CONGREGATIONAL ASSISTANCE PLAN (CAP): Shalem Mental Health Network provides professional faith-based counselling services to our church through the CAP ministry. CAP usage is confidential and available to all congregants, at no cost for the first 6 sessions. To book an appt, or for more info, please call Shalem directly at: 905-528-0353, 1-866-347-0041, or text 289-335-3543, or email office@shalemnetwork.org.

ONGOING SHELTER NEEDS INCLUDE:
Deodorant (men and women); shampoo; shaving cream; paper towels; toilet paper; all purpose cleaner; clear garbage bags ; canned food/non perishable food items; granola bars; & chocolate/candy. Donations can be brought to the church or dropped off at the shelter.

DEADLINE ITEMS

SOCO BEACH PROJECT UPDATE: If you are a young adult or know one, be part of SOCO summer 2024 ~ living in an intentional Christian community while having a summer job, learning how God's story shapes your story to impact the world's story. For more information: www.southcoastbeachproject.org. In this newsletter, meet some of the first SOCO house guests enjoying the quiet restful space, including our spring Getaway Giveaway winners.
Newsletter:
https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-oct-19-6057045.

PLANNING TO PREPARE FOR MINISTRY? If you are planning on entering seminary studies this upcoming school year in preparation to serve as an ordained Minister in the CRC, we would like to walk alongside you. Your Classis Quinte Ministry Leadership Team (CQMLT) is designed to support you throughout your time of preparation. If you would like to be considered for financial assistance, we need to hear from you by January 31, 2024. Please contact the Classis Quinte Ministry Leadership Team for more info at classisquintemlt@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW... that you – as a member of the Christian Reformed Church – are also an "owner" of an amazing university? **Calvin University** has more than 100 program concentrations and a dozen graduate programs, as well as a robust Calvin Prison Initiative that sees Calvin University equipping students to be agents of renewal in God's world at a second campus within the walls of a prison! All of this grows out of the Biblical, Reformed worldview that our church and our university share.
Click here to watch President Wiebe Boer explain more about the exciting things happening at your university! https://vimeo.com/885009733/0c3924188c?share=copy.
God bless your celebrations of Christ's incarnation and the start of a new year of opportunity for service in His Kingdom!

UPCOMING IN 2024

TOUR THE BIBLICAL LANDS OF ISRAEL - February 26 – March 8, 2024. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to website: toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com.

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Jennings Creek Church Office Hours : **Wednesday 11-2:30; Thursday 9-3 & Friday 9-12:30**

JANUARY 2024

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This Issue

LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE SCHEDULE: 2024
Sunday, Feb. 4th, 2024
Sunday, March 31st(Easter), Sunday, June 9th, Sunday, July 7,th & Sunday, Sept. 15th
Please join us. Everyone welcome

GROWING IN FAITH:
Family & Faith Formation Night: Wednesday's 6:30pm-8pm Youth Group; Adult Bible Study. Something for everyone & everyone is invited! GEMS; Cadets and **Truth Seekers** (JK-Grade 3). Please feel free to bring a friend!

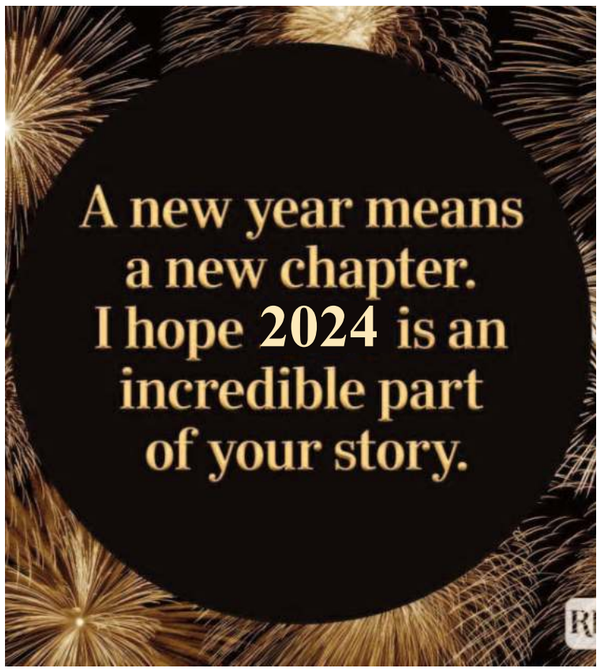
Ladies Bible Study: Coffee Break every Thursday at 9:30am; Nursery is available. Feel free to bring a friend. (Sept. to May). 1st session began on Thursday, Sept. 28th.

