

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship Service Streetlight Ministry-The Way
MONDAY		
TUESDAY	6:00 pm 6:45 pm	Mess Prep Catechism 3C's Practice
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am 5:00 pm 7:30 pm	Coffee Break Mess Worship Practice
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Cadets – no 8 year olds
FRIDAY	9:00 am	Collective Kitchen
SATURDAY	8:30 am	Yoga

GREETERS

Oct. 04	Pieter Pereboom and Margaret Dijkhuis Michelle Super
Oct. 11	John and Jody Timmerman Neil and Amber VanAndel



Discover Christ & Grow in Him.

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Sunday, OCTOBER 4, 2009

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WORSHIP: SUNDAY, October 4, 2009

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes. Rev 7: 9

Good Morning and welcome to First CRC. We are glad you came this morning to worship God among us.

The words of the creeds resonate inside of us: "one, holy, catholic, church". But what does the catholic part mean?

Well, here, it does not refer to the "Roman" Catholic church. Instead it goes back to the root of the word. Catholic with a small 'c', means general, universal, all inclusive. Although God begins by choosing one family and one nation to initiate his salvation story, his overall plan is to bring people of ALL nations to himself. We clearly find this plan throughout the sweep of the biblical story—as the trajectory of grace encompasses the diversity of people and nations. So too, our church should seek to reflect that as we seek to become a multi-generational, multi-cultural community.

Come back tonight for "The Way" service at 5:00 pm. The Way is an alternative style service in partnership with Streetlight Ministries.

This coming Thanksgiving weekend Pastor Pieter will be in Maryland on his bike, riding for charity in "The Seagull Century", with his brother Maarten.

Just a reminder of the Thanksgiving Day Worship Service to be held on Monday, October 12 at 10:00 am.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Oct. 04:	10:00 am	Pastor Pieter
	5:00 pm	Streetlight Ministry/The Way
Oct. 11	10:00 am	Pastor Kelly Sibthorpe
	5:00 pm	Streetlight Ministry/The Way
Oct. 12	10:00 am	Pastor Willemina
Oct. 18	10:00 am	Pastor Pieter
	5:00 pm	Streetlight Ministry/The Way

YOUTH

Youth

- No meeting Oct. 11 – Thanksgiving Sunday.
- SW forms, plus \$56 Cheque due to Anita today.
- Next meeting Sun., Oct. 18, 7:30 – 9:30 in the Youth Center.

CD's: Next meeting Oct. 17, 7:00 – 9:00 in the Youth Center.

Cadets: meet this week – no 8 year olds.

Catechism for grades 7-12 on Tuesday from **6:45-7:45 p.m.**

Grades 8 & 9 class—read Week 1: *The Attributes of God*

Reverse Offering for the Daily Bread Foodbank: Each day this week, at the Daily Bread Food Bank at St. Paul's church a few blocks away, 150 -200 people who might not have any other resources, will gather for a luncheon meal, hospitality, and compassionate support. Meanwhile, another 40 - 50 families - different people each day - look for assistance in providing a few groceries for the week. Please help today by taking a slip of paper (or 2 or more!) from the "reverse offering" basket and bring that/those products to church next Sunday or on Thanksgiving Day. Share your blessings with this visible gift: As well, a generous financial offering for the Daily Bread Food Bank next week allows bulk economical purchases of needed food and supplies. Thank you for sharing.

Offering:

Oct. 04: London Christian Academy (LCA) - is an interdenominational, Christian elementary school providing affordable education from a distinctly Christian perspective to students in Junior Kindergarten through to Grade 8. The mission of LCA is to offer Christ-centred education providing a solid foundation for life.

Oct. 12: Deacons – The Deacons receive many requests for assistance from the church and local community for food or financial support. Other roles of the deacons include: outreach ministry, encouraging stewardship in the church, awareness of local and global injustices and responding in compassion to those injustices and needs of the community.

