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.

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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.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY JCCRC EVENT

KAWARTHA LAKES POLICE BIKE RODEO: Mark your calendars to join us on **Saturday, June 22nd** for a Bike Safety Rodeo for Children. We are also looking forward to hosting a free hot dog lunch, face painting and more!

VOLUNTEERS are needed to put this event together. If you are interested in helping please speak with **Lana VanNetten**. Hope to see you all here at Jennings Creek CRC out in the parking lot and on our property of 204 Angeline St. N.

Fundraise (or donate) a minimum of $200 and qualify to receive a free Biemme event jersey.

If you join a fundraising team you will also qualify if the team raises a minimum of $200 times the number of team members.

Event Venue
The Salvation Army
Lindsay Community Church
51 Eglington Street
Lindsay, ON

All road routes are fully supported with rest stops and vehicular/ motorcycle support.

All proceeds benefit A Place Called Home's emergency shelter. Organized by the KAWARTHA CYCLING CLUB

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

MAY 2024

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This Issue

LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE SCHEDULE: 2024
Sunday, June 9th, Sunday, July 7,th & Sunday, Sept. 15th
Please join us. Everyone welcome

GROWING IN FAITH:
Family & Faith Formation Night: Our groups are winding up for the year. Thank you to all of our volunteers and participants for making these ministries successful. See you all back in the fall. Have a wonderful summer.

Ladies Bible Study: Coffee Break every Thursday at 9:30am; Nursery is available. Feel free to bring a friend. (Sept. to May).

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".***

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, June 6th, at 7:30pm. Council packets will be distributed on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.

Church Library Update

FASTEN YOUR SEATBELTS:
Buckle your seatbelt for a read through some memorable and cringe-worthy books new to our church library. Have you heard of **RICHARD WURMBRAND** (1909 -2001) a Romanian pastor who suffered horrific underground imprisonment in solitary confinement for three years, 30 feet underground , followed by another seven years in group confinement! èl read enough to get a taste of the writing but did not dare to read the whole book yet. It is called With God in Solitary Confinement.

Voice of the Martyrs has published another book under the title I am n; Inspiring Stories of Christians Facing Islamic Extremists .There are six chapters in this book with 40 stories altogether. Chapters are called Sacrifice, Courage, Joy, Perseverance, Forgiveness and Faithfulness. You will be able to sleep overnight!

The next is a fictional story set in the Canadian North during the early days when the Red Coats (now RCMP) were new to the Region. The author, **ALAN MORRIS**, is a son of Gilbert Morris whose books are on our shelves Published in 1996 , a good read.

SEEKING ALLAH, FINDING JESUS. A Devout Muslim encounters Christianity. A biography written by Nabeel Quershi—a compelling, thought-provoking and eye-opening piece of writing—seeing God at work in leading this man to Jesus and faith with Hope.

JOHN ORTBERG is a new author to our library shelf, Life Changing Love: Moving God's Love from your Head to your Heart.

I think the subtitle tells us quite a bit about this book. It opens with a story about his sister's rag doll as an example of our Savior's love changing our lives. Have a look. *~ submitted by Cora Wilms, Librarian*

Monthly Finance Updates

OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: MARCH 2024

Church Ministry Budget	$28,898.80
Special Offerings	
Resonate Global Mission	$836.00
Thrive - Abuse Awareness Sunday	$285.50
Heritage Christian School	$1,668.00
Property Purchase	$5,200.00
Facility Rental Income	$150.00
Kawartha Lakes Food Source	$1,124.30
Youth Unlimited	$907.40
Good Friday LEX Service	$270.00
Stamppot Supper - Deacon Fund	$8,113.85.00
Building & Grounds	$500.00
Centre Community Church Plant	$220.00
Women's Resources	$95.00
Deacons	$640.00
Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre	$100.00
World Renew - Canada Food Grains Bank	$25.00
World Renew	$100.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR APRIL	**$49,133.85**
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	**$159,424.87**

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

Church Family

JUNE 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 posted online on the 1st Sunday of the month to update everyone on what is going on in our church, community and beyond. There will be a limited amount of copies available on the Welcome Centre for those individuals that do not have internet and for guests. *(For those that have internet please look there. We are trying this to help save some office expenses. ~ Council)*

