

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:30 pm	Worship Service Streetlight Ministry-The Way Youth Meeting-Youth Center
MONDAY	8:30 am	Collective Kitchen - Canning
TUESDAY	6:00 pm 6:45 pm	Mess Prep 3C's Practice Catechism
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am 5:00 pm 7:30 pm	Coffee Break Mess Worship Practice
THURSDAY	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Gems & Cadets Worship Leadership Team Meeting
FRIDAY		CD's Pinery
SATURDAY	8:30 am	Yoga

## GREETERS

Sept. 27	Lloyd and Gerda Oudman Andy and Marilyn Oudman
Oct. 04	Pieter Pereboom and Margaret Dijkhuis Michelle Super



# Discover Christ & Grow in Him.

First Christian Reformed Church  
Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009

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**WORSHIP: SUNDAY, September 27, 2009**

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**But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;  
for it is written, "Be holy, because I am holy."**

**1 Peter 1: 15**

Good morning and welcome to worship. If you are new or visiting our church, please let us know who you are and join in a time of refreshments after the service.

Why church? Why are you here this morning? Did you jump out of bed and think to yourself, "Self—I want to go to church to be holy!" The word "holy" quickly morphs to "holier-than-thou", something that Christians are often accused of being. Holy is not a word that is often, if ever, used in the mission or vision statements of modern churches.

However, in this third Sunday of our "Why church?" series, we're going to explore this concept of holiness. Our parents of the faith thought this concept so central to the church's identity that it's included in two of our creeds: Apostles and Nicene. So, you're invited this morning to take a fresh look at what it means for us to be God's holy people—as he makes us a viable and joyful alternative to what the world has to offer. Want to join into that mission?

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

Barb Morrison, our office administrator, will be away on vacation from Wednesday till Friday this coming week.

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Sept. 27	10:00 am	Pastor Willemina
	5:00 pm	Streetlight Ministry/The Way
Oct. 04:	10:00 am	Pastor Pieter
	5:00 pm	Streetlight Ministry/The Way

**YOUTH**

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**Youth:**

- Meets tonight 7:30 - 9:30 pm in the youth center. We'll talk about what we're going to talk about....and play lots of games. All welcome.
- Schedule addition: next meeting on Sun. Oct. 4 - movie night at Dan Flaherty's house. We'll watch "The Soloist" from 7:00 – 10:00 pm.
- No meeting October 11: Thanksgiving Sunday.
- SW retreat forms are in your mailbox. Please hand in tonight at youth group or by next Sunday at the latest, along with your cheque for \$56.

**CD's:**

- Camping Kick-off next weekend. Meet at the church on Friday at 5:00 pm for departure to the Pinery. We need 3 parents to agree to drive us there, and to pick up again on Sunday at 11:00 am. (Will decide by Wed. evening if event is going to be changed to a sleepover at church).

**GEMS** and **Cadets** meet this week.

**Catechism**—This Tuesday night, if you are in grades 7-12 come for the Catechism kick-off from **6:45-7:45 pm**. We will begin by meeting in the Fellowship Hall, and then split up into our respective classes.

**Reverse Thanksgiving Offering**

The Daily Bread Food Bank at St. Paul's church provides food for 40-50 families per day, plus offers lunch for another 150-200 daily. We will be providing non-perishable foods with a "reverse offering". Next Sunday, we will pass baskets with slips of paper for suggested products to bring the following Thanksgiving weekend.

**Offering:**

<p><b>Sept. 27 - Fred Witteveen</b> Fred is our CRWRC ministry partner serving in Kenya. He gives leadership and support to a wide variety of national partners engaged in faith based community development in areas such as HIV/Aids, agricultural development, micro business development and peace building. Please keep Fred, Georgina and Mariah in your prayers.</p> <p><b>Oct. 4 - London Christian Academy (LCA)</b> LCA is an interdenominational, Christian elementary school providing affordable education from a distinctly Christian perspective to students in Junior Kindergarten through Grade 8. The mission of LCA is to offer Christ-centered education providing a solid foundation for life.</p>
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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?** Today--lunch at Pastor Willemina’s house: 18 Portal Crescent. After lunch, feel free to stay for a game of street hockey (or if that’s not your thing—board games inside). Meet after church at the information desk for directions and if you need/can give a ride. Next week Sunday night, it’s movie night at 7:00 pm.

