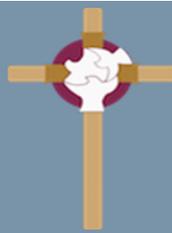


REDEEMER REPORT

October 9, 2025



NEWSLETTER OF REDEEMER CRC
SARNIA, ON

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Upcoming Events & News

- We will celebrate the Lord's Supper next on October 26. The elements served are gluten free bread and grape juice.
- Pastor Joe will be on vacation October 19, and Pastor Corey V will be providing a video message that day. Mr. Barry W will bring us the message on November 9, as Pastor Joe will be attending a conference.
- The offering envelopes for 2026 have arrived. If you use these envelopes and would like to have them for the New Year, you can pick them up during office hours (Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9AM and 1PM) or on Sundays. If you need assistance or can't find your number, please contact the office.
- Wednesday Worship starts up on October 15 at 3:30PM.
- Hey, let's pray! Most Wednesdays at 11 am in the church prayer room. Come join us! Contact Joleen V for more information.

Connect

~In person gatherings Sundays at
10am

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

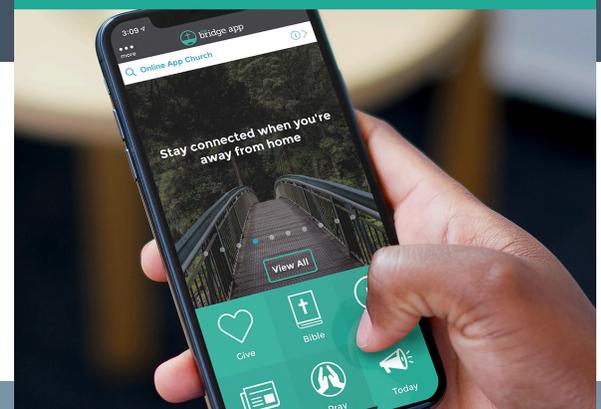
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Upcoming Events & News (con't)



You're invited to Come for Coffee!

Our next Monthly Coffee Social is scheduled for October 26. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

Redeemer's 6th annual Trunk or Treat is on Saturday, October 25! If you're interested in decorating your trunk or trick-or-treating with us, visit the website in our bio on Instagram (or the link below) to sign up now! Registration is completely free and this event is open to everyone.

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Christmas Market

Save the date! On November 15 we will be having a Christmas Market here at Redeemer CRC. We are looking for donations of homemade baking, jams, preserves, crafts, knitting, quilting, crocheting, woodwork, crafts, jewelry and more. Please contact Pastor Joe to let him know how you would like to contribute! Proceeds for Infinity Kids Camp.



Volunteers Needed!

If you are able to help out with either nursery volunteering or preparing and cleaning up the before the service coffee (once a month), please sign up on the the sheets on the foyer table. Thanks so much!

Council Highlights

1. Council retreat will be October 25 in Grand Bend.
2. We have hired one intern for the fall/winter - Lucy V.
3. Pastor Joe is deferring one week of vacation from 2025 to 2026.
4. Motion made and carried to accept the Office Administrator's letter of resignation with thanks for her years of service. Her last day will be January 31, 2026.
5. Motion made and carried to approve \$2500 for conference allowance for Next Step and Council members to attend the All Canada Church Summit in November.
6. Motion made and carried to approve the Caring Team's request to project pictures of home bound members, with their consent, twice a year during a service.
7. Motion made and carried to approve the revised Vision and Mission Document for addition to the Council Handbook.
8. Rob T provided a report on the work of the Facilities Team.
9. There have been 45 responses to the Directory Update Form request. Elders will follow up with those who have not made a submission.
10. Tom Laird and Rick VanManen are two additional people able to provide pulpit supply.
11. Letter of recommendation to be submitted to Classis for the renewal of Licensure to Exhort credentials for Barry Wright.
12. Motion made and carried to hold the Christmas dinner annually the first Sunday of December.

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

Upcoming Events & News (con't)

Highlights of Classis Ontario Southwest: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 hosted by Grace Church, Chatham. With 24 of 27 churches of classis gathered, 56 delegates (including 9 first-time delegates), Rev. Ralph Wigboldus (Chair) of Maranatha CRC, Woodstock and Rev. Andrew de Gelder (Vice-Chair) of Aylmer CRC, led us through our agenda.

