Fellowship

We are excited to invite all seniors to come and fellowship together over coffee and dessert on Friday, April 26 at 10 a.m. at Living Hope Church, Sarnia. Pastor Rafik from Wyoming Christian Reformed Church will share some thoughts with us. All are most welcome!



**NEW
THRIVE
SESSIONS**

This April & May
Tuesdays @11:30-1

The poster features a circular inset image of three people sitting and talking in a meeting. At the bottom, there is a circular inset image of two women smiling and talking. The background is a light beige color with a wavy line graphic above the text.



**WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP**

April 17 @3:30pm

**5834 BLACKWELL
SIDE ROAD**

ALL WELCOME!

The poster has a light blue background with pink cherry blossom graphics in the corners. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, black, and pink fonts.