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.

COME AND SEE WHAT GOD IS DOING: The Christian Reformed Church is inviting you to Gather! In 2024 and 2025, we're bringing together Christian Reformed people from across North America in the spirit of fellowship, encouragement and renewal. Fifteen people from Classis Quinte are invited to attend Gather Niagara on **November 18-20, 2024** where they will join groups from four other regional classes. Through facilitated storytelling in small groups, participants will discuss ways God is bringing life to our congregations; how we can encourage greater participation; and where God is leading us in the coming months and years. All expenses will be covered through a generous grant. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Joanne Adema** at statedclerkquinte@gmail.com. To learn more, visit: crcna.org/Gather. Go to their video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WEBiRDimHU

***Need more information? Contact:* Joanne Adema**
Stated Clerk, Classis Quinte
Email: statedclerkquinte@gmail.com
Phone: 613-813-9875

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.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE (March 28 - April 8, 2025): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH CONFERENCE, November 15 & 16 - CRC members and leaders of all ages are invited for an inspiring event you don't want to miss! God is doing great things within our region, our churches, and our denomination. We are chosen by God to walk alongside His vision for the world and play our part in its transformation. Join us Friday evening and Saturday (November 15 & 16) at Compass Point Church in Burlington, ON, for worship, a plenary session by best-selling author and disciple-maker, Caesar Kalinowski, and a variety of workshops related to young adult ministry, mission in your own backyard, Indigenous ministry, being a deacon, and more! We promise there is a workshop for (almost) everyone. Visit our website for details and pricing, workshop descriptions, and registration info: https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith. Register before Monday, October 14, and receive a free copy of Caesar's newest book, "Transformed: A New Way of Being Christian".

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NOVEMBER 2024

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This Issue

LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE SCHEDULE: 2024/25

Sunday, November 3, 2024
Sunday February 9, 2025
Sunday, April 20, 2025
Sunday, June 8, 2025
Sunday, September 14, 2025
Please join us. Everyone welcome

GROWING IN FAITH:

Family & Faith Formation Night: Our groups are starting again for another year. Thank you to all of our volunteers and participants for making these ministries successful. Welcome back. Truth Seekers, Club Kingdom Builders and Youth start at 6:30pm here at the church every Wednesday evening.

Ladies Bible Study: Coffee Break is on 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.

Odyssey takes place every 4th Sunday of the month. Youth are released after the Sermon.

Something for everyone and everyone is welcome!

NEXT MONTH'S COUNCIL MEETING:

Next council meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 7th, at 7:30pm. Council packets will be distributed on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.

OCTOBER 10TH NORTHERN LIGHTS

Photo by Jen vanStraten

Monthly Finance Updates

OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: OCTOBER 2024

Church Ministry Budget	$18,469.35
Special Offerings	
Ministry Shares	$240.00
Heritage Christian School	$1,295.00
Kawartha Soup Kitchen	$550.00
Deacons	$450.00
Kawartha Lakes Food Source	$4,952.00
Thrive - All Nations Sunday	$25.00
A Place Called Home	$500.00
Ministry to Seafarers	$1,000.00
Durham Christian High School	$1,000.00
Redeemer University	$60.00
Resonate Global Mission	$80.00
Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre	$160.00
Thrive - Disability Awareness Sunday	$408.25
Disability Concerns	$25.00
Property Purchase	$200.00
Facility Rental Income	$730.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR OCTOBER	**$30,144.60**
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	**$359,654.97**

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

Church Family

DECEMBER 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)*

HOLLY SHIER IS BACK IN LINDSAY:
Her new address is 1 Devan Court, Unit #20, Lindsay, ON, K9V 0E1. Phone number and email are the same. Please update your directories. ***Welcome back Holly!***

HERITAGE UPDATE:
Gift card profits for the months of **October** was **$1777.47**
If you would like to purchase gift cards or would like more information, please contact **Hank Bossema at 705-328-2061**.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Sat. Nov. 9th, 2024 at 8:30am. We'll be having a Right Now Media Study following breakfast on the Joby Martin study *"Be a Godly Man"*. Men of All ages are welcome. If you are able to assist with cooking or cleanup, please talk to Pastor Ben

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

2024 Shoebox Campaign

OUR COLLECTION DEADLINE:
Sunday, Nov. 10th
Shoeboxes, pamphlets and packing list will be available on a table in the foyer. Please make sure to have your parcels labelled appropriately

For more info please speak with:
Joanna Charlton 705-340-1797

2024 M2S Christmas Parcel Drive

Ministry 2 Seafarers Packing List etc. available at the Welcome Centre

Each parcel tells a seafarer they are *seen and valued.*

OUR COLLECTION DEADLINE: Sunday, Nov. 17th
There are Bags available in the Foyer

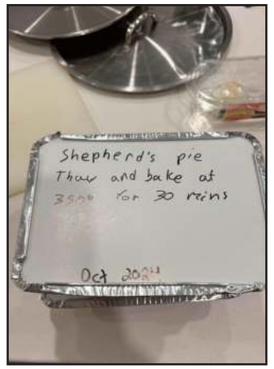
For more info please speak with:
Willem (Bill) Buwalda 705-799-7708

