

REDEEMER REPORT

March 13, 2025



NEWSLETTER OF REDEEMER CRC
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Upcoming Events & News

- The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, March 30.
- The next Wednesday Worship is on March 19 at 3:30pm. If you need a ride, please contact Didi v or Gerald V.
- You are invited to a weekly prayer group that meets at Redeemer on Wednesdays at 11am. We are asking for God's direction and power in the current and future work of our church. Even if you are hesitant to pray aloud, you are welcome to join us with your silent prayers. Contact Joleen V for more information.

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

Connect

~In person gatherings Sundays at
10am

~ Weekly messages from Pastor Corey
Van Huizen on YouTube
<https://bit.ly/2vPON8L>

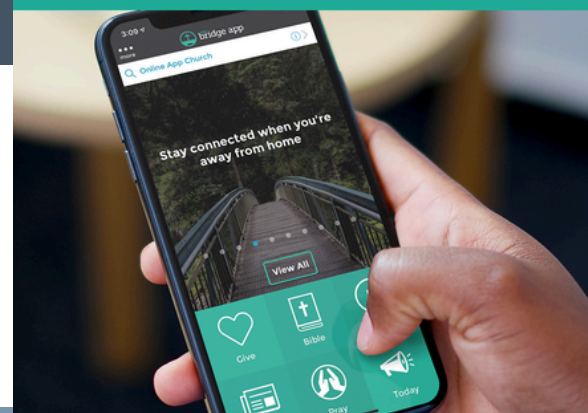
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Church on Facebook



~Redeemer Sarnia on Instagram



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Upcoming Events & News (con't)



You're invited to Come for Coffee!

On Sunday, March 30, connect with friends or meet some new ones over a cup of coffee at the home of a Mystery Host. Sign up as a guest on the sheet in the foyer (or as a host by placing a check by your name), or contact the church office by Sunday, March 23. During the following week we will let you know who your Mystery Host is. *Coffee's ON! Sunday March 30 (sign up by the 23rd)*

Council Highlights March 4 Meeting

1. The projector for the auditorium has been ordered. Wi-Fi repair has not been completed yet.
2. Motion made and carried to approve the Payments to Directors and Connected Persons document for 2024.
3. The accounting firm that has been hired advises that due to the combined income from Redeemer Online and Redeemer CRC, a full audit needs to be completed, instead of a review engagement. The cost will be the same at \$4500.
4. There are three vacancies on Council this spring, one Elder and two Deacons. Council put forth some names for nomination and the congregation will be asked to submit names as well.
5. Discussion held on Redeemer's mission, vision and values. Music ministry was flagged as an important piece of Redeemer's future.
6. Another membership gathering to connect with Council will take place this spring to continue the discussion on past decisions of Synod.

Nominations for Council

Council invites the congregation to submit names to the Office Administrator/Clerk for new Elders and Deacons by April 1. Those retiring from office are Wilma V (Elder), Paul B, and Mark R (Deacon). Please prayerfully consider whom you will nominate.



**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.

Upcoming Events & News (con't)

Care

Ministry

Frozen meals are available for anyone who is in need of a meal.

This can be for a new birth, sickness, death in a family, welcome to the neighborhood or any other reason you can think of to bless someone through this ministry.

Cisca :

Elaine:

Youth Alpha

Starting
February 5
@ 7pm



1281 Exmouth Street Sarnia

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

April 20, 2025 @
10AM

Redeemer CRC
5834 Blackwell Side
Road



Care
Care

Ministry
Ministry

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 18, 2025 @
10AM
Redeemer CRC
5834 Blackwell
Side Road



MARCH 19 @ 3:30PM

Wednesday

WORSHIP

5834 BLACKWELL
SIDE ROAD
ALL WELCOME!



GEMS Girls Club

Join us at Redeemer CRC
for a combined service
celebrating all things
GEMS on Sunday, May 4 at
10:00AM!



Opportunities to Give

Bluewater Growing Project (March 9) is comprised of farmers from Sarnia and Wyoming who use donated or rented land to grow crops to raise funds for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Offerings as ours help to cover some of the cost to make the project a reality.

NeighbourLink (March 16) 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.

Deacons (March 23)

The deacons at Redeemer partner with local organizations such as The Inn of Good Shepherd and NeighbourLink. The deacons also use donated funds to provide assistance for needs within our congregation and in our local community.

Encounter Campus Ministry – formerly Rock on Campus (March 30)

Doug Thompson has been serving as chaplain at Lambton College since 2014. This ministry allows students to explore how faith intersects with every day life.

Lambton Christian School Society (April 6)

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.

Downs Syndrome Association of Lambton County (April 13)

provides support for individuals with Downs 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 Downs Syndrome Association of Lambton County.

Birthdays

March 1:	Tina V
March 5:	Cisca D
March 5:	Eli R
March 8:	Carmen H
March 8:	Wilma V
March 9:	Lucas G
March 11:	Len S
March 14:	Deborah d
March 14:	Emma R
March 16:	Clarence D
March 19:	Declan D
March 25:	Janet S
March 25:	Dave G
March 25:	Jadyn S



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

Toward a CRC in Canada

In the November 24 issue of the *Christian Courier*, Virginia Lettinga spoke of the CRCNA as seeing itself as a denomination made up of “three strands”: the creedal/doctrinal/confessional strand, the Kuyperian/worldview strand and the pietistic/evangelical strand. Whereas this combination has not always been easy, when we listened to each other, and respected the others’ ideas, it has been extremely beneficial (“iron sharpens iron”). Virginia’s thesis is that at Synod 2024, the creedal/confessional strand asserted dominance over the other two, to the detriment of the ongoing witness inside and outside the church.

Saturday, March 8 (2:00 PM AT, 1:00 ET, 12:00 CT, 11:00 MT, 10:00 PT) join the conversation with Virginia and several respondents as we think through what is lost when one strand dominates the other two, and how we can help ensure the delicate and necessary balance among the strands of the CRC. All of this has profound importance for the CRC in Canada, since the three can inform each other, quicken each other, and hold each other accountable. When the creedal/confessional strand overwhelms the other two, a major Canadian voice is silenced. Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81771779798?pwd=w2Joxwp4oBEQmMkbr6rRbNesGvN3NP.1#success>

Save the Date: AOYC 2025!

The Ontario Youth Convention is excited to announce it’s return in 2025! Planning is well underway and it’s shaping up to be another awesome year of worship, activities, discussion, and community for youth and leaders! Mark May 17-19, 2025 in your calendars! The convention will be held at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. We encourage you to invite any highschool students and leaders in your life to register! Early bird registration will be open on March 1. To catch all the updates, follow us on social media: @allontario on Instagram All Ontario Youth Convention on Facebook) or check out our website: allontario.com. Thank you for supporting through prayers, donations, and volunteering!

Tending to our Relationships from Shalem Mental Health

Relationships need regular maintenance and at times, expert help. Many couples wait years before getting help, but earlier interventions can help replace negative interaction patterns with loving connections. For more information and resources to help maintain healthy connection follow this QR code link to read Shalem’s monthly Mental Health Matters article.



The image features the Shalem Mental Health Network logo in the top left corner, which includes a blue circular icon with a white bird-like shape and the text "shalem Mental Health Network". The background is a close-up photograph of two hands clasped together, one with a beaded bracelet and the other with a gold wire bracelet. At the bottom, there is a blue banner with white text that reads "Tending to our relationships" and "READ MORE here:". To the right of the banner is a QR code.

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