Precept Bible Study continues on Monday's at 7pm or Tuesday's at 9:30am. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Milly Nokes leads. ***"Exodus - Let My People".*** (Schedule on pg. 7)

Odyssey takes place every 4th Sunday of the month. Youth are released after the Sermon. We will resume classes in Sept.

Something for everyone and everyone is welcome!

NEXT MONTH'S COUNCIL MEETING:
Next council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1st, at 7:30pm. Council packets will be distributed on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.



Monthly Finance Updates

OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: DECEMBER 2023

Church Ministry Budget	$100,786.69
Special Offerings	
Redeemer University	$429.05
Deacons	$1,250.50
Women's Resources	$100.00
Property Purchase	$200.00
Canada Food Grains Bank	$50.00
Ministry to Seafarers	$440.30
Centre Community Church	$195.00
Teen Challenge	$265.00
Chaplaincy & Care Ministry	$115.00
Heritage Christian School	$1,275.00
W/R World Hunger	$660.25
Kawartha Lakes Food Source	$1,273.00
Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre	$95.00
A Place Called Home	$20.00
Building & Grounds	$500.00
ReFrame Ministries	$170.00
World Renew	$110.00
Deacons ~ Ukrainian Outreach (Ctr. Comm Ch)	$525.75
TOTAL INCOME FOR DECEMBER	**$108,460.54**
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	**$649,836.23**

This is the month in summary and includes Sunday morning Offerings, and November's PAR & GIVE App totals.

Church Family

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER:

If you have something that you would like to share with the congregation, please submit to the church office. Deadline for contributions is the Wednesday (9:00am) prior to the end of the month. The Newsletter will be distributed on the 1st Sunday of the month to update everyone on what is going on in our church, community and beyond.

HERITAGE UPDATE:

Gift card profits for the months of **November & December** was **$3,094.63**

Cash Back Profit $4,904.01

TOTAL: $7,998.64

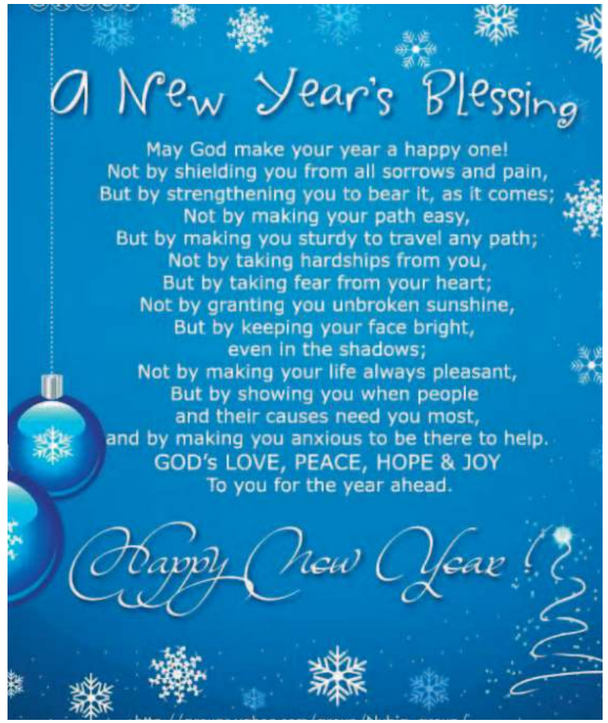
If you would like to purchase gift cards or would like more information, please contact **Hank Bossema at 705-328-2061**.

Precept Bible Study Schedule

EXODUS - LET MY PEOPLE

LESSON 7	January 8 & 9, 2024
	January 15 & 16 - **DVD**
LESSON 8	January 22 & 23
	January 29 & 31 - **DVD**
LESSON 9	February 5 & 6
	February 12 & 13 - **DVD**
NO LESSON - February 19 & 20 - FAMILY DAY	
LESSON 10	February 26 & 27
	March 4 & 5 - **DVD**
LESSON 11	March 11 & 12
	March 18 & 19 - **DVD**

ST THOMAS AQUINAS GRADE 9 INFORMATION NIGHT: St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School invites you to attend our: Grade 9 Information Night for all interested. Grade 8s & their families.
Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 @ 7:00pm. 260 Angeline Street South, Lindsay. For more information, please call **705-878-4117**.



Volunteer Opportunity CSM
– Andy Buwalda

Christian Salvage Mission is a ministry that salvages Christian books (especially bibles) for reuse and ships them overseas to developing countries. This ministry operates out of a small industrial warehouse located between Hamilton and Stoney Creek (just off Red Hill Parkway).

