

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. 30	Tom and Audrey Kempkes Ed and Lennie Lammers
Sept. 06	Jeff and Cheryl Lantz Grant and Cathy Linnell

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Discover Christ & Grow in Him.

First Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009

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WORSHIP: SUNDAY, Aug. 30, 2009

Therefore, put on the whole armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.
~Ephesians 6: 13

Good morning and welcome to worship. We especially want to welcome the friends and family of David and Coby DeVries. We will be celebrating the baptism of their newest daughter, **Brooklyn Geanne DeVries**, sister to Emma-Leigh, Alexandria and Nycole.

During the summer months, we've been walking through the book of Ephesians. We heard the good news that we've been chosen by God in Christ. We've been commanded to break down the walls of hostility in our relationships. Paul unabashedly reminded us of the amazing, overwhelming, extravagant love God has for us. In that love, God has given each of us a calling—a specific task in his kingdom work. Then, last week we heard why life in Christ is THE best way—a way to live wisely in difficult times.

Now at the end of the book, Paul gives us his final teaching. He gives it to us straight. We are in a battle. We know this is especially true when the storms of life hit us unexpectedly—Satan's attempt to blindside us and throw us to the ground for the kill. He wants to break us, to poison our hearts with bitterness and defeat, ultimately choking our faith and hope in God. But there is another way—putting on the armour of God, so we will stand and stand firm until the battle dust settles and the King reclaims his own.

Pastor Pieter is at Strathroy Westmount CRC this morning assisting with the installation of their new pastor.

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

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Sept. 06	10:00 am	Pastor Pieter
	5:00 pm	Streetlight Ministry/The Way
Sept. 13:	10:00 am	Pastor Pieter
	5:00 pm	Streetlight Ministry/The Way

YOUTH

Youth Grades 9 – 12

- Happy Summer!

CD's

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Offering:

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.

Sept. 06 Deacons

The Deacons receive many requests for assistance from the church and local community for food or financial support. Please support us as we help support other people in the London community. 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? 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

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!

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!
Email or call Linda Fletcher at slfletcher@sympatico.ca or 519-473-2362.

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. We are starting a Griefshare group on Wednesday, **Sept. 16** from **7:00 – 9:00 pm**. This group meets every week to explore the various aspects of the grieving process. For more information, contact Pastor Willemina at raham@skynet.ca or 519-432-7997.

Resource Table—TODAY!

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. We 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 back in the hospital as she struggles with her chemotherapy treatments.
- **The Cains** as **Mary Jo’s father, Joe Knapper**, passed away on Tuesday. The funeral was this past Friday.
- **The Nydam family** as **Fred** was diagnosed with esophageal cancer which has spread to the lymph nodes and liver. Currently, they are investigating chemotherapy and radiation to prolong his life.
- **Wiepe Witteveen** who is undergoing knee surgery on Monday.

Birthday Greetings to: **Kees Kaptein** (Aug. 31) and **Sylvia Marissen** (Sept. 01) and who celebrate their birthdays this week. God Bless.

Please notify the office with any pastoral care concerns.

Church Office

On Wednesdays from 11:30 am. – 1:30 pm., the staff will be having their weekly meetings. Please note that the office will be temporarily closed during that time.

CHURCH NEWS

Weekly Giving Announcement

Last Week Actual:	\$5,050.00
Budget Year to date required:	\$277,831.00
Year to date actual received:	\$243,116.00
Year to date giving deficiency:	\$34,665.00
Cause of the Day: Ark Aid:	\$555.00

GROW - Building Plans Update

The architect has prepared an alternate exterior plan of the proposed building addition. This will be on display in the Fellowship Hall on September 6 and 13. Please look at the plans and provide comments to the team members.

Collective Kitchen

Collective Kitchen will start up again on September 11 and 25 from 9:00 am. -12:30 pm. If anyone is interested in dropping in to see what we do, or adding their name to our relief volunteer list, please call Deb Roukema at 519-455-7353. We are also in need of 500 ml. size containers for the kitchen.

Men's Church Hockey League

If you are interested in playing or getting a team of men together, 19 years and older, for a hockey league starting in October, please contact Brooklyn at 519-432-4573.

Ushers Needed

We are in need of additional ushers. Anyone that feels called to be involved in this part of Worship, please call Frances Cook at 519-659-6158.

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. 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.

CHURCH AND OTHER EVENTS

Church School News:

Are you thirsty -- really, really thirsty? Get ready to learn all about drinking from the Water of Life when the church-school season resumes on Sept. 13. There'll be some surprises, we guarantee it!

Thank you to volunteers who have offered to teach church school this Sept - June! Teaching materials for September to November are available to be picked up in the resource room upstairs. We are still in need of some teachers...see Karen Collinson today, or contact Deb Flaherty for more info. We can adjust the schedule to match YOUR schedule.

*There will be **NO church school** for children ages 3 to 6 next week, Sept. 6, as no parent volunteers signed up to teach. We will have extra activity sheets for use in the sanctuary that day. See you Sept. 13! *

London District Christian Secondary School

The 2009-2010 school-year is just around the corner! We look to the Christian community for the prayer support that is needed as we undertake the mission of educating our young people. We would also like to invite all parents and interested community members to join us for our opening assembly on Wed., Sept. 9th at 9:00 am. in the school gym. We hope you can join us.

Coming to Waterloo in the Fall?

Are you a new or returning university or college student coming to Waterloo? Join us on Sept. 13 for our special "welcome to the students" Sunday. You, your parents and friends are welcome 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.

St. Thomas Ladies Choir

"Gloria in Excelsis" is beginning on September 14 at 7:15 pm at the First Christian Reformed Church, 320 Elm St. We would love to have some more ladies join us. No auditions. Call Anna Hofstee 519-633-2659.

Annual Fall Banquet

Rehoboth Homes' annual Fall Banquet and Silent Auction is on Fri., Sept. 18, at Sacred Heart Church—Henderson Hall in INGERSOLL. Doors open and auction bidding begins at 6:00 pm., supper served at 6:30 pm. Special music by 'Into His Light'; speaker: Arthur Cairncross. Cost for the dinner is \$25 per person. Reserve your seat by calling 519-765-4207 or e-mailing rehobothaa@amtelecom.net. by Monday, Sept. 14th.