Classis was blessed with opening worship led by Pastor Stephanie VanRooyen and Mr. Matt Weverink of the host church. Rev. Zach King, General Secretary of the CRCNA, led in devotions by reading and reflection on Haggai 2: 1-9.

Delegates and guests were encouraged by a number of reports and presentations throughout the day. For more detail, please refer to the Minutes which are available through your church or Ron Middel, stated clerk. The following are a few highlights.

- Considering the number of churches with pastor vacancies, classis approved that when 10 or more churches are without pastors, and have been approved to receive pulpit supply, that pulpit supply be provided once every other month.
- As Rev. Marcel Kuiper completed a term call at Fellowship Church (St. Thomas) on October 1, 2021 and has not accepted a call to another church or ministry, classis approved that he be released from the office of Minister of the Word (Art. 17-c C.O.).
- As Rev. John Moelker is unable to sign (or stand for) the Covenant for Officebearers at this time, at the request of Covenant CRC (Woodstock) and Rev. John Moelker, classis approved the release of Rev. Moelker from Covenant CRC (Art. 17-a C.O.).
- Classis approved that the job description for Aylmer CRC's Director of Youth and Worship Ministries is consistent with that of a Commissioned Pastor in the CRCNA. Classis then approved that Stefan Human be approved to serve in this position without re-examination. Pastor Human was previously examined by classis as a Commissioned Pastor.
- Classis examined and approved Mr. Tom Laird of Living Hope CRC (Sarnia) for License to Exhort.
- Classis approved the following appointments:
 - o Charlie Dykxhoorn (Aylmer) to serve as Church Visitor for East-Team 3
 - o Rev. Daniel Meyer (Good News, London) to serve as Church Visitor for East-Team 1
 - o Rev. Tim Luimes (Blenheim) as Alternate Synodical Deputy
 - o Sid Nutma (Wyoming) as Deacon-at-Large on CMC
 - o Rev. Peter Hoytema (Compass, Strathroy) as Pastor-at-Large on CMC
 - o Rev. Derek Bouma as Regional Pastor (Western)
- Classis continues to seek persons to serve as:
 - o Classical Safe Church Coordinator
 - o Nominating Committee member(s)
 - o Church Visitors – 2 pastor positions (East-Team 2 and East-Team 3)
 - o Diaconal Ministries Canada Board member
 - o Church Plant Team members

Please contact the Stated Clerk with any recommendations or questions.

- Classis approved the Auditor's Report and 2024 Financial Statements; approved keeping the mileage rate the same for 2026 @ \$0.62/km; approved increasing the remuneration for the Outreach Ministry Developer, Treasurer, and Stated Clerk by 2% for 2026; and approved the 2026 Ministry Share Budget. The 2026 budget is \$63.95 per professing member (an increase of \$0.46 /member).
- Classis elected the Officers and Directors of the Corporation for 2025-26: Rev. Tim Luimes, President; Ron Middel, Secretary and Vice-All; Harry Verburg, Treasurer.
- The next regular session of classis is scheduled, D.V., for Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at Crosspoint Community Church, Tillsonburg.

Opportunities to Give

Inn of the Good Shepherd (October 12) 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.

Lambton Christian School Society (October 19)
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.

Lambton County Refugee Committee (October 26)
This team, supported by four local CRC churches, completes the groundwork to bring and support refugees to our community. During the past years, this team has been able to support several refugee families. The Team continues to work with government and other agencies to continue this important work.

World Renew – World Hunger (November 2)
World Renew strives to eliminate hunger and malnutrition, and improve diet quality. Despite an increase in urbanization, over 821 million people around the world still go to bed hungry every night. Through gifts received, World Renew works to identify the root causes of food insecurity in order to strengthen the prosperity and well-being of communities around the globe.

Women's Interval Home (November 9)
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.

NeighbourLink Sarnia-Lambton (November 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.

Thanksgiving Food Drive – Inn of the Good Shepherd

We are still collecting food items until this Sunday for the Inn. Requested items are pasta sauce, canned pasta noodles, brown beans, Kraft dinner and peanut butter. Thank you in advance for your donations!

