

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. 23	Benj and Wilma Gesink Kees and Jeany Kaptein
Aug. 30	Tom and Audrey Kempkes Ed and Lennie Lammers



Discover Christ & Grow in Him.

First Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009

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WORSHIP: SUNDAY, Aug. 23, 2009

**Be careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise,
making the most of every opportunity.**

Eph 5: 15 - 16a

Good morning and welcome to First CRC. We are glad you have come this morning. A special welcome to guests. Please let us know who you are by way of the welcome cards and let us know how we can best serve you.

This morning Pastor Pieter continues with the summer sermon series on Ephesians. Over the last few weeks, we have been urged that our walk must no longer be according to the world, the flesh, the devil, or like pagans. Instead our walk must be worthy of God's call, in love, and as children of light. In today's reading God further urges us to be wise, not foolish, about how we live, that we line up our choices with God's will for us. He further urges us to let the Holy Spirit have sway in our lives.

This morning we will witness the Children's Profession of Faith, first stage, of **Kyrsten and Megan Boer** and welcome them to participation in the Lord's Supper.

Next week, we will celebrate God's love for us, shown in baptism, for **Brooklyn Geanne DeVries**, infant daughter of Dave and Coby and sister to Emma-Leigh, Alexandria and Nycole.

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Aug. 30	10:00 am	Pastor Willemina
	5:00 pm	Streetlight Ministry/The Way
Sept. 06:	10:00 am	Pastor Pieter
	5:00 pm	Streetlight Ministry/The Way

YOUTH

Youth Grades 9 – 12

- Happy Summer!

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Offering:

Aug. 23: Ark Aid

The work and ministry of the Ark Aid Street Mission is dedicated to helping anyone in their time of need, regardless of colour, race or creed. They provide holistic services and strive to meet the physical, spiritual, mental, emotional and social needs of each individual. With the support of many volunteers and financial donations, Ark Aid serves meals among the street level people of London at their location on Dundas Street. Please help them bring dignity to the disadvantaged.

Aug. 30: Diaconal Ministries Canada

(DMC) partners with churches and para-church organizations across Canada to demonstrate God's love in the community. Their mission is to inspire, equip and encourage deacons and their partners in transforming communities with the love of Christ through training, outreach, partnership and promotion.

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?

As you wind down from the summer and gear up for the fall, mark **Sunday, September 13** as the **Common Ground BBQ kick-off**. Know anyone coming to London for school or work—please pass on the invitation. For more information, contact Pastor Willemina at raham@skynet.ca

Church Picnic

Mark your calendars for the church picnic on Sunday, September 20th after church.

Fall Small Groups

Even though it now feels like summer, fall is not far behind. With it comes a new season of small groups. 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.

Christ Centered Yoga

After much demand, Christ Centered Yoga is BACK! The details are as follows:

When: Saturday, September 12th
Where: Fellowship Hall
Time: 8:30 am. to 9:40 am.
What to bring: Yoga mat, bottle of water, Bible and a friend!
Who? Everyone!

Questions? Email or call Linda Fletcher at slfletcher@sympatico.ca or 519-473-2362. (Let Linda know if you would like to sign up. It will be in the Small Group handbook.)

Resource Table

Are you in a small group or want to lead a small group, but have no idea what resources to use? Do you want some new devotional material for yourself or your family? Check out the resource table in the Fellowship Hall. Material will be available after church on **Sunday, August 30th**. We'll have a whole assortment of books, DVDs and study guides from the Navigators Resource Centre in Arva.

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 old, 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

Please pray for:

- **Abeta DeKoker** who is taking a break from her chemotherapy treatment for a few weeks so she can build up her strength.
- **The Cains as Mary Jo's father, Joe Napper**, recovers from a stroke and injuries from an accident.
- **Keith VanRys, Ada Van Arnhem and Anne VanderLaan** in the passing of their brother Dick VanRys at age 86 in Grand Rapids.
- **Fred Nydam** as he's back home after a weekend in the hospital. He is waiting to hear back on the scans concerning his esophagus.
- **John Van Houwelingen** as he received positive news about his surgery and prepares for a follow-up surgery to fully remove the cancer on his bladder.
- **Hennie Duyker** who was fitted with a pacemaker last week to remedy a weak blood flow.

Birthday Greetings to: **Ed Lammers** (Aug. 26) who celebrates his birthday this week. God Bless.

Please notify the office with any pastoral care concerns.

CHURCH NEWS

Weekly Giving Announcement

Last Week Actual:	\$5,328.00
Budget Year to date required:	\$269,660.00
Year to date actual received:	\$238,116.00
Year to date giving deficiency:	\$31,543.00
Cause of the Day:Tuition Assistance Fund:	\$537.96

Reclaim

Please reclaim the tools that you lent to SERVE in July. These items are on the table in front of the Information Desk downstairs, in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for lending them to the Serveants to use.

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.

BETHEL CRC News

We continue to hold up in prayer the following people: **Frans Heuving** recovering from his surgery last month; **Bernie Kobes** who recently broke his elbow after a fall; **Russ Knapper's** father who has been hospitalized due to a stroke; and **Grace Brus' mother** who was able to be released from hospital after an almost nine-week-long stay.

CHURCH AND OTHER EVENTS

CHURCH School News:

Wow! We're thrilled by the number of people who have expressed willingness to serve as teachers this fall! We are putting together a schedule right now, based on the ages and frequency that volunteer teachers have suggested and will have that posted by next week.

Meantime, we are still looking for four teachers -- we can fit the schedule to meet your needs! Please call Deb Flaherty at 519-691-0657.

So far, **please note** there will be NO church school on September 6 as no parents have signed up to teach that day. Check back next week for an update.

Regular church school starts for ages 3 to Grade 6 on September 13. Be ready to rock with the Water of Life!

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

Coming to Waterloo in the Fall?

If you are a new or returning university or college student coming to the Waterloo area, please join us on September 13 for our special "welcome to the students" Sunday. You, your parents and friends are welcome to join us for lunch after the service. Get to know the people in our church, our pastor, and Chaplain Brian Bork. The service will be held at Waterloo CRC on 209 Bearinger Ave. in Waterloo, at 10:30 am. We hope to see you there!

Dutch Service

A service in Dutch will be held in Ancaster Christian Reformed Church on August 30, at 3:00 pm. Rev. Jacob Kuntz will be preaching.