**Small Groups Sign-Up – TODAY:** After this morning’s service, check out the small groups sign-up display. If you are looking to get connected, we offer a wide variety of group activities.

**Griefshare Group:** Struggling with the death of a loved one or know someone who is? You may be surprised at how debilitating grief is. This session explains that this is normal and suggests practical ways to find comfort. We meet this Wed., **Sept.30** from **7:00 – 9:00 pm**. New members always welcome. Contact Pastor Willemina at [raham@skynet.ca](mailto:raham@skynet.ca) or 519-432-7997.

**CoffeeBreak: Women’s Bible study:** What is Coffeekbreak? Each week women of all ages meet for worship, Bible Study, connecting and snacks. Scheduled nursery volunteers offer childcare. Come and check it out! Our first study “The Beautiful Mess” explores how Christ teaches us to work through the messiness of our relationships—whether work, marriage, family or friends. Start date is this **Wed., Sept. 30** from 9:30 – 11:00 am.

**Current:** Come on out to our kick-off BBQ tonight, Sun. Sept.27, at 5:00 pm, at Neil and Amber Van Andel's home at 197 Lorraine Ave. Feel free to bring a salad or dessert to share! For more information about Current, contact Kirsten at [keisinga@rogers.com](mailto:keisinga@rogers.com) or 519-936-8281. See you tonight!

**Inquirers Class:** If you want to complete adult profession of faith or want to learn more about being a disciple of Christ within the Reformed tradition, you should sign-up for the Inquirers’ class. Time and day yet to be determined. Please contact Pastor Pieter if you are interested: [ppereboom@skynet.ca](mailto:ppereboom@skynet.ca)

**Ignite II Conference:** see insert and register at the Small Groups Sign-up.

## 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 years old, is located at the far west end of the church basement. Children, age 3 to grade 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 Small Groups, as well as other ministries and classes that 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:

- **Mary Jo, Jeff and Lucas Cain**, as Mary Jo’s uncle, Paul, passed away this week at age 75.
- **Fred and Laura Nydam**, as Fred remains in the hospital undergoing further chemotherapy. Visitors are welcome but keep the visits short.
- **John and Tine VanHouwelingen**, as John underwent surgery to remove more of the cancer on Wed. He is currently recuperating well.
- **Herman and Jane VanDyke**, as they celebrate 50 years of marriage.

Birthday Greetings to: **Jerry Buruma** (Sept. 28) who celebrates his birthday this week. God Bless.

Please notify the office with any pastoral care concerns.

Please note that due to the increased concern with the on-set of flu season, anti-bacterial pumps will be available in the Fellowship hall.

**Bulletin announcements** must be only five typed lines and into Barb by Thursdays at 9:00 am.

## CHURCH NEWS

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### Weekly Giving Announcement

Last Week Actual:	\$5,403.00
Budget Year to date required:	\$310,517.00
Year to date actual received:	\$273,240.00
Year to date giving deficiency:	\$37,277.00
Cause of the Day: Operation Manna:	\$686.90

**Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner:** If you are looking for a place to enjoy a bountiful shared Thanksgiving dinner and afternoon of Christian fellowship, you are invited to come to Pastor Pieter, Margaret and Jonathan's home on **Sun. Oct. 18, (the weekend after Thanksgiving)** after our morning worship service. Singles, families and friends – all are welcome. Rides will be available. Please sign up at the Information Desk down-stairs, and/or contact Margaret at 519-666-1100 or [mdijkhuis@ldcss.ca](mailto:mdijkhuis@ldcss.ca) to see how you can contribute to the festivities.

