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.

Events

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.

SOCO BEACH PROJECT UPDATE: Recruitment has begun for SOCO 2025. If you are a young adult between 18 - 29, check out this summer opportunity (May - August) to deepen your faith and live in intentional Christian community, all while having a summer job in beautiful Port Dover. Check out this week's newsletter, celebrating God's faithfulness to young adults through SOCO. Be part of this ministry with a year end gift!
https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-november-21-8565954

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

Goodbye...

Hello Jennings Creek Congregation,
I hope this message finds you all well. I am writing with a mix of emotions to share that I moved to Whitby in September and unfortunately, did not get the chance to say goodbye in person.
During my time in Lindsay, this church has been more than just a place of worship for me—it has been my home and my family. The love, support, and fellowship I found within this community has been a source of strength and joy in my life. I am truly grateful for the friendships, prayers, and memories we have shared together.
Although I am now in a new town, please know that I carry all of you in my heart and prayers. I will always treasure the time I spent with you, and I hope to visit whenever I have the opportunity. Thank you for being such a blessing in my life.
Wishing you all God's blessings and continued growth in faith. *With love and gratitude,*

Pari Ariaeinejad

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

JANUARY 2025

Jennings Creek
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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This Issue

LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE SCHEDULE: 2025

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

OUR CONDOLENCES

O Lord, we call upon You in our time of sorrow, that You give us the strength and will to bear our heavy burdens, until we can again feel the warmth and love of Your divine compassion. Be mindful of us and have mercy on us while we struggle to comprehend life's hardships.

Monthly Finance Updates

OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: NOVEMBER 2024

Church Ministry Budget	$50,215.01
Special Offerings	
Centre Community Church	$2,745.25
Youth Unlimited	$450.00
Resonate Global Mission	$165.00
Micah House Ministry	$654.00
Deacons	$2,253.65
World Renew	$992.00
Lindsay Soup Kitchen	$485.00
Classical Appointment Remittance	$200.00
W/R Canad Food Grains Bank	$110.00
ReFrame Ministry	$140.00
Heritage Christian School	$356.00
Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre	$300.00
Thrive-Chaplaincy Care Sunday	$45.00
Thrive Ministry	$50.00
A Place Called Home	$250.00
Heritage Tuition Assistance	$1,000.00
Kawartha Lakes Food Source	$200.00
Facility Rental Income	$1,410.00
Property Purchase	$0.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR DECEMBER	**$62,020.91**
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	**$450,758.33**

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

Church Family

FEBRUARY 2025 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)*

THE YOUNG ADULT WINTER RETREAT (YAWR) is back again at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock! We would like to encourage all young adults ages 18–30 to join us for this weekend of faith-based discussions, service, fellowship, and funtivities! We are excited to announce that Pastor Stephen Terpstra from First CRC Iowa will be leading us in a series of discussions on engaging in the church community. The retreat will take place from January 24–26, 2025, with the theme Engage. Early bird registration is $60. Don't miss this chance to grow in faith, build lasting connections, and have fun! For more information or the registration link, follow us on Instagram (yawinterretreat), Facebook (Young Adult Winter Retreat), or email us at ya.retreat.team@gmail.com.

HERITAGE UPDATE:
Gift card profits for the months of **December** was **$1771.03** **Cash Back** is **$1405.61** & **Total** is **$3176.64** 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

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

LESSON 8
~~Jan 6/7 2025~~
Jan 13/14 - **DVD**

LESSON 9
Jan 20/21 2025
Jan 27/28 - **DVD**

LESSON 10
Feb 3/4 2025
Feb 10/11 - **DVD**

NO LESSONS -
Feb 17/18 - Family Day Holiday

Milly Nokes at 705-328-2629

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"
(Matthew 5:4)

Christian Reformed Church News

CRC COMMUNICATIONS

WORLD RENEW - World Renew Honduras Discovery Tour - Begin the year by embarking on an unforgettable journey from March 15–20, 2025! Join us to see firsthand the incredible impact of World Renew's work in Honduras. This exciting tour offers a unique opportunity to explore World Renew's integrated agriculture projects in the beautiful, mountainous region of La Campa. For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/2025hondurasinfo

REFRAME MINISTRIES

KIDS CORNER: Loving My Enemy - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. As you listen, remember that what bullies say about you doesn't define you. God has already said who you are. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

GROUNDWORK: Repentance, Forgiveness, and Sin's Consequences - Does God still punish us for our sins, even though in Jesus he forgives all our sins? Join Groundwork as we explore 2 Samuel 12 and the prophet Nathan's conversation with King David to help us answer that question and discover God's hope even in bad situations. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

THRIVE

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday - January 19 - Next week, Thrive invites congregations to explore a holistic ethic of life as it relates to the unborn, people with disabilities, and end of life issues on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Learn more and discover other resources now at this website: crcna.org/life

EDUDEO MINISTRIES: We're Hiring! - Do you thrive on building strategic and healthy relationships that inspire global, Christ-centred impact? Are you passionate about aligning programs with a shared mission, vision, and values? Do you enjoy working with partners to develop initiatives that advance kingdom transformation? If so, join EduDeo's team as the International Partnership Director. Visit https://edudeo.com/careers for more information. Applications due February 12, 2025.

CALVIN UNIVERSITY: Online Course - The online course "Cultural Values in Ministry" equips leaders of all types of ministries with practical tools for relating well to people from a variety of cultures. Understanding and respecting cultural differences is key to a healthy ministry. Held online February 3–March 9, 2025. Register at worship.calvin.edu/events/2025/cultural-values-ministry.

OTHER

MERCY & JUSTICE WEBINARS - February - Gain Christian spiritual insight and practical understanding on timely and complex issues to do with the church's calling to practice mercy and justice. Feb 4: Changing Immigration Law & Refugee Support w/ Dena Nicolai; Feb 11: Disability without Poverty, w/ Rachel Vroege and Amanda Lockitch; Feb. 18: Positive Care & Grace in Dementia, w/ Steve Berkenpas; Feb 25: Reflecting on MAID, w/ Caroline Short. For more info or to register, go to crc1life.ca/2024/12/spotlight-on-mercy-justice-an-online-webinar-series/

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

SENIORS SNOWFLAKE CHRISTMAS CRAFT

~ photos submitted by Sarah Cooke

CHRISTMAS SNOWFLAKE CRAFT: This craft was supposed to be done by the Kingdom Builders group, but unfortunately due to bad weather the Faith Formation evening had to be cancelled. So a group of us got together earlier in the day and did up all of the snowflakes for the Kingdom Builders to put into their gift bags for the seniors