

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship Service Streetlight Ministry-The Way
MONDAY		
TUESDAY	6:00 pm	Mess Prep 3C's Practice
WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm 7:30 pm	Mess Worship Practice
THURSDAY	7:30 pm	Facility Meeting
FRIDAY		Collective Kitchen
SATURDAY	8:30 am	Yoga

## GREETERS

Sept. 06	Jeff and Cheryl Lantz Grant and Cathy Linnell
Sept. 13	Ross and Karin McCallum Bill and Cheryl Mennill



# Discover Christ & Grow in Him.

First Christian Reformed Church  
Sunday, Sept. 06, 2009

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## WORSHIP: SUNDAY, Sept. 06, 2009

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**Go to the ant, you sluggard;  
consider its ways and be wise!  
It has no commander,  
no overseer or ruler,  
yet it stores its provisions in summer  
and gathers its food at the harvest.  
Proverbs 6: 6-8**

On this labour day weekend, good morning, and welcome to First CRC.

In our world today Protestant Christianity of the last 500 years, gets the blame for having produced what some have labelled the 'protestant work ethic'. And that work ethic has been held to contribute to the current plague of workaholism. This morning we will look more closely at what the Bible teaches us about work. God ordained work as a human good, an essential ingredient in our humanness. But our work should never define us completely. There needs to be room for more. Because of course, on the seventh day, God rested.

Pastor Willemina is taking the Sunday off but is back in the office on Tuesday.

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

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### Youth Grades 9 – 12

- Happy Summer!

### CD's

- Happy Summer!

### Offering:

#### 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.

#### Sept. 13: First CRC

We, as a church, are committed to growing spiritually by offering active ministry programs for people of all ages in the church and downtown London community. We believe that God has blessed our church and He intends to advance these ministries with the financial resources He has entrusted to us. Please give generously.

## SMALL GROUPS

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### 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?**

If you are in church for the first time or returning for school, please come downstairs after the service and meet Heather Fieten at the Information table. She'll tell you about next week's **(Sept. 13) Common Ground kick off BBQ** to be hosted at Pastor Willemina and Chaplain Kelly's home—18 Portal Crescent. Know anyone coming to London for school or work—please pass on the invitation. For more information, contact Pastor Willemina at [raham@skynet.ca](mailto: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](mailto:raham@skynet.ca) or 519-432-7997.

### Sermon Discussion Groups

The pastors plan to create small group discussion questions based on the fall sermon series. If you are willing to facilitate a group based on this material, please contact Pastor Willemina.

### 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 [sfletcher@sympatico.ca](mailto:sfletcher@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](mailto:raham@skynet.ca) or 519-432-7997.

## WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS

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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

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Please pray for:

- **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.
- **Abeta Dekoker** as she faces her last round of chemo this week.
- **Herman Van Dyke** who grieves the passing of his brother Henk in Niagara Falls.
- **Wiepe Witteveen** as she has come through knee replacement surgery well, albeit with a good deal of pain. Now comes recovery. God bless you.
- **Tine and John VanHouwelingen** as Tine is still feeling under the weather.
- **Grace Dykstra, Rick Dykstra and Heni Dykstra** as they mourn the passing away of Grace's sister, Jeltje Feitsma, in Groningen, The Netherlands on Sept. 3rd. We ask for your prayers that the whole family may be comforted during this sudden loss.

Birthday Greetings to: **Mennie Westmaas** (Sept. 10), **David Pestell** (Sept. 10), **Maria DeWeerd** (Sept. 11) and **Audrey Kempkes** (Sept. 12) and who celebrate their birthdays this week. God Bless.

**Email change:** Trisa Haak: [trisaHaak@gmail.com](mailto:trisaHaak@gmail.com)

Please notify the office with any pastoral care concerns.

## CHURCH NEWS

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### Weekly Giving Announcement

Last Week Actual:	\$7,626.00
Budget Year to date required:	\$86,003.00
Year to date actual received:	\$250,793.00
Year to date giving deficiency:	\$35,210.00
Cause of the Day: Diaconal Ministries Canada:	\$945.96

### 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.

### Dunamis Conference: Ignite II

For many of us, the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives is a bit of a mystery. If you want a rooted, Reformed perspective on a Spirit-filled life, mark **Oct. 24- 25** on your calendar. We will be hosting the second Dunamis conference in the Fellowship Hall (even if you didn't go to the first one, you can come to this one!!). Look for more details in upcoming bulletins.

### 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.

### Mess Prep Night is Back!!

Over the summer months our Mess community has continued to grow, allowing our church, together with Youth for Christ, to reach out and touch the lives of 70-100 people in need each week. Beginning September 8<sup>th</sup> our Tuesday night prep night will return, and we are in real need of volunteers to join us in preparing our meal. If you are interested in contributing in any way, please see Jennifer Eisener or contact her at [dedic8edmum@yahoo.com](mailto:dedic8edmum@yahoo.com) or 226-663-5773.

Tuesday Night Prep	6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Wednesday Night Dinner	5:00 pm-7:00 pm

### 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.

## CHURCH AND OTHER EVENTS

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### 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 today, 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! \*

**Annual Fellowship Club Bike Trip:** The trip is scheduled for Saturday October 3rd. The trail will be the Goderich to Auburn Rail Trail (GART). It follows an abandoned CPR line and is a safe off road experience. A round trip on the GART is only about 25 km and we plan to add a scenic tour through the Goderich shoreline as well. For more information please contact the Fluitts.

### 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 like to invite all parents and interested community members to join us for our opening assembly on Wed., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. at 9:00 am. in the school gym.

### London Christian Elementary School

Please join staff and students on Tues., Sept. 8 for our Opening Assembly. It will take place in the sanctuary of Royal View Church (next door to the school) at 9:00 am. It's a time to welcome the new staff members, new families and to ask God to bless our school and the new school year. Refreshments will be served after in the school gym.

### London Christian Elementary School 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

This year it will take place at Highland Country Club, on Thurs., Oct.01. The cost is \$135.00 per golfer which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and dinner with dessert. Final registration is Sept. 19. If interested or for more information, please contact Heather Gee at 519-268-8510 or Carl Vandergoot at 519-268-3237.