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.

A PLACE CALLED HOME SPECIAL EVENTS:

22ND ANNUAL MARK-A-THON HERO WALK - June 21st, 2025 Our local hero, **Mark Fevang**, is back to raise funds for those experiencing homelessness in the City of Kawartha Lakes and the County of Haliburton! Join Mark for a memorable 5 km or 10 km walk through the picturesque streets and parks of Lindsay. After the walk, participants will be treated to a complimentary celebratory barbeque at the Coach & Horses Pub, generously sponsored by the Whole Sale Club in Lindsay. Registration is a $25.00 donation to A Place Called Home. Don't miss out on this wonderful event—register online or on the day of the event. Visit our website for more details! https://www.tickettailor.com/events/aplacecalledhome/1629590.

22ND ANNUAL KAWARTHA LAKES CLASSIC - August 23rd, 2025 Love to cycle? Save the date for the most thrilling cycling tour in the Kawartha Lakes! This year, we're excited to announce our brand-new venue at the Oakwood Lions Mariposa Community Hall. Get ready to explore our fresh routes: 20 km, 50 km, 100 km, and 160 km road routes, plus a new 70 km gravel route!
After the ride, treat yourself to a delicious lunch provided by our Title Sponsor, Boston Pizza - Lindsay. And to make the day even more enjoyable, the Oakwood & District Lions Club will be hosting a cash bar, with all proceeds going to APCH.
Don't miss out on this fantastic event—mark your calendars and join us for a day of fun and adventure!
GIFT OF SHELTER CAMPAIGN: Thank you to everyone who showed their community love by supporting our Giving Tuesday - Gift of Shelter campaign.
Together we raised almost **$8,000** to support those at risk of homelessness who are accessing our Drop - In Services.
Fundraise or donate a minimum of $50 to receive a free pair of Kawartha Lakes Classic event socks or $150 to receive a free set of Night Rider rechargeable bike lights.
Registration is now open! ***Early Bird Rates will be in effect until June 30th!*** Visit kawarthalakesclassic.com to register.

Events

LIBERATION OF EUROPE CELEBRATION SINGERS:
Liberation of Europe CelebrationSingers from the North Lakeshore Chorus will perform anthems, popular songs of the era and beautiful choral pieces at ***Fellowship CRC (Brighton) at 2PM, Sat. June 7th. Cost is $20. Children under twelve and war veterans attend for free.***
The Dutch Ambassador has learned of our Liberation Celebration concert and will send the Assistant Defense attaché from the Netherlands to represent their government at the event.
Contact **Michael Korn** michaelkorn@sympatico.ca or call **416-282-0427** for more information.

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JUNE 2025

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This Issue

LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE SCHEDULE: 2025
Sunday, June 8, 2025
Sunday, September 14, 2025
Please join us. Everyone welcome

GROWING IN FAITH:

Family & Faith Formation Night: Our groups finished up for another year. Thank you to all of our volunteers and participants for making these ministries successful. Truth Seekers, Club Kingdom Builders & Youth will start up again in the fall here at the church every Wednesday evening.

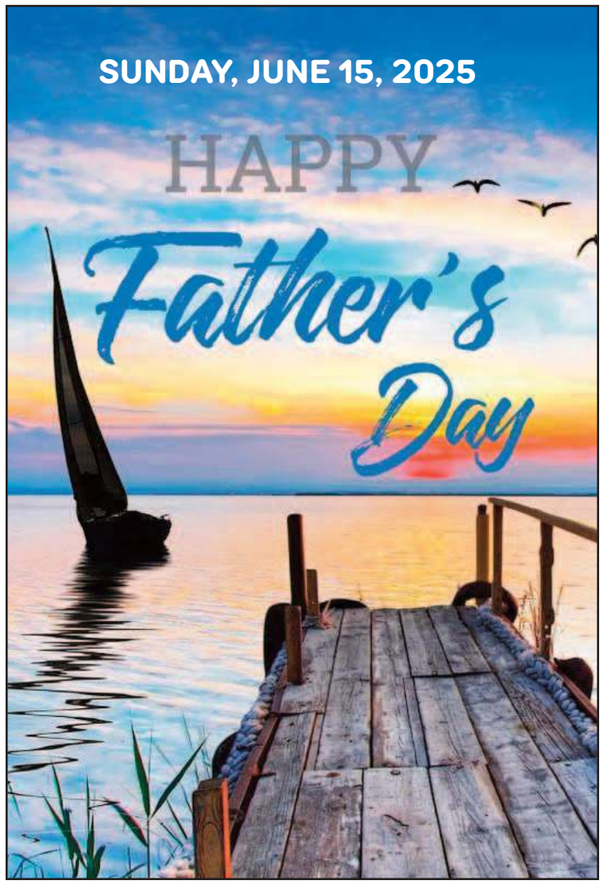
Ladies Bible Study: Coffee Break will resume in the fall every Thursday at 9:30am; Nursery is available. Feel free to bring a friend. (Sept. to May). Thank you to all of our leaders.

Precept Bible Study Has finished for the summer. It will start again on Monday's at 7pm or Tuesday's at 9:30am in the fall. Milly Nokes is the leader.

