

REDEEMER REPORT

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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 April 16 at 3:30pm. If you need a ride, please contact Didi v or Gerald V.
- Pastor Joe has a classical appointment on April 27. Mr. Barry W will be bringing us the message that morning.
- 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
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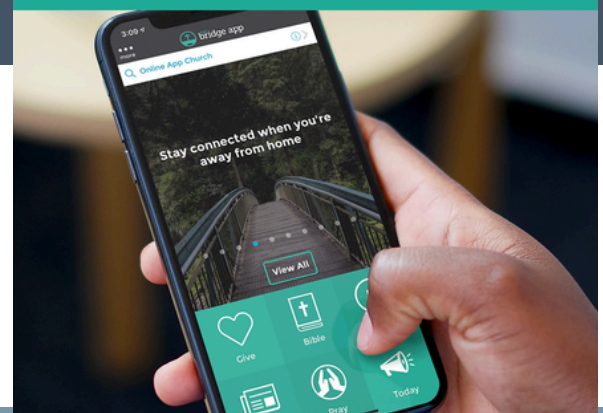
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Upcoming Events & News (con't)



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. We will let you know who your Mystery Host is on March 30.

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.

Bible Study

Elaine S and Wilma V are starting a bible study on Monday afternoons, twice a month from April to June. The group will meet in the Prayer Room at the church. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact Elaine at 519-908-9251.

Library Spotlight



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:



**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

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Opportunities to Give

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.

Women's Interval Home (April 13)

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.

Inn of the Good Shepherd (April 20) 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, and assistance with income tax returns, a back pack program for school children, The Lodge, The Haven, utilities support and many others.

UWO Chaplains (April 27)

The chaplaincy at Western University is supported by the Christian Reformed Church. Students are challenged as they ask questions about faith, Christianity and life. Students are supported through Jam sessions, Coffee Houses and Love Western Project.

GEMS (May 4) 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.

Lambton Right to Life (May 11)

Lambton Right-to-Life is a nondenominational, non-profit organization dedicated to teaching others the value of each human life as created by God – the unborn, the mentally challenged, the physically challenged, and the aged.

Deacons (May 18)

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.

Birthdays



March 29:	Dianne V
March 29:	Shawna S
March 31:	Abigail S
April 8:	Didi v
April 9:	Jackie V
April 13:	Joe H
April 15:	Casper 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

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



Friendship

Tuesday night *Friendship* begins again on April 22. We meet at Living Hope Christian Reformed Church from 7 – 8:15pm. If you can spare 1.5 hours of time every week from April – November to share with some energetic folks we welcome you. We like to sing, share a Bible story or life lesson and of course have snacks. We love our friends and time of fellowship. More volunteers to join our gathering are always welcome. Help our friends with challenges feel welcomed, known and loved. As volunteers, and in accordance with the CRC safe church guidelines, volunteers require an up to date police check. If you have any questions about our program, please call Mary Anne between 7- 10pm week days or anytime on the weekend. Check out <https://www.friendshipministries.ca/>

Soup and Bun Social

All are welcome to come and enjoy our next monthly Coffee Fellowship Event which will include soup and buns. Instead of meeting like we have in the past at 10 am., we will meet at 11:30am for lunch and fellowship and listen to Chaplain Doug Thomson talk to us about "Encounter Campus Ministries" at Lambton College. Please invite your friends and neighbours to join us on Friday, March 28 at 11:30am at Living Hope CRC. We would like to know how many will attend in order to prepare enough food so please RSVP to: Susan S or Carolyn N (Please note: a suggested donation of a minimum of \$5 per person is requested to cover expenses.)

Living Hope CRC presents Girls Night Out featuring Tess Scott, author of Listen Sister, PLUS comedian Joey I.L.O on Tuesday May 6 at 7pm. This event will be offered to all women of Sarnia-Lambton! Invite your friends and family to attend. Tickets for Living Hope members will be at the reduced rate of \$15 cash, during church office hours. Other guests should plan to purchase their tickets online, pricing varies. See posters and social media roll outs for more information and ticket links. Volunteer sign up at the Welcome Desk. For more information contact Lynn B or Maria V

Coping with Political Stress: How do you feel after watching the news lately?

Political stress from news and current events can feel overwhelming and exhausting, impacting our relationships and our mental health. These feelings are valid, indicating something we value is threatened. To cope, it's important that we cultivate peace, resilience and hope in our communities. For more information and resources scan this QR code or cut and paste this link to your browser:

<https://shalemnetwork.org/coping-with-political-stress/>



Join Indwell for a Special Welcome Event in Sarnia-Lambton!

Indwell, a Christian charity with a 50-year history dedicated to providing affordable and supportive housing, is excited to host an Open House on Tuesday, April 15, at the Four Points by Sheraton in Point Edward. This free community event gives you the chance to learn about Indwell's mission and the impact of supportive housing with 1,290 people in seven communities, while enjoying exclusive screenings of the documentary *Safe*. The film explores the difference permanent, stable and supportive housing makes in the lives of individuals struggling with mental health challenges and/or addiction. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., with film screenings at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. You will also have the opportunity to connect with Indwell representatives, mingle with like-minded people and discover how you can support the expansion of supportive housing in Sarnia-Lambton. Registration for the event is encouraged at [Indwell.ca/events](https://indwell.ca/events), but walk-ins are welcome, too.

Friends for Dinner Easter

Make a lasting difference here and overseas through the simple act of inviting an international student for dinner at Easter time. Through www.friendsfordinner.ca or www.f4d.ca, Christians can offer friendship and hospitality by welcoming international students into their homes and sharing the true meaning of Easter. Sign up today!