~Your Deacons

Birthdays

Oct. 10:	Trish V
Oct. 10:	Barry W
Oct. 11:	Don V
Oct. 14:	Patricia M
Oct. 16:	Amanda K
Oct. 17:	Alicia D
Oct. 17:	Elaine S
Oct. 20:	Anne L
Oct. 22:	Sydney M
Oct. 24:	Sally W
Oct. 28:	Fran V
Oct. 31:	Tracey L
Nov. 3:	Annette V
Nov. 8:	Tim I
Nov. 9:	Theodora 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

Seniors Appreciation Day

London Christian High invites you to Seniors Appreciation Day on Wednesday, October 15 from 9:30 to 1:00pm. We look forward to this special day of appreciation, where we celebrate the wonderful relationships you share with our students. You'll be treated to coffee, refreshments, an inspiring assembly, and the chance to visit classrooms to see firsthand the school community your grandchildren are part of. We will conclude the day with lunch alongside our staff, students and fellow guests. No RSVP is necessary. Gluten and dairy free options will be provided. For More information, see our event page at <https://londonchristianhigh.ca/event/seniors-appreciation-day-2025/>. We hope to see you then.

Women's Event

We're looking forward to our Women's Event on Saturday, November 1 from 9am – 2pm at Compass Community Church, 405 Drury Lane, Strathroy. Join us for a day of music and speakers – Debbie DeVries, Rebecca Nettleship and Sheryl Scott. Cost is \$25 per person which includes coffee, tea, snacks and lunch. There are a few options to register – E-transfer to treasurer@compasschurchstrathroy.ca (please put "retreat" in the memo) or Eventbrite – <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-god-who-sees-tickets-1681443295159?aff=oddtcreator>. We're going to have a great day together!

Soup and Bun Social

All are welcome to come and enjoy our next monthly Coffee Fellowship Event which will include soup and buns. We will meet at 11:30 for lunch and fellowship. Please invite your friends and neighbours to join us on Friday, October 31 at 11:30am. at Living Hope CRC, 1281 Exmouth Street, Sarnia. In light of Remembrance Day in early November, Warrant Officer James Dunn, CD (Retired) will talk to us about his experiences in the Canadian Military. 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.)

Thanksgiving Day Service at Living Hope CRC

Living Hope CRC invites all to their Thanksgiving Day service on Monday, October 13 at 10:00AM.

Youth Service at Living Hope CRC

You're Invited! Sunday, October 19 @ 5:00 PM. Come hang out for an awesome night of worship. Highschool youth are invited to stay for food, and games! Bring your friends, and get ready to connect, laugh, and grow in faith.



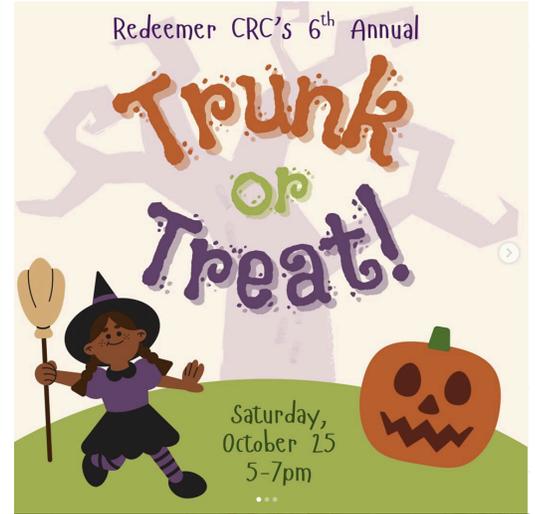
Your Stephen Ministry Leaders are here to help you! If you need a helping hand as you walk through a difficult time, please call Sara S, Diana W, or Pastor Joe for more information. We would love to connect you with a trained church member who will meet with you regularly as you sort out how to move forward.



**Christmas
Dinner and Program**

Sunday, December 7 at 5pm
Redeemer Christian Reformed Church

RSVP by Sunday, December 1 by calling 519-542-4202,
emailing info@redeemercrc.com
or signing up at the church



Redeemer CRC's 6th Annual
**Trunk
or
Treat!**

Saturday,
October 25
5-7pm



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 : 519-542-2364
Elaine: 519-908-9251



OCTOBER 15 @ 3:30PM

Wednesday
WORSHIP

5834 BLACKWELL
SIDE ROAD
ALL WELCOME!



REDEEMER CRC
**CHRISTMAS MARKET
NEEDS YOU!**

NOVEMBER 15, 2025: 9AM TO 1PM

HOW YOU CAN HELP
Homemade baking, jams, preserves, knitting, crochet, quilting, woodworking, crafts, jewelry, baskets, and more!

**LET US KNOW HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO
CONTRIBUTE! CONTACT PASTOR JOE
*PROCEEDS FOR INFINITY KIDS CAMP***