

REDEEMER REPORT

September 26, 2024



NEWSLETTER OF REDEEMER CRC
SARNIA, ON

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Connect

~In person gatherings Sundays at
10am

~ 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

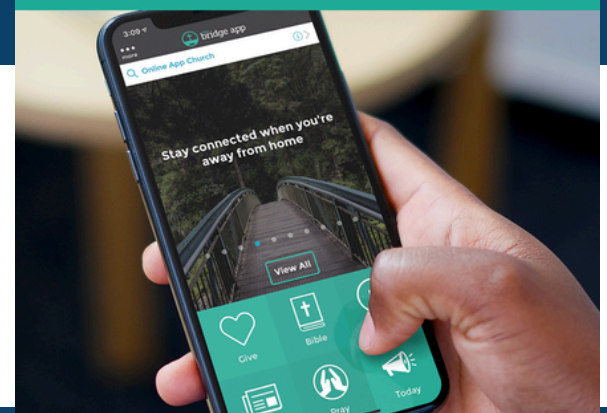
- The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, September 29.
- The next Wednesday Worship will be on October 16 at 3:30pm. If you need a ride, please contact Didi v or Gerald V
- Martin B was elected into a two year term as Deacon at the congregational meeting on September 8.
- Pastor Joe will be away on October 20. Elaine S will be bringing us a reading sermon message that day.
- 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. Questions? Contact Joleen V.



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

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Upcoming Events & News (con't)

Care Ministry

It has come to the attention of a number of us in the congregation that even though we have various ministries in our church, there are people who have been feeling missed in receiving pastoral and/or personal care. A few of us have been in discussion about how we can better serve those people who do not necessarily fall under the auspices of our current ministries.

We also recognize that we no longer have a Pastoral Care Team that we had in the past, who had a good pulse on the needs of the congregation. Therefore we have begun a Care Ministry to fill the gap and become more intentional in caring for the members of Redeemer CRC.

At this time we are focused on three areas of service:

1. A meal ministry has been established for those who need a meal. The meals have been prepared and are stocked in the freezer at church. Call us if you need a meal or know of someone who could use one. We will deliver it to you!
2. We are available for visits, phone calls or other ways to connect.
3. We hope to celebrate with you the special events in your lives; births, special birthdays 80+, anniversaries etc. with cards and other expressions of care.

We refer to ourselves as the Care Ministry Workers, which consists of Cisca D and Elaine S. We will enlist help as needed. It's our prayer that this ministry will be a blessing to everyone.

In His Service
Cisca D
Elaine S



**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

Opportunities to Give

The Rock on Campus (September 29) 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. www.therockoncampus.org or on Facebook - The Rock on Campus - Lambton College.

The Inn of the Good Shepherd (October 6) 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>

Missionary Christeena Nienhuis (October 13)
Our offering provides support to Christina as she works with new immigrants in the Owen Sound area. Christeena works with the organization Pioneers to teach English classes and coordinates volunteers to teach a class or tutor students.

Lambton Christian School Society (October 20)
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. www.sarniachristian.com

Lambton County Refugee Committee (October 27)
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 3)
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. <https://worldrenew.ca>

Birthdays



September 27:	Ira R
September 28:	Corene H
September 28:	Lainey R
September 29:	Coos V
October 2:	Len B
October 3:	Margaret V
October 4:	Brenda B
October 10:	Trish V
October 11:	Don V
October 14:	Trish M
October 16:	John V
October 16:	Amanda K

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

Fundraising Dinner

Exciting announcement! Living Hope will be hosting a fundraising dinner to raise \$25,000 to support Indwell support and housing in Sarnia. The event will be held in our Fellowship Hall on Friday Oct 25, from 5:30-8pm. 100 people will enjoy the evening, which will consist of a delicious full course roast beef meal, catered by the Willing Workers. A presentation will be given by an Indwell representative with some time for discussion. While dessert is served, we will enjoy the sounds of a local musical artist. You will receive a tax receipt for \$250 if you would like to attend and secure your reservation. Other donation options and event sponsorships are available. More information will be available on facebook and paper flyers posted at Living Hope. Please contact Lynn B for more information.

Monthly Coffee Social

In this beautiful fall season, we would like to welcome you all back to our Monthly Coffee Social. A wonderful time to gather with friends, family and neighbours over a fresh cup of coffee along with meaningful conversations and singing. All are welcome to come and join this time of fellowship, so spread the word and invite your family and friends. September 27, 10am at Living Hope CRC.

NeighbourLink has an urgent need to fill the treasurer position on the board of directors. Our current treasurer will be stepping down at the end of 2024, and we need to find a replacement as soon as possible. As treasurer, you must have some accounting knowledge, and be familiar with the Quicken program. You would be responsible for record keeping, preparing spending reports, and developing the annual budget. Accurate financial reporting and cheque writing are also part of the job. This *volunteer position* demands approximately 20 hours of per month, as well as attendance at the monthly board meetings. The current treasurer will guide you through the first month or two. Please prayerfully consider if this could be the place that God would have you serve. Send a resume of qualifications to neighbourlink@cogeco.net
If you have any questions you can contact the NeighbourLink office, 519-336-5465



Library Corner

Throughout the year, the Redeemer CRC church librarians will highlight newly purchased books as well as reading material currently in circulation that may be of interest.

If you have a book from the church library that you think would be a good one to spotlight, just let Wilma V or Elaine S know the title and we will include it!

Book Spotlight

One book recently purchased is entitled "Gratitude - Why Giving Thanks is the Key to Our Well-Being" authored by Cornelius Plantinga.

In his book, Plantinga shows that being grateful to God is not only our righteous duty but also the single best predictor of our well-being. While it is so easy to focus on the suffering, fears and worries that surround us, the writer places all of that in a larger context of provision, abundance and the deep joy of giving thanks



Community News (con't)

Workshop with Keith Getty

On Saturday, October 26, at 10 a.m., Redeemer University will be hosting world-renowned Christian singer and songwriter Keith Getty for a workshop titled "Christian Music for the Church Today." At this free workshop, Keith will share his perspective on what Christian music should look like and how to get good congregational participation in corporate worship. Keith will also talk about the songwriting process he, Kristyn, and their hymn-writing team use. Come learn musical insights from a professional Christian musician—and perhaps sing a song or two along the way! Registration required @ <https://www.redeemer.ca/events/christian-music-for-the-church-today/>

Friends 4 Dinner

Would you like to reach the nations from your home? You can! The Rock on Campus at Lambton College has partnered with Friends 4 Dinner to give you the opportunity to open your home to an international student for dinner over the Thanksgiving weekend. After all, evangelism is as simple as setting another plate at your table. Please consider the impact you can have on a student. The process is simple: You register, we match, enjoy your meal! Register at <https://friendsfordinner.ca/> today.

Ladies Bible study, Building Our Faith, will meet this Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 12.30PM. at Living Hope CRC. We are studying *Amazing Grace*. All ladies Welcome. For more information call Elza.

EVERYONE'S INVITED TO

TRUNK OR TREAT



4TH ANNUAL



SATURDAY
OCTOBER 26TH
TRUNK OR TREAT 5-7PM

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FROM ACROSS THE ROAD



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