As a regional rep for them I not only represent them and promote them, but I also make pick-ups and deliveries. But - I have been doing this nigh on to 8 or 9 years and I have decided to retire. So I am looking for a replacement. I have enjoyed doing this and you get to meet a lot of people. The books get shipped all over the world: Malaysia, India, Congo, Kenya, Papua New Guinee are just a few countries that come to mind. If this tweaks your interest give me a call: **Andy at 905-668-7203** or Goggle CSM (Christian Salvage Mission) – Hamilton which should tell you all you need to know or even call them at 905-574-3334.

CAMPUS MINISTRY STUDENT HOUSING: Are you looking to live in a Christian community while attending Trent University in Peterborough? Momentum Campus Ministries has launched a new Missional House for students in Peterborough called Micah House. This is more than just a rooming house as students will live in a family community atmosphere. There are many challenges while attending university and our goal is to invest in students, to encourage them to live out their faith and inspire Spiritual growth in their walk with Jesus. We currently have one room available for this coming spring semester for a female student. Please visit the link for more info and housing application. Micah House | Momentum Campus Min. Now is also the time to apply for housing for the next school year. If you are planning to attend Queen's University in Kingston, you can follow the links on the Momentum home page for Geneva House applications as well. Contact Mike Broersma at mbroersma@livinghope.on.ca for more information.

Youth Group Christmas Surprise!

POOL TABLE! A donation from someone in the community. ***Thank you!***

~ photos submitted by Emily Hoogsteen

Christian Reformed Church **News**

CRC COMMUNICATIONS

STORIES & STRATEGIES: Strengthening the CRC in Canada - Are you interested in learning more about church planting and renewal in the CRC? Join the Canadian Ministry Board for stories (and best practice learnings from those experiences) and how they might be applicable to your local church context. We look forward to discussing these ideas with you alongside other church members & leaders. More at crcna.org/Canada

THRIVE: Thrive Faith Formation Tip - "Visio divina" is the practice of meditating on Scripture using art or other images. Try it by reading the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15 and then meditating on the art in Calvin University's collection based on this story (tinyurl.com/ProdigalArt). Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

OTHER

ONLINE COURSES WITH INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES - Enjoy lifelong learning! The following courses are available during the winter semester at ICS: What Were the Women Up To? Elizabeth Anscombe, Philippa Foot, Mary Midgley, and Iris Murdoch; God in Flesh and Blood: Revolutions in Christology; Issues in Phenomenology: Spirituality; Philosophical Inquiry and the Practices of Everyday Life: An Interdisciplinary Seminar on Philosophizing in a Time of Crisis; and Aristotle, Aquinas, and the Scholastic Approach to the History of Philosophy. Tuition is $1,500 to take a course for credit, $600 to audit, or $400 for first-time auditors. The registration deadline for winter term courses is January 12, 2024 - email academic-registrar@icscanada.edu to register, or visit icscanada.edu/winter-courses to learn more

YOUNG ADULTS WINTER RETREAT (YAWR) - Join young adults from across southern Ontario for the annual Young Adults Winter Retreat! Happening Friday, January 19 through Sunday, January 21, 2024, at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock, Ontario, this weekend retreat is open to young adults ages 18–30ish. The event is planned by young adults for young adults, to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus as well as with other young adults in the Southern Ontario region. Interested? Sign up at https://forms.gle/W3wfU1zYke3FkDV98 by January 14. Cost is $75 and covers food and lodging (at the church). (Early bird pricing of $65 if you register today, January 7!) Facebook Event: https://www.facebook.com/YARetreat.

ReFrame MINISTRIES

KIDS CORNER: CARING FOR YOU - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Did you know that along with caring for others, God wants us to care for ourselves, too? It makes God happy when you treat your body with respect and care, just like you would treat a special, holy temple. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

GROUNDWORK: COMPASSION - The Christlike virtue of compassion is more than an emotion. Join Groundwork as we explore Matthew 9:36, Colossians 3:12–14, and 2 Corinthians 1:3–4 to discover why the apostle Paul identifies compassion as a defining characteristic in followers of Jesus and what it looks like in our everyday lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Seniors & Staff Christmas Luncheon

THANK YOU! To everyone who put together this luncheon to honour our Seniors and Staff.

~ photos submitted by Lena Wilms & Jen vanStraten

Some of the volunteers...
Thank you so much!

OUTDOOR CANDLELIGHT NATIVITY DRAMA

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE 2023 Living outdoor nativity drama ended up both indoors and out due to weather conditions. Thank you everyone for all your hard work.. *~ photos submitted by Sarah Bakker, Nathan Gilbert & Adriana Koornneef*

GEMS CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES