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.

Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre

241 Kent St. W., Lindsay, Ontario K9V 2Z3 • Tel: 705-878-8527 • Fax: 705-878-8576

THANK YOU!

2024 CAMPAIGN

Thank you, everyone who participated!
Your donations are greatly appreciated.

CHURCH FAMILY CAMPING 2024

AUGUST 23RD - 26TH **AT BALSAM LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK**

FRIDAY
ARRIVAL & BONFIRES
SITE(S) TBD.
come for a day or the weekend...

SATURDAY
WINE & CHEESE
AFTERNOON TBD.
Site will be announced closer to date

SUNDAY
10AM WORSHIP
IN THE PARK
at the Amphitheatre

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

Jennings Creek
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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This Issue

LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE SCHEDULE: 2024
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 returns in the fall on Monday's at 7pm or Tuesday's at 9:30am. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Milly Nokes leads. ***"To be announced".***

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, Aug. 1st, at 7:30pm. Council packets will be distributed on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.

We're GROWING!

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We are currently seeking volunteers for our

Men & Women and youth aged 12 - 18 are invited to volunteer. If you would like to do this please speak with

at eskarelsen@gmail.com or call 905-818-7094
Rotation for new volunteers will begin in July.

Monthly Finance Updates

OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: JUNE 2024

Church Ministry Budget	$21,436.25
Special Offerings	
Thrive Ministry - Trinity Sunday	$363.25
Kawartha Mission	$125.00
Durham Christian High School	$527.00
Property Purchase	$3,270.00
Facility Rental Income	$150.00
W/R - Canada Refugee Sunday	$666.00
Indeginous Sunday	$577.00
Micah House Ministries	$482.25
Deacons	$540.00
GEMS Girls Club	$75.00
Building & Grounds	$500.00
Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre-BBB	$700.00
Youth Unlimited	$30.00
Diaconal Ministries Canada	$90.00
W/R - Mom's of Hope Sunday	$210.00
Centre Community Church Plant	$50.00
Stampot Supper - Deacon's Fund	$55.00
Heritage Christian School	$100.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR JUNE	**$29,947.15**
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	**$227,519.57**

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

Church Family

AUGUST 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)*

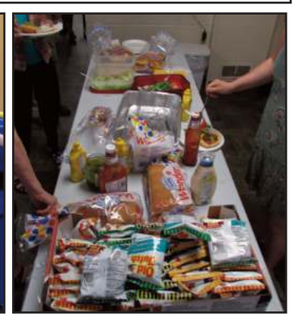
HERITAGE UPDATE:

Gift card profits for the months of **June** was **$2218.57**

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

JENNINGS CREEK CRC CHURCH EVENT

WE CELEBRATED ANOTHER SEASON OF MINISTRY WITH A BBQ! Sunday, June 23rd, following the morning worship service, we gathered in the backyard of 204 Angeline St. N., right next door to the church.



KLPS BIKE RODEO COMMUNITY EVENT

~ Thank you to everyone who contributed photos

Kawartha Lakes Police Service
Bike Rodeo
Jennings Creek
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

THANK YOU: On Saturday, June 22nd we hosted the Kawartha Lakes Police Service Bike Safety Rodeo along with a free community hot dog lunch and free facepainting and other games and activities. Thank you to everyone who organized and volunteered to make this a fun event even though the weather did not co-operate for us.

Responding to Major Flooding in Iowa

- JUNE 26, 2024

World Renew Disaster Response Services is organizing a response to severe flooding in northwestern Iowa that began on Saturday, June 22/24. Heavy rainfall led to evacuations of several towns including Rock Valley, Spencer, and Hawarden.

World Renew DRS will offer volunteer clean-up services including mold remediation and debris removal while planning for long-term recovery in Iowa.

With over 50 years of experience, World Renew DRS provides communities that have experienced disasters with long-term recovery work that may be requested over the next three years or longer. The organization specializes in assisting homeowners in disaster areas with roof repair and tarping, tree removal, needs assessments, cost estimation, and home reconstruction and rebuilding.

~ Kayleigh Van Wyk, World Renew

World Renew DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICES
LIVING JUSTICE • LOVING MERCY • SERVING CHRIST

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

~ photos submitted by Lena Wilms

A big **THANK YOU** to **Bill and Lena Wilms** for sharing their "gifts" with us. Once again you have done a beautiful job planting the back garden at the church, and for the beautiful bouquet's for the stage every Sunday. A lot of hard work.

EUCHRE & BOARD GAMES NIGHT

~ photos submitted by Lena Wilms

EUCHRE & BOARD GAMES NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024

we hosted a Euchre Tournament & Board Games Night. Great time of fellowship. Thank you to all of our participants

CONTRIBUTION FROM JAKE GRIFFIOEN: Being admitted into the hospital many times in the last year for healing. Ecclesiates reminds us *"there is a reason for everything"*. It has been a difficult healing process for me, both physically and spiritually. I dealt with many questions, but strongly felt the Lord directed my life and gave me strength and patience. It became a time of examining myself about my relationship with my Heavenly Father. Knowing for myself the desire to be with the Lord was my only comfort and reading the Bible. James reminds us *"when trouble comes your way consider it an opportunity for great joy"*

My stay in the hospital turned out to be a healing and spiritual blessing.

