

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. 09	Rick and Corinne Dykstra Kristen Dykstra and Amber McCallum
Aug. 16	Scott and Linda Fletcher Lena Geleyse



Discover Christ & Grow in Him.

First Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, Aug. 09, 2009

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WORSHIP: SUNDAY, Aug. 09, 2009

Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.
~Deuteronomy 5:15

Welcome to worship! We especially want to welcome Brian Bork as he gives us the message this morning. Having grown up in this church, he now works as the chaplain at the University of Waterloo. He'll be focusing on Sabbath—that time of rest God commanded his people to keep. Brian will invite us to consider that Sabbath is a means to liberation - an appropriate word for us as we are currently in the time of vacations and rest from our regular rhythms of work. Thanks to Anita Plat-Kuiken, our youth director, as she assists Brian by leading us in the liturgy.

Please join us for a time of coffee and tea after the service. Weather permitting we'll be outside—but in case of rain, come downstairs to the fellowship hall.

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

Pastor Willemina is assisting with communion at Good News Church this morning. Pastor Pieter is on vacation and will return August 16.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Aug. 16	10:00 am	Pastor Pieter
	5:00 pm	Streetlight Ministry/The Way
Aug. 23:	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. 09: First CRC Deacons

There have been many requests for assistance from the deacons. Deacons show compassion to the needy; stimulate the members of our church to stewardship of their time, talents and money; are involved in outreach ministry in our community; and help the congregation become aware of/and respond to injustices: e.g., refugee settlement, world hunger, abortion and government social policies. Please give generously

Aug. 16: Tuition Assistance Fund

The Tuition Assistance Fund provides financial aid to members of the London chapter of the London Christian School Society, who have demonstrated legitimate financial need. Please support Christian education with your donations to this fund.

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?

The last social of the summer is planned for this Tuesday. Please check your email for further details!

Fall Small Groups

Even though it now feels like summer, fall is not far behind. 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:

- **Dwayne and Karin Decaluwe** celebrating the birth of a daughter, **Claire Maria Karin**, weighing 6 lbs 15 oz; a sister for **Morgan**.
- **Marg Wiersma** who is doing well but is waiting to hear the final results from her lumpectomy.
- **Abeta DeKoker** who is back home but still undergoing chemotherapy.
- **Tine and John VanHouwelingen** as John is still healing from surgery and Tine is dealing with some back pain.
- **John and Sandra Elsinga** preparing to leave for Cedar Rapids, Iowa from August 13-29 as part of a reconstruction team with Disaster Relief Services.
- **Melissa Flynn** as the dental surgeon will remove four wisdom teeth and a molar on Thurs. August 13th, as well as a procedure on a sixth tooth.
- **Jane and Herman VanDyke** as Jane moved into Kensington Village on Friday.

New Email Address for Benj and Wilma Gesink: wbgesink@rogers.com

Birthday Greetings to: **Grace Dykstra** (Aug. 16) who celebrates her birthday this week. God Bless.

Please notify the office with any pastoral care concerns.

CHURCH NEWS

Weekly Giving Announcement

Last Week Actual:	\$7,537.00
Budget Year to date required:	\$253,317.00
Year to date actual received:	\$225,738.00
Year to date giving deficiency:	\$27,579.00
Cause of the Day: Homestead Christian Care	\$916.75

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."

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!

CRC Loose Spokes Connect at the MS Bike Tour.

On July 25 & 26 our team of 44 members of Christian Reformed Churches in southern Ontario were part of 1,550 riders covering 160 km (Grand Bend to London, and back!) and raising over \$920,000 for the research and support services of the MS Society of Canada. We are thankful to the MS Society staff and volunteers for a well run bike tour and to all those who sponsored us and provided other expressions of support. We especially give thanks to God for safety and for opportunities to share and show that while we are "loose spokes", imperfect in ourselves, we all connect to Christ as the "hub" who holds us tightly and helps us "roll" rightly. What an opportunity to be the church, in Jesus' name, bringing help and hope to those struggling daily with the chronic impact of MS. – *Pastor Ray Vander Kooij, MS tour cyclist, on behalf of the CRC Loose Spokes Team*

Good News CRC: Early Wednesday, Calvin Davies' father went to be with His Lord and Saviour. We pray for Calvin, Jan and their family, and for Calvin's mother as they mourn this loss.

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.

ARE YOU LISTENING? Do you hear God's whisper? Or maybe He is shouting out to you? Please listen to Him. I have been praying that God will bring women leaders forward for the GEMS Girls' Club ministry at First CRC. Maybe God is calling you? Maybe God has given you the name of someone else. Please listen to Him who knows far more than you or I will ever know. Please talk with me about God's nudge, or maybe His push, for you or someone you know to become a GEMS leader. Sharon Flynn 519-453-0315

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.

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.

Dutch Hymn Sing: The fourth annual Dutch Hymn Sing is planned for Wed. August 26th at 2 p.m. at Westmount CRC, 405 Drury Lane, Strathroy. If you love the hymns and psalms you learned in your youth, please come as we sing praise to God in the Dutch language.