SMALL GROUPS

Common Ground

Have you just graduated from high school? Are you a student at Western or Fanshawe? A working “twentysomething” looking for a place to connect? Tonight at 7:00 pm—come out for the movie, “Longford”, an HBO production about crime, punishment, redemption and forgiveness. We’ll be meeting at 18 Portal Crescent, Pastor Willemina & Chaplain Kelly’s house.

Griefshare Group: Struggling with the death of a loved one or know someone who is? Grief is a journey, but you don’t have to go it alone. This week’s session helps those who’ve lost a spouse/partner, think through critical issues involved in their healing. We meet this **Wed., Oct. 7** from **7:30 – 9:30 pm.** New members always welcome. Contact Pastor Willemina at raham@skynet.ca or 519-432-7997.

CoffeeBreak: Women’s Bible study: What is Coffeebreak? Each Wednesday, from **9:30 – 11:00 am.** women of all ages meet for worship, Bible Study, connecting and snacks. Scheduled nursery volunteers offer childcare. Come and check it out! Our first study is “The Beautiful Mess” as we explore how Christ teaches us to work through the messiness of our relationships—whether work, marriage, family or friends.

GEMS Fundraiser: Hand ‘n Hand: The GEMS of London First CRC will be selling cookie mixes, pretzel mix, and soup mixes for our fundraiser this year. We will partner with the GEMS Clubs in Zambia, Africa who will make potholders and ornaments to go along with our mixes. The sale of these mixes will help to support Zambian GEMS Clubs as well as clubs in North America, in particular, London First CRC GEMS. Please see one of our 45 GEMS or Sharon Flynn to purchase these items or for more details.

Seniors Thanksgiving Luncheon: If you are 65+ (or thereabouts!), mark **Thurs., Oct. 15** at **10:30 am** on your calendar. You don’t want to miss a fun time of giving thanks, conversation, games and a hot lunch. Hope to see you there.

Current: We meet every Sunday night at 6:00 pm. Tonight, we will meet at Kirsten and Hannah's home: 1290 Bentley Dr., Unit 29. Please bring your Bible and your thoughts on Revelation as we begin our upcoming Revelation Bible study. Contact Kirsten at keisinga@rogers.com or 519-936-8281 for more information.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS

We hope that you feel at home among us. We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, located in the pews, so that we can get to know you and meet your needs. Join us for refreshments in the downstairs Fellowship Hall, following the worship service. Our nursery, open to newborns and toddlers up to age 2, is located at the far west end of the church basement. Children, age 3 to grade 6, are dismissed as indicated in the order of service to Church School classes held in the upper and lower west sections of the church. (Children need to be picked up at their classroom.) Browse our Information Desk downstairs for information on our church, parking, Small Groups, as well as other ministries and classes that are available to you. If you have any questions, feel free to ask any member of the congregation or a pastor. Hearing assistance devices are available from the sound booth before the service. May you be blessed here today.

CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for:

- **Fred and Laura Nydam** as Fred remains in hospital. In addition to a course of chemotherapy, he began radiation this past week.
- **Gerda and Lloyd Oudman** as Gerda has early stage breast cancer. She is scheduled for a lumpectomy on Oct. 26.
- **Cor Van den Berge** as he’s undergoing tests as he hasn’t been feeling well.

A sincere thank you to everyone who sent flowers, cards, and condolences after losing Mary Jo’s father, Joe and then suddenly Joe’s brother, Paul. Your thoughts and prayers have been greatly felt and appreciated.

Jeff, Mary Jo, and Lucas Cain

Birthday Greetings to: **John Hildering** who celebrates his birthday on Oct. 9. God Bless.

Please notify the office with any pastoral care concerns.

Flu Season

As we are monitoring the situation with H1N1 in our community, we have been assured that there is no necessity to change our customs of shaking hands at this time. If the situation changes, we will make any necessary changes. For the time being, we have placed hand sanitizer dispensers in the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to make use of them.