**Fall Kick-off Church Picnic Wrap-up:** We thank God that last Sunday afternoon our church family could enjoy a relaxing time of intergenerational fellowship, food, face-painting, frog-hunting, fun and games in gorgeous fall weather at Weldon Park in Arva. We literally kicked off the season with our traditional Kick-the-Shoe contest: Liam Dresser, Jonathan Pereboom and Roger Kuiken won in their respective age-groups. Church Council and Friends edged past the Youth in the annual Soccer Sports Challenge with a breathtaking 3 – 1 game win under the watchful eye of tragicomic referee, Scott Brown. Thanks, Scott! Thanks also to the Grade 6-7 face-painters, to Cheryl Mennill for sharing her marvelous balloon sculpting abilities, to Ben Vanderlugt, Harry and Anita de Jonge for taking care of the refreshments, to Sharon Flynn and Jeannette Vanderlugt for helping with everything else, and all who helped out in one way or another. If you are missing food containers or other items, please check out the Lost and Found in the southeast corner of the Fellowship Hall. See you all at the park again next year!

**Musicians Needed:** Do you feel the call to be on a worship team? The Worship Leadership Team is in need of more musicians for our Sunday morning worship services. We are especially seeking piano players, guitarists (of any kind) and drummers. If you feel that you have the abilities to lead in these areas, please see one of our Pastors, the Church office or any team leader for an application.

## CHURCH AND OTHER EVENTS

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**Harvest tea at London Christian Elementary School:** Grandparents and Senior friends are invited to LCES for our annual Harvest Tea on Fri. Oct. 9. Visit with your grandchildren and have coffee/tea and goodies in the gym from 9:00 - 10:30 am. After recess, there is a special program from 11:00 - 12:00 at Royal View Church. A light lunch will be served in the school gym.

**Day of Encouragement – Saturday, October 17:** This annual one day conference is open to Elders, Deacons and members of the congregation. Held at Redeemer University College in Ancaster on Sat. Oct. 17, it is a day of inspiration, encouragement and training designed to equip leaders for ministry in our church through workshops and fellowship with other churches. Contact Kirsten at [keisinga@rogers.com](mailto:keisinga@rogers.com) or 519-936-8281 for information or visit [www.diaconalministries.com](http://www.diaconalministries.com) and click on the link. The cost is covered by the Deacons and early registration ends Oct. 7.

**Redeemer University College:** Join us on Oct. 6 for a Farewell Dinner evening in honour of Dr. Justin Cooper. Like to attend, RSVP to Deborah Roberts at 905-648-2139 Ext. 4470 or [droberts@redeemer.ca](mailto:droberts@redeemer.ca) by Sept. 30. Reception begins at 6:00pm at Best Western Lamplighter Inn, 591 Wellington Road South.

**Volunteers for “My Neighbour’s Closet”:** This is a thrift store raising funds for the London Christian Elementary School. We are looking to add new friends to our hard working but fun loving crew. Prayerfully consider contributing a shift a month. Shifts are normally from 10 am - 1 p.m. or 1-4:30 pm, Mon.- Sat. (we will work with any free hours you offer). Contact Betty or Jeannette at 519-451-4334.

**Pre-Marriage Class:** If you are planning to get married this winter or early spring, join our pre-marriage class. Using the book, “How to Save your Marriage before it begins”, this course will help you and your future spouse connect at a deeper level and be better prepared for the journey of marriage. Contact Pastor Pieter: [ppereboom@skynet.ca](mailto:ppereboom@skynet.ca)

**Church Directory:** In preparation for the new church directory, information sheets with names and addresses are located in the Fellowship hall. Please check your information, make any necessary changes and sign your initials to indicate you have checked it. If you are new to the community and consider this as your home church, please add your name and current address.