A VISIT WITH SARAH ON MOTHER'S DAY: As I prepared to visit a nearby nursing home I took a moment to pray for the residents, and for strength, understanding and love especially for those who never seemed to have any visitors.
On this damp day in May, Sarah would be waiting for me. When I arrive she is already in her chair, hands folded in her lap. She greets me with a warm smile, which itself makes my visit worthwhile.
Sarah is special to me. At 94, her mind is still clear. Though her body is crippled and her skin wrinkled, her mind still holds a storehouse of memories.
She holds up a card which says: "To the dearest Mother on earth." She explains, "It's from my son. He doesn't have time to come. But your visit, my dear, is worth a thousand cards."
She adds, "Come, sit here on the edge of my bed and I'll tell you how, a long time ago, my loving husband and dear little children used to make my Mother's Day."
She continued, "The children brought hand-made cards, and a bouquet of hand-picked dandelions in a jam jar. My husband carried a tray with toast and an egg only half-cooked up to me in bed. You see, in those days most men didn't cook, so it was quite an effort for him. But what love we had for each other. What with all the hugs and kisses, there were spilled tea and crumbs all over the bed. It made me feel so loved!"
It's a precious moment: Sarah's eyes light up and a smile of remembrance beams over her face. Behind the wrinkles I get a glimpse of a pretty, young face. She seems to forget I am there.
Softly I begin to sing: "Jesus loves you, this I know, for the Bible tells...." My song is interupted by noise from Emma, Sarah's roommate who is tied safely in place. Pain from some inner agony shows clearly in her eyes.
She shrieks, "Love? You sing of love? Nobody loves us, not even our kids. We gave them our best years and they give us their worst." She is trembling all over.
I look at her again and silently pray for the right thing to say and do. Then gently I put my arms around her very thin shoulders. She calms down, and she starts to cry.
Sarah's smile is gone now, and with pleading eye she begs me not to be upset. She says, "We don't know why you bother to come when you have so many responsibilities. And you sing the Jesus loves me. Does he even just a little bit?"
To that I nod. Then I whisper, "He loves you both, a whole lot."
I suggest to the women that we join hands and pray, but I hardly know what to say. So we simply ask Jesus into our hearts, to stay, and to fill the empty, lonely places on that Mother's Day which was turning out to be special.
This article first appeared in the Christian Courier in May 1996. *~ written by Jeanne Benschop-Dykstra*

HERITAGE UPDATE:
Gift card profits for the months of **April** was **$1968.13**
If you would like to purchase gift cards or would like more information, please contact **Hank Bossema at 705-328-2061**.

STAMPPOT SUPPER FUN-DRAISER!

~ photos submitted by Sonja Bons

THANK YOU: to all who helped make the Stamp Pot Supper a fundraising success! From those of you who contributed food, helped serve and clean up, to the youth who helped with the games, to those who donated beautiful items for the auction and to those who came and enjoyed the fun and fellowship, we are thankful! Approximately **$8,000.00** was raised to help start up a Tuition Assistance Fund for members of our church who send their children to Heritage. We have such a loving and generous church family, what a blessing to belong, grow and serve with all of you! *Thanks again, from Carol and Terri-Lee*

Christian Reformed Church **News**

SOCO BEACH PROJECT UPDATE:
In this newsletter, see how we are casting vision for the SOCO house and property for additional retreats and young adult discipleship. Keep up to date with the renos. Pray for SOCO as we prepare for the summer 2024 participants. If you have a gently used/new fridge or dryer to donate to SOCO, see the newsletter for details:
https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-march-21-6221513

MID-AMERICA REFORMED SEMINARY

Please join Mid-America Reformed Seminary either in-person or via live stream on our YouTube channel as it celebrates its 39th Commencement exercises on **Wed., May 8th, 2024, at 7:30pm,** at Redeemer United Reformed Church in St. John, IN. We will be graduating six candidates for the Master of Divinity degree. Refreshments will follow.

TRUTHSEEKERS

~ photos submitted by Mary Whitton

Our last night of **Truth Seekers** was a festive event,where we got to celebrate each child and their uniqueness in how God made them and why they were special to our group!