~ Jake Griffioen

AUTHOR UNKNOWN:

I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it on day;
And as my fingers pressed it still
It moved and yeilded to my will.
I came again when days were past,
The bit of clay was hard at last.
The form I gave it still it bore,
But I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day,
And moulded with my power and art
A young child's soft and yielding heart.
I came again when days were gone —
It was a man I looked upon;
He still that early impress wore,
But I could change that form no more.

~ submitted by Jeanne Dykstra

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CRC COMMUNICATIONS

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The faith practice of remembering centers our attention on what God has done in our lives, deepening our assurance that God is with us here and now, and expanding our hope and anticipation for what God will yet do. Take some time this week to make a "faith timeline" to remember what God has done in your life and in the lives of people you love. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: The Power of Prayer - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. When kids pray, it makes a difference! Sometimes, we might think that God only hears grown-up prayers, but God also wants kids to care about and pray for our families and friends. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

Groundwork: Adopt the Mindset of Christ - As Christians, many of us long to make the world a better place. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Philippians 2:1–11, Matthew 22:15–45, 1 Peter 2:21–23, and Matthew 20:24–28 to study the servant mindset Jesus modeled. Together we'll glean biblical wisdom for discerning the relationship between faith and power and we'll discuss the importance of developing Christlikeness. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

the GATHERING
MANY STEEPLES | ONE CHURCH

Sunday, August 11th, at 6pm
Bethel (River's Edge)

Sunday, November 24th, at 7pm
TBA

YOUTH UNLIMITED OUTREACH WORKER UPDATE: Hello friends! I wanted to give you all an update on how things went this year.

HIGH SCHOOL:

I was involved in a grade 10 math class, literacy class, a mixed gym class, Junior Boys basketball coaching, an after-school basketball skills program, scribing for students and also an after-school weight room program.

In my opinion, the high school year was a great success. Over the year I was able to make connections with many students as well as a lot of teachers and staff. I, at this point am on a first name basis with most of the administrative staff, to the point where I do not need to wear a visitors tag anymore, I am accepted as a helper not a visitor. As for the students, I am on a first name basis with well over 50 kids and have been in contact with about 100 over the course of the year. As the school year comes to an end, I have already spoken with both Vice Principals and with the other teachers/coaches. I have asked if they would like me to continue next year, and it has been a definite YES that they would like me back to help. To quote the VP, "we could really use your help again next year, thank you for what you have done this year." In short, God has done a great job in allowing the relationships to develop and He is keeping the door open for so many more opportunities. All praise and Glory go to HIM!

MARTIAL ARTS:

We closed off our 7th year on June 1, 2024, with our annual grading day. This year was again successful, with 2 classes on Tuesday, and 1 class on Wednesday. We had 6 people graduate to the Brown belt level this year which is a tremendous achievement for all of them. They worked hard and deserved it, as well as all the other students. We have everything from Yellow Stripe to full Blue belts in the younger classes, again a tremendous achievement for all. The memory verses were out of the psalms this year, and the students learned them well. In fact, some students went above and beyond what was required, and those students received a white stripe on their belt to recognize their achievement in the spiritual aspect of this martial arts club, again as their Sensei I am very proud of their achievements. We have now taken a break and will start up again in September.

PERSONAL:

I have been working on the credentialling process since January of 2023. It is going well, I think. In May I spent a week at Redeemer University for our Summer Institute training. They were quick to point out that I was the oldest participant there. I was not sure how to take that! The week was challenging and rewarding at the same time. I was torn, I wanted to be in my programs but understood this is where I needed to be that week. I still have some assignments and tasks to work on before I complete the entire credentialling process. My hope is to get that completed in the next 6–9 months.

My wife Ruth-Anne and I are great. We have a travel trailer and have already visited my daughter and son. We have some trips planned this summer and are looking forward to the time away. We have our big trip to Virginia in August!

Friends, as always, I so thank you for the prayers, the financial support and the friendships. You are my team, and I could not do this without all of you, please always remember that. If you ever would like to get together, please reach out, I would love to spend time with you.

Have a great summer!

Andrew Atkinson-Clements

Proverbs 3: 5 & 6

RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION:

Dear Congregation of Jennings Creek CRC

Thank you for your generous gift to Resonate Global Mission! Your church's giving helps people all over the world—people who need discipleship and care as they discover their identity in Christ.

In over 40 countries, your Christian Reformed missionaries, church planters, and campus ministers are walking alongside people who have yet to experience the all-knowing embrace of Christ. That's why your gift means so much—it helps to send more people who can live and share the Good News!

It's mission-minded churches like yours that help others discover the truth and fullness of who God created them to be. Thank you for using your gifts to join hand in hand with your missionaries as they walk alongside others and share about a Savior who loves them.

Your partnership is a vital way that you help others experience God's restorative love. Together, we are responding to our call to bring others to Christ. Thank you for using your gifts to help people feel seen by God's church. We couldn't do it without your support!