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, July 3rd, at 7:30pm. Council packets will be distributed on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.



Monthly Finance Updates

OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: MAY 2025

Church Ministry Budget	$43,292.30
Special Offerings	
Kawartha Lakes Food Source	$1,280.50
Calvin Theological Seminary	$165.00
Resonate Global Mission	$190.00
Thrive Ministry	$100.00
Women's Resources	$100.00
Youth Unlimited	$50.00
Centre for Public Dialogue	$50.00
Deacons	$1,090.75
Kawartha Mission	$100.00
W/R Women of Hope Sunday	$600.00
ReFrame Ministries	$616.00
Heritage Christian School	$376.00
Centre Community Church	$20.00
Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre	$125.00
Thrive Ministry- Abuse Awareness Sunday	$115.00
Facility Rental Income	$500.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR APRIL	**$48,770.55**
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	**$174,224.63**

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

Church Family

JULY 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)*

BECOMING AN ORGANIST DURING THE WAR, UNTIL I WAS 87 YEARS OLD:

When my parents got married they inherited a little pump organ which neither could play. But through it I heard my first "call" from God to be an organist for His church. Singing and learning Psalms was very much the practice in our home during the war. Many churches were closed. My parents encouraged me when I was seven to learn to play. I took a few organ lessons from a church organist, Koos Bos who earned money teaching organ. His favourite music was the Psalms and he taught me from the book known as WORP. It had whole notes and changes to half. I also learned to play a few Psalms. I learned a lot and appreciate the Psalms to this day. But, times were tough in 1944 and he had no money. Ond day Koos fainted during my lesson from hunger. My mother gave him food.

In 1947 the lady organist in our church got married and moved away. My Dad, being an elder, appointed me to take over. After about 2 years a new family joined the church and the father was a gifted organist and wanted to replace me. I got so discouragedthat I quit altogether for 12 years.

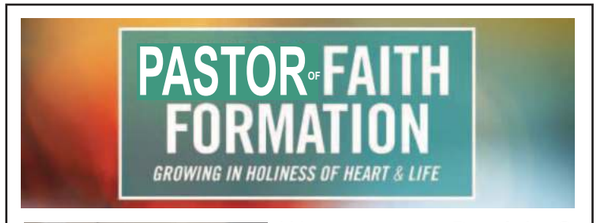
In 1957, God directed me to move to Canada and in 1961 I married Audrey and we became members of the Lindsay Christian Reformed Church. They were still worshipping in the IOFF hall with a pump organ which drew my attention. I soon resumed learning how to play using hymns from the "Blue" edition of the CRC Psalter Hymnal. It was a blessing to be an organist again.

I developed an interest in pipe organs and took lessons from a well known organist from the United Church. I progressed in my learning. That was the beginning of my being a church organist which lasted for over 50 years in Lindsay and Port Perry CRC's. I nearly always have had some sort of home organ and continued to play until I was about 87 years old.

In the early 2000's praise teams and bands became more common, and more praise songs began to replace hymns. Eventually, the Lindsay CRC no longer used it's organ in their services. I did not have the desire to change my musical ambition to be part of that new style. When Lindsay CRC removed the organ, I discovered it was being stored in a barn and was disposed of. I was able to have it brought to my apartment instead and enjoyed it for several more years.

I am thankful to my Heavenly Father for giving me the gift of music to lead the church in music.

~ Jake Griffioen



We welcome **Patrick & Megan Bigelow.** Patrick is joining our staff for the position of ***Pastor of Faith Formation.***

Delayed arrival due to work needing to be done at the parsonage.

HERITAGE UPDATE:

Gift card profits for the months of **May** was **$1,420.09**. If you would like to purchase gift cards or would like more information, please contact **Hank Bossema at 705-328-2061**.

A HUGE THANK YOU:

To all of our group leaders for another successful year of ministry! Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. Our Youth Group Leaders are continuing on for a little while yet, but you have not been overlooked. Your enthusiasm and energy is outmatched.

Have a wonderful summer everyone! Fall will be here before we know it...

COFFEE BREAK BIBLE STUDY is a wonderful way for Women to come together to study God's Word.

We had a very good year Studying from a Lysa Terkeurst guide on *"40 Days Through the Bible"*. With a very in depth study like this, it definitely is taking us longer than the 40 days indicated in the Study Title.

Our last gathering was on Thursday April 24th with a "Spring Brunch". We had a great time socializing and enjoying brunch.

Games were played and enjoyed by all.

A special thank you to all our nursery staff. Without you, our young Moms could not join us in our study.

We thank the Lord for guiding us all in our study of His Word and for granting the leaders what they are in need of each week.

We pray that our summer may be a time of rejuvenation and we will meet again in the fall.

~ Submitted by Lena Wilms

CHURCH LIBRARY UPDATE

I'M RETURNING A BOOK.... Answer: There is a small carton labelled 'book return' on a lower shelf where you may return your borrowed books anytime.

With help from my Library Software I can answer questions about which books we have in the library, esp Sunday mornings. So please come and see me, **Cora Wilms,** after the morning service in the Fellowship Hall.