TRUTHSEEKERS & GEMS

~ photos submitted by Mary Whitton

Truth Seekers and Gems got together to have a Passover Feast! Each plate had the traditional elements that the Isrealites would have eaten at a Passover Meal. We talked about each food element and what they represented to the Isrealites as well as how Jesus changed it when He had His last supper and why we celebrate communion today. The kids ate the flat bread quite willingly but the horseradish was a harder sell!

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG CAMPAIGN 2024

Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre

May 12, 2024 – June 16, 2024

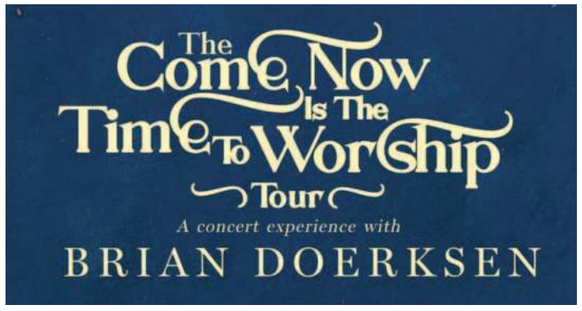
The KLPC's annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser runs from

Mother's Day to Father's Day.

Choose to fill up a bottle available at your church or call the Centre for one (705-878-8527) or fill our virtual bottle on our website (www.klpcentre.ca) to help support a wonderful cause.
Money donated will be used to continue our outreach programs to our clients at the Centre.
Thank you for all your support.

The Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre is seeking an Executive Director.

The Executive Director (ED) is a position of Christian ministry who has full responsibility for the overall day to day operations to effectively carry out the mission and vision of the organization. Reporting to the Board of Directors, the ED acts as the public face for the Centre, ensuring a high standard of care, developing Centre personnel to their full potential through spiritual leadership, and safeguarding the healthy functioning of legal and financial aspects of the organization.
INTERESTED? For complete job description please visit our website: klpcentre.ca. Only those qualifying for an interview will be contacted.



Ticket links are at www.briandoerksen.com (click on events) We'd love you to come and join us.

UPCOMING ONTARIO EVENTS:
Chatham, ON - Wed June 12

Windsor, ON - Thur June 13

GTA - Fri June 14
(Still to be confirmed)

Barrie, ON - Sat June 15

Belleville, ON - Sun June 16
(Note – Belleville is a city-wide event sponsored by the Belleville ministerial – NO tickets)

SOCO Beach Project

SOCO BEACH PROJECT UPDATE: The start of SOCO 2024 is this Sunday May 5! Check out the latest happenings at SOCO as we prepare for the participants' arrival. Consider becoming a monthly donor and partnering in this impactful young adult ministry. Read about the upcoming SOCO Camping Retreat July 19 - 21. Newsletter link:
https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-may-2-6225721

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR, Hope Fellowship CRC, Courtice, Ontario Our mission at Hope Fellowship CRC is to bring people into a living relationship with Christ by equipping them to BELIEVE in Jesus, BELONG to God's family, and BLESS every neighbour. One way we do this is by engaging children in Sunday morning worship service and various programs throughout the year. We are currently seeking an individual with a primary focus of bringing children into a "living relationship with Jesus Christ" and supporting future spiritual growth for children up to and including grade 8. Reporting to the Teaching Pastor, the individual will lead and coordinate teams for the various programs within the Children's Ministry at Hope Fellowship. This is a permanent part-time position (20 hours per week). Visit our website https://www.hopefellowship.ca/join-our-team-2/ for a full job description and our Church Profile. Job closing: May 24, 2024.

Kawartha Lakes Singers

present **Classic Old and New; A Musical "Double Double"!** The Kawartha Lakes Singers under the direction of Arlene Gray present Classic Old and New. A musical "double double" with two pieces from each composer. Drink in the rich, sweet music of Bach, Mozart, Mendelssohn and Stanford. Also living composers Morten Lauridsden, Eric Whitacre and Ola Gjeilo. The concert takes place on **Sunday May 26th at 2:30pm** at Cambridge St. United Church. Tickets are $25, Students $10. Tickets at the door or online at klsingers.ca.