CHURCH NEWS

Weekly Giving Announcement

Last Week Actual:	\$6,800.50
Budget Year to date required:	\$318,688.50
Year to date actual received:	\$280,040.08
Year to date giving deficiency:	\$38,648.42
Cause of the Day: Operation Manna:	\$686.90

THIRD QUARTER STATEMENTS (from the Finance Committee): Donation summaries for the period Jan. 1 to Sept. 29, 2009 are in your mailbox. Please review carefully and prayerfully consider the amount of your donations to date. For those who participated in Consecration Sunday, please reconcile against the amount you indicated on your Estimate of Giving Card 2008-2009. Questions, please contact the envelope administrators.

GROW update: For those of you, who have not submitted your completed pledge forms, please do so today. Extra forms are on the information desk. Check out the Building plans on display in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner: Looking for a place to enjoy a bountiful shared Thanksgiving dinner and afternoon of Christian fellowship? You are invited to come to Pastor Pieter, Margaret and Jonathan's home on **Sun. Oct. 18** (*the weekend after Thanksgiving*) after our morning service. Singles, families and friends-all are welcome. Rides will be available. Please sign up at the Information Desk downstairs, and/or contact Margaret at 519-666-1100 or mdijkhuis@ldcss.ca to see how you can contribute to the festivities.

Dunamis Conference: Ignite II: For many of us, the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives is a bit of a mystery. For a rooted, Reformed perspective on a Spirit-filled life, mark **Fri. Oct. 23 (7-9:00 pm.) – Sat. Oct. 24 (9 am – 5 pm)** on your calendar. Learn how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to do the work of Jesus Christ. The conference, hosted at **London First CRC** includes: worship, teaching, testimonies, practical application, prayer and community building. Contact Pastor Willemina Zwart at raham@skynet.ca or 519-432-7997.

Musicians Needed: The Worship Leadership Team needs more musicians for our Sunday morning worship services. We are seeking piano players, guitarists (of any kind) and drummers. Please see one of our pastors, the church office or any team leader if you feel that you have the ability to lead in any one of these areas.

CHURCH AND OTHER EVENTS

Harvest tea at London Christian Elementary School: Grandparents and Senior friends are invited to LCES for our annual Harvest Tea on Fri. Oct. 9. Visit with your grandchildren. Have coffee/tea and goodies in the gym from 9:00 - 10:30 am. After recess, there is a special program from 11:00 - 12:00 at Royal View Church. A light lunch will be served.

Day of Encouragement: This is an annual one day conference open to Elders, Deacons and members of the congregation to be held at Redeemer University College in Ancaster on Sat. Oct. 17. It is a day of inspiration, encouragement and training designed to equip leaders for ministry in our church through workshops and fellowship with other churches. Please contact Kirsten at keisinga@rogers.com or 519-936-8281 for more information or visit www.diaconalministries.com and click on the link. The cost is covered by the Deacons and early registration ends October 7.

Church Directory: In preparation for the new church directory, information sheets with names and addresses are located in the Fellowship hall. Please check your information, make any necessary changes and sign your initials to indicate you have checked it. If you are new to the community and consider this as your home church, please add your name and current address.

E-Cards: Did you know that you could send an E-Card to patients in any London hospital? Go to the London Health Sciences Centre website; in lower right hand corner you'll see "Send a Patient an E-Card"; click on that and it will take you to the site you need.

Reformation Service: The host church, Ingersoll CRC, would like to invite churches from Classes Chatham East to our annual combined Reformation Rally to be held on Sun., Oct. 25, 2009 at 4:00 pm. at the Strathroy East CRC. Guest speaker will be Pastor Dirk Miedema, from Woodstock Maranatha CRC. Nursery service will be available, as well as large print copies of the songs. The collection will be for "Rehoboth Home". Refreshments served immediately after the service, so please stay and join us. If you have questions, contact your church representative (our representative is Mae Bork, 519-434-9022).