Precept Bible Study Schedule

LUKE PART 1: "Who Is This Man Who Forgives Sins?"
MONDAY EVENING 7:00 - 8:30 PM or
TUESDAY MORNING 9:30 - 11:00 AM
Begins: September 9/10 to March 3/4
Milly Nokes at 705-328-2629

Club Kingdom Builders - Shepherd's Pie

~ photos submitted by Jen vanStraten



Heritage Christian School Events

THURSDAY, NOV. 21 - 7PM
LADIES CRAFT NIGHT
RELAX · CONNECT · CREATE

LADIES & GIRLS ARE INVITED: to join us here at the church down in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of crafting and fellowship. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet (at the Welcome Centre). ***You don't have to do the craft***. Come out to craft, visit or help out. Invite a friend! For more information please speak with **Carol Pypker, Ruthanne Carnegie** or **Sarah Cooke**.

42 LESSONS LIFE TAUGHT ME

It is something we should all read at least once a week! Make sure you read to the end!

Written by Regina Brett, 90 years old, of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio.

"To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 42 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written. My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more:

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short – enjoy it..
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. Save for retirement starting with your first pay check.
9. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
10. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
11. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
12. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
13. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it...
14 Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
15. Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.
16. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
17. It's never too late to be happy. But it's all up to you and no one else.
18. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
19. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
20. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
21. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple. *(and sparkle says Sarah)*
22. The most important sex organ is the brain.
23. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
24. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
25. Always choose life.
26. Forgive but don't forget.
27. What other people think of you is none of your business.
28. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
29. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
30. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does..
31. Believe in miracles.
32. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
33. Growing old beats the alternative – dying young.
34. Your children get only one childhood.
35. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
36. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere. (I love this one)
37. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
38. Envy is a waste of time. Accept what you already have not what you need.
39. The best is yet to come...
40. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
41. Yield.
42. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

~submitted by Sarah Cooke

Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre

THE SPOTLIGHT:

We are currently working on parenting seminars to support men in the Central East Correctional Centre (CECC) in Lindsay. Please be in prayer for Paul, our Client Advocate. Paul attended a volunteer training session at CECC in October and we hope to begin our first sessions in the new year,

FUNDRAISER UPDATES:

Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign has raised a total of **$37,722.01.**

***"Oh the Wonders!"* Fall Banquet** on October 4th raised **$10,174.24.**

We are grateful for the generosity of each donor.

Consider volunteering 705-878-8527

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Christian Reformed Church **News**

CRC COMMUNICATIONS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Beatitude 5: Showing Mercy Like Jesus – Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. There is no better example of someone showing mercy than Jesus showing care to the people he healed and to a crowd of hungry people. We can thank him for the compassion he showed us on the cross and ask for his help to show others mercy each day. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast Jesus Feeds 5000 People.

Groundwork: Growing in Our Salvation and Recognizing Truth – Do you ever feel like God asks the impossible of us? Join Groundwork as we study 2 Peter 1 to learn from the apostle Peter who reminds us that we aren't meant to rely on ourselves to live godly lives; rather it is when we rely on God's divine power and promises that we grow in our salvation, recognize truth, and persevere in our faith. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

WORLD RENEW

HUNGER IS ON THE RISE, BUT HOPE IS NOT LOST – World hunger is worsening at an unprecedented rate. An estimated 783 million people struggle with chronic hunger, with 40 million people facing famine. But hope is not lost. Today, World Hunger Sunday, through our gifts, we can help World Renew equip vulnerable communities with the training and tools they need to achieve food security. Together we can share Christ's hope with families in food crisis. Together we can help end global hunger! For more information, go to: www.worldrenew.ca/worldhunger

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

More info to come. Please mark your calendars
If you have a story, scripture or memory to share, bring it with you!

TRUTH SEEKER ACTIVITIES

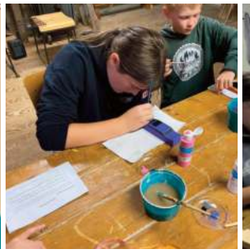
~ Photos submitted by Mary Whitton

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS WITH THE TRUTH SEEKER KIDS: (Top) Making an alter, soaked in water, like Elijah did. (Bottom) Fun and games in the sanctuary together along with Club Kingdom Builders.

Euchre Tournament / Board Game Night

~ photos submitted by Linda McKague

Small group for Euchre on Friday, Oct 25th, but still an enjoyable time. **High score winner:** Betty Van Beek. **Low score was a tie** between Bill Wilms and Elke Beckers. **Last lone hand winner:** Willem Buwalda



Truth Seekers & CKB

THE TRUTH SEEKER KIDS & CLUB KINGDOM BOUND (CBD) KIDS: Our Wednesday night groups are having a whole lot of fun and making new friends. A huge thank you to ALL of the leaders and helpers that are making this evening such a success. CBD working on the Derby Cars and TS group decorating wreaths and pumpkins. Just fantastic!