

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship Service Streetlight Ministry-The Way
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		3C's Practice
WEDNESDAY	4:00-5:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:30 pm	Mess Prep Mess Worship Practice
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		

GREETERS

Aug. 02	John and Elly DeVries Matt deWit and Nik Maloney
Aug. 09	Rick and Corinne Dykstra Kristen Dykstra and Amber McCallum



Discover Christ & Grow in Him.

First Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, Aug. 02, 2009

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WORSHIP: SUNDAY, Aug. 02, 2009

And I ask God that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all Christians the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love.

~Ephesians 3: 17b

Good morning and welcome to worship. Please stay after church for some tea and coffee (hopefully outside, weather permitting).

With all the rain we've been having, the weeds in my garden have been growing relentlessly. I was outside this week, pulling out the weeds by their roots. Nearby were a few young cucumber shoots I had planted, and accidently, I pulled up one of the plants, roots and all, with the weeds. With a gasp of horror and a sense of guilt over being such a poor gardener, I quickly patted the plant back into the dark earth. Thankfully, it doesn't seem to be the worse for wear...so far... (Maybe I'll let my husband do the weeding next time.)

Roots are vital for a plant's growth. Through the roots, the plant draws in water and all the rich nutrients the earth can provide. Roots also provide a structural function as well. The deeper the roots, the more sturdy the plant. Even storms won't be able to topple a well-rooted plant or tree.

In this morning's passage, Paul picks up on this image of roots and planting. We, too, are like plants. We need to be rooted in something so that we can grow into all that Christ has designed us to be. What is that deep soil our souls need to sink their roots into? The nutritious, life-giving love of Christ which will keep us upright even through the fiercest storms of life.

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

Pastor Pieter is on vacation and will return August 16.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Aug. 09	10:00 am	Brian Bork
	5:00 pm	Streetlight Ministry/The Way
Aug. 16:	10:00 am	Pastor Pieter
	5:00 pm	Streetlight Ministry/The Way

YOUTH

Youth Grades 9 – 12

- Happy Summer!

CD's

- Movie night at Amber and Neil's house, Sat. August 15. Details pending.

Offering:

Aug. 02: Homestead Christian Care

Homestead Christian Care is a charitable organization that offers people living with a mental illness, affordable and supportive housing. Homestead currently works out of Hamilton and Oxford County and is always looking for opportunities for expansion.

Aug. 09: First CRC Deacons

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?

This week, on Tuesday, August 4th. we'll be taking some time for "Heart Reflections". As we consider how to navigate and nurture healthy relationships, we need to start with ourselves...from the inside out. God invites us to let him in and make changes in the deep places of our hearts. Come out to Pastor Willemina's house—18 Portal Crescent. For more information or directions, contact Pastor Willemina at raham@skynet.ca.

Fall Small Groups

Even though it still feels like we are waiting for summer, fall will eventually come. And with it, a new season of small groups. So, if you're willing to lead a small group—whether bible study, book discussion, walking, biking, woodworking—you name it—please contact Pastor Willemina at raham@skynet.ca or 519-432-7997.

Beach Day

Join your First CRC friends on Sunday, Aug 16th after church at The Pinery Provincial Park (day use area #5) for some "fun in the sun"! Pack a picnic lunch and come out for an informal get-together of fun and fellowship. Contact Brenda Hiemstra at brendahiemstra@hotmail.com if you'd like more information.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS

We hope that you will 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 through 2 year olds, is located at the far west end of the church basement. Children, age 3 to age 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, our Alpha program, Small Groups, as well as other ministries and classes available to you. Hearing assistance devices are available from the sound booth before the service. If you have any questions, feel free to ask any member of the congregation or a pastor. May you be blessed here today.

CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for:

- **Marg Wiersma** who is doing well but is waiting to hear the final results from her lumpectomy.
- **Abeta DeKoker** who was admitted to hospital last week due to a severe reaction to her chemotherapy.
- **Tine and John VanHouwelingen** as John is still healing from surgery.
- **Nick and Alice Baratta** as Nick had surgery to remove his thyroid on Thursday.
- **Reuel VanTil** who was in the hospital this past week but hopes to come home this weekend.
- **Harry DeJonge** as he continues to recuperate from hip surgery. Visitors are most welcome as the recovery process is slow.

Birthday Greetings to: **Jacob Vanderleeuw** (Aug. 03) and **Jane Veenhof** (Aug. 08) who celebrate their birthdays this week. God Bless.

Please notify the office with any pastoral care concerns.

Bethel News:

Christian sympathy is extended to **Frans Heuving** with the passing of his oldest brother in Ottawa and with **Art and Grace Stelpstra** with the passing of Grace's brother in Holland. **Frans Heuving's** surgery will have to be rescheduled. Continue to pray for **John Haagsma** still undergoing cancer treatments, and **Tina Sandink** receiving radiation treatment.

CHURCH NEWS

Weekly Giving Announcement

Last Week Actual:	\$5,904.00
Budget Year to date required:	\$245,145.00
Year to date actual received:	\$218,230.00
Year to date giving deficiency:	\$26,915.00
Cause of the Day: Dordt College	\$344.40

Financial – Local Ministries

"Please keep our local ministries in mind as we approach the summer months when many of us tend to travel. We are currently at less than the budget we passed for 2009 in the budget requirements year to date figure. Please help us out in our commitment to our local ministries."

Golden Wedding Anniversary

The Pestell family is happy to announce the Golden Wedding Anniversary of our parents, David and Ursula who were married in Montreal, Aug. 1st. 1959. They have three daughters, eight grand children and two great-grand children who live from coast to coast in our great country. The Lord has truly blessed their union, praise his name. With all our love, Linda, Debbie and Barbara

Christian Festival Concert

A Christian Festival Concert, will be held at Roy Thomson Hall, (Toronto), on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7.30 pm. It will feature a large choir [Ontario Christian Music Assembly] under the direction of Leendert Kooy, with Andre Knevel at the organ and many more new and exciting artists. It promises to be a wonderful evening of praise. Upon request for the London area, we are organizing to fill a bus. We have tentatively booked a coach, fully equipped for a cost of \$20.00 per person to leave London at 3.00 pm. from Bethel CRC [for car parking] and return from Toronto at 11.00 pm. We have acquired a bloc of 50 tickets, main floor at \$30.00 each. These are excellent seats. For tickets with, bus reservation, call John Witteveen at 519-472-0605. It will be on a first come basis.

Your Belongings From Serve

Please check the table in front of the information desk in the fellowship hall to reclaim any tools, coolers or dishes you may have lent to SERVE. There are also some larger tools in front of the south window. Thanks for lending these items for the SERVEants to use!

CHURCH AND OTHER EVENTS

FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 TO 6 (born 2003 - 2006) church school is available throughout the summer, led by parent-teachers. Children will leave for their classes part-way through the worship service, when noted in the liturgy. They will remain in their classrooms until a caregiver picks them up.

FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 2 - 8: A variety of Sunday school papers is available, in addition to the children's bulletin, on the registers as you enter the sanctuary this summer. (They're labelled Grades 2-4 and Grades 4-8). Help yourself, and please return the markers as you leave at the end of the service.

Apartment for Rent: a one bedroom apartment at 101 Kent Street will be available for rent on September 01, 2009. This well maintained building is located directly north of the church and owned by First CRC. Rent is \$560 per month, plus electricity. Contact Roy Dias at 519-434-1119, 519-520-3285, or roy_dias@mac.com.

LCES Gift Card Fundraising: Did you know we continue to sell gift cards throughout the summer? We will be selling them from My Neighbour's Closet on Thurs. July 30 from 10:00 am. -12:00 pm. (debit available). Can't make that time, give Carolyn teBokkel a call at 519-461-0853 to order.

Senior's Day: All Senior's are invited to a SENIOR'S DAY at Lakewood Christian Campground on Thurs. August 20. Coffee will be ready at 9:00 a.m. The speaker for the day will be Pastor Kevin Mahon, with the MC being Pastor Warren Kimball. Bring your own lunch and lawn chairs. Refreshments provided. Come out for a day of fun and fellowship! Cost is \$6.00. Call Lakewood at 519-899-4415 for more information.

Apartment Wanted: I am attending Fanshawe College this September. I am looking to board with someone or for an apartment with basic utilities. My price limit is \$500 per month (negotiable). I plan to be at my own home most weekends; am a non-smoker, am easy to get along with, and a practicing Christian. Phone: 519-647-2936 after 6:00 pm. E-mail: kverdonk@gmail.com.

Roommate Wanted! \$340 per month, including utilities. Steps from direct buses to both UWO and Fanshawe campuses. If interested call Erin de Vries at 519-432-3801 or email: erindv@gmail.com.