

REDEEMER REPORT

April 10, 2025



NEWSLETTER OF REDEEMER CRC
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Upcoming Events & News

- The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, April 20. The elements served are gluten free bread and grape juice.
- 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.
- There will be a membership meeting on Tuesday, May 6 from 6 to 7:30pm with pizza dinner and dessert. This will be a discussion meeting to reflect on and discuss the state of our denomination and where Redeemer sees itself in it. If you require a ride to the meeting, or assistance with babysitting please contact the church office at 519 542 4202 or info@redeemercrc.com.

Connect

~In person gatherings Sundays at
10am

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

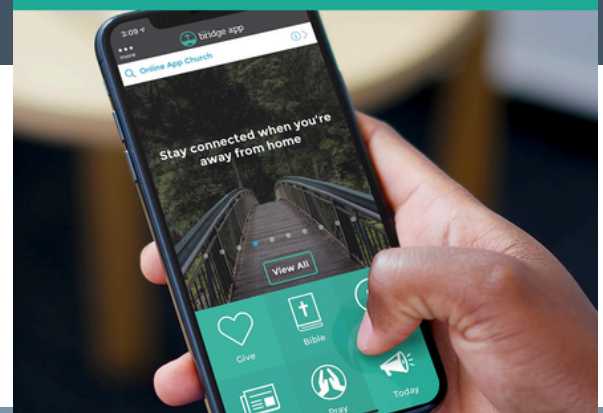
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Upcoming Events & News (con't)

Council Highlights, April 1 Meeting

1. Motion made and unanimously carried to affirm the following statement: *Council acknowledges that If Synod 2025 makes no significant modifications to the actions of the past three Synods, it appears that Redeemer CRC will need to leave the CRCNA. The actions of Synod have gone beyond the HSR (Human Sexuality Report) and have overstepped its (Synod's) authority by applying strict standards of conformity on office bearers, allowing little room for thoughtful questions about beliefs.* Council will host a pizza dinner followed by a membership meeting on May 6 to continue dialogue and discernment with the membership. Any decision regarding disaffiliation would be made by the membership following Synod 2025.
2. Motion made and carried to approve Tim I as a member of the Safe Church Team.
3. Pastor Joe is working with "nuSarnia" to develop an eight week service based experience for 12-17 year olds over the summer, called "Club Restore". The activities will include garbage pick up, trail clean up, building park benches and the like.
4. Harry v to attend the Classis Southwest chairpersons dinner April 2.
5. Communion elements will consist of grape juice and gluten free bread going forward.

Pizza Dinner and Dessert
MEMBERSHIP MEETING



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REDEEMER CRC	MAY 6TH	6-7:30PM
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**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)



You're invited to Come for Coffee!

On Sunday, April 27, 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, or contact the church office by Sunday, April 20. During the following week we will let you know who your Mystery Host is. *Coffee's ON!*

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.

Hey, let's pray!

Paul asked the Corinthians, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16) If you follow Jesus, you are the space where God dwells and meets His people. Where two or three or more Jesus followers gather, Jesus is surely there. This is your invitation to gather and pray. Contact Joleen V for more information about Wednesday prayer, or if you'd like to try a prayer group at a different time.

SUMMER 2025

Partnering with nusania
to care & serve
weekly

JOINING THE CLUB!
CLUB RESTORE

Take a little time each week this summer to make a big difference!

WHO?

- 12-17 yr olds + Interns
- 11 & under + parent supervision
- adult helpers*

WHEN?

- Once a week
- July - August
- Days & Times will vary

WHERE?

- Around Sarnia (not at church)
- Locations TBD

SIGN UP NOW

[LINKTR.EE/REDEMERCBC](https://linktr.ee/redemergence)

*Adult helpers require Vulnerable Sector Police Checks

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:

Upcoming Events & News (con't)



Opportunities to Give

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.

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

Birthdays



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
April 26:	Coby D
April 28:	Bill B
May 2:	Jamie M
May 4:	Jeannette T
May 4:	Gretha V

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 at 519-331-7542 between 7- 10pm week days or anytime on the weekend. Check out <https://www.friendshipministries.ca/>

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 Baarschers 226-349-4052 or Maria Vanderbeld 519-869-8231

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 11:30 for lunch and fellowship. Please invite your friends and neighbours to join us on Friday, April 25 at 11:30am. at Living Hope CRC. A speaker from "*The Greater Glass Company*" will give a short presentation on the issue of human sex trafficking, emphasizing the need to protect the vulnerable and providing resources to assist survivors. We would like to know how many will attend in order to prepare enough food so please RSVP to: Susan Schouten (519) 383-0434 or Carolyn Nienhuis (519) 383-0448. *Please note: a suggested donation of a minimum of \$5 per person is requested to cover expenses.

GEMS Occasion Card Fundraiser

This year GEMS has been creating handmade occasion cards for their fundraising and service project. Half of the proceeds will go towards the GEMS end of the year event at Lambton Centre and the other half of the proceeds will go towards the Sarnia Pregnancy Options Centre. Card bundles come with 6 cards that include a version of a Thank you card, a Get Well Soon, Happy Birthday, Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas card. Recommended donation amounts per bundle are \$20 but any donation towards this fundraiser is greatly appreciated.

Cards will be available at these times for purchase:

- GEMS Sunday, May 4 at Redeemer CRC from 9:30-11:30am
- Living Hope Office - April 29 to May 2 from 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Sarnia First Office -April 29 to April 30 from 9am -1 pm and May 1 from 9am - 4pm



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