In Christ

CLASSIS QUINTE MEETING SUMMARY

May 28, 2024

CLASSIS QUINTE
OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

The opening devotions for the meeting were led by Rev. Nicole McLeod, who spoke on discipleship. . Intentional Discipleship is a sign of a healthy church. Jesus called his disciples, taught them, had them report back, died for them. Jesus also prayed for his disciples. A healthy church focuses on discipleship which is covered in prayer.

Regarding the financials of classis, the following items were noted:

-Reserve funds are overages carried forward from the previous year
-$50,000 was received from Crossroads CRC in Ajax on their closing
-Classical Ministry shares report is dated till May 15
-Disbursements are in line with budget
-Classis Reserve was used to keep the ministry shares lower
-In 2025, a full audit will be required.
-The motion to appoint Welch LLP to prepare the 2024 financial statements was carried.

At the January 20, 2024 classis meeting, it was decided to differentiate the roles of treasurer and bookkeeper. In light of this, the CIC has revised the Rules of Procedure to reflect this change.

The chair of the CIC reported the following:

-Procedures for voting for synodical delegates has been clarified and added to the appendix of the Rules of Procedure.
-Made the change from treasure to bookkeeper/treasurer
-Rev. Tom Baird is counselor for Bethany in Bloomfield
-Rev. Ben Ponsen is welcomed to Cephas CRC in Peterborough, installed on April 7
-Church visiting procedures continue to be developed
-Classis Quinte's Articles of Incorporation were revised and will be presented for final approval at the September meeting.
-Transferred Rev. Darren Hoogendoorn's credentials from Hebron CRC (Whitby) to Zion CRC, Oshawa
-Rev. Dan Brown and Rev. Ryan Braam are developing a proposal Canadian Wide Conversation, and will be reporting in September.
-Closing of Ajax CRC created a gift of $50,000, and they were made part of the missional development fund.
-GATHER event information was recently sent to the CIC. This event is on November 18–20 in Niagara Falls. Classis Quinte is invited to send 10 people. If you are interested in attending, email statedclerkquinte@gmail.com.

The following were approved to positions of leadership:

Rev. Josh Tuininga as a church visitor
Ron VanAuken as a church visitor
Mr. Rob Kloosterman as Treasurer for Classis Quinte and member of the CIC.

Report from Calvin University – Rosanne Sweetman-Lopers provided updates:

1. Calvin Prison Initiative – a second campus has been started in Handlon Correctional Facility in Ionia. Each year, 25 men are able to attend classes as they work towards a bachelor's degree. The program makes a positive impact on the students, the families, and even creates a healthier atmosphere in the prison. The program is funded by donations and grants. A 5th cohort recently graduated.

2. 49507 Initiative: Calvin is trying to be a better neighbour and servant to the city. The creation of "Wayfinding," a continuing education program for people who may not otherwise be able to obtain a post-high school education. Also provides wrap-around services and removes barriers to education such as childcare, meals, transportation, and books/laptops.

The Classis Quinte Ministerial Leadership Team explained the work they do in supporting students at seminary. Financial support includes tuition, travel costs, and books. They were pleased to announce that Daniel LeForestier is graduating this year, and classis congratulates him.

We were informed of a diaspora retreat to be held at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre in August with the goal of helping churches navigate ministry to different cultures. Many resources are available. For information, contact Mark Jallim, mjallim@crcna.org.

The overture from Fellowship CRC in Brighton was accepted, and the September meeting of Classis Quinte will be held on Saturdays rather than Tuesdays, beginning in 2025.

Marlene Wolters (Indigenous Ministries) reported that a benefit concert for the Hearts Exchanged Program is being organized, and hopefully will be held on September 28. More information will be coming.

The Articles of Incorporation were reviewed, and a few small edits were made to the proposed document before they were adopted.

With thanksgiving, counselors for two vacant churches reported that a call has been accepted. Rev. Jana VanderLaan will fill the vacancy at Westside CRC in Kingston, while Darren Hoogendoorn will be serving Maranatha CRC in Bowmanville

Graduation Prayer

May you celebrate the past and look hopefully toward your future.

May you have courage to use your gifts in new ways and places.

May you take a step every day toward your dreams and truth.

May home always bring inspiration and comfort.

OUR GRADUATES...

MISS HAILEY WHITTON:
Kindergarten graduation picture from Woodville Elementary School. Hailey wants to be a fashion girl *(aka fashion designer)* when she grows up!

Congratulations Hailey!

WOODVILLE ELEMENTARY
Worthy of Excellence and Success

MISS ANABELLE BAKKER:
Anabelle graduated Grade 8 from Bobcaygeon Public School. She'll be attending Fenelon Falls Secondary next year.

CONGRATULATIONS ANABELLE!

BOBCAYGEON PUBLIC SCHOOL
BPS

MISS DESIREE McDERMOTT:
Desiree graduated Grade 12 at St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School in Lindsay.
She will be attending Durham College in the Fall for the Social Service Work program.

Congratulations Desiree!

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