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

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

CHURCH LIBRARY UPDATE

HOW DO I BORROW BOOKS? Answer: Sunday during coffee I have my computer there on a table to enable borrowing!

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.

CROSSROADS PRISON MINISTRIES CANADA

Do any of you like to write? Are there any among you who are encouragers? **Crossroads for Prisoners Canada** is a correspondence Bible study program for those who are incarcerated. If you are interested in becoming a mentor---marking a lesson and writing a one page letter of encouragement, either weekly or bi weekly, please check us out at info@crossroadscanada.ca.

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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 are winding down for another year. Thank you to all of our volunteers and participants for making these ministries successful. Truth Seekers, Club Kingdom Builders will start up again in the fall and Youth will continue at 6:30pm 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 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, June 5th, at 7:30pm. Council packets will be distributed on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.

Monthly Finance Updates

OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: APRIL 2025

Church Ministry Budget	$22,452.00
Special Offerings	
Kawartha Lakes Food Source	$667.00
Deacons - (Tuition Assistance Stamppot Supper)	$5,141.40
Women's Ressources	$150.00
Deacons	$460.00
Youth Unlimited	$20.00
A Place Called Home	$20.00
Centre for Public Dialogue	$115.00
World Renew - World Hunger	$50.00
Heritage Christian School	$326.00
Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre	$100.00
Thrive Ministry	$363.00
Thrive Ministry - I Believe	$65.00
Calvin Theological Seminary	$233.00
Kawartha Mission	$300.00
Resonate Global Mission	$580.80
Facility Rental Income	$500.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR MARCH	**$31,543.20**
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	**$125,454.08**

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

Church Family

JUNE 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)*

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...

HERITAGE UPDATE:
Gift card profits for the months of **April** was **$1,990.89**. If you would like to purchase gift cards or would like more information, please contact **Hank Bossema at 705-328-2061**.

In June we will 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.

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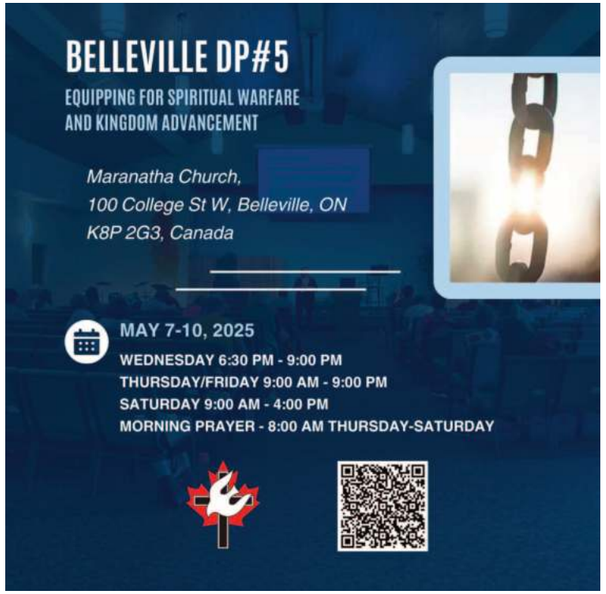
Precept Bible Study
Schedule

PSALMS PART 1: "The Lord Hears When I Call"
MONDAY EVENING
7:00 - 8:30 PM or
TUESDAY MORNING
9:30 - 11:00 AM

LESSON 4
May 5, 2025
May 6, **- DVD**

LESSON 5
May 12, 2025
May 13, **- DVD**



The Kawartha Lakes Singers, under the direction of Arlene Buwalda Gray, is presenting their last concert of this season, *"Classical Choral with JAZZ"* featuring Chilcott's Little Jazz Mass as well as numerous other popular songs. Sunday, May 25th, 2025, 2:30 p.m. at Cambridge St. United Church, Lindsay. You can purchase tickets from **Marilyn Kuiperij**, or at the church door that day. 705-374-4394

Christian Reformed Church News

CRC COMMUNICATIONS

40 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR SYNOD 2025 - 40 Days of Prayer are written prayers representing the diversity of CRC members that will guide us for the 40 days leading up to synod. Sign up to receive an email with the prayer for the day, or a PDF with each week's prayers. The 40 Days of Prayer will begin next Sunday, May 4, and will conclude as Synod 2025 delegates gather on June 12. crcna.org/synod/prayer.

THE BANNER'S COUNTING ON YOU! - Please support the award-winning journalistic ministry of the CRC by giving today. $500,000 is needed every year to keep The Banner going. The more funds raised in this annual drive, the less is drawn from ministry shares, releasing money to other agencies of the CRCNA. Please donate now online at: TheBanner.org/Give.

RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: Double Your Gift to Resonate - There's Still Time! - The deadline is almost here, but there's still time to double your gift to Resonate Global Mission by visiting www.resonateglobalmission.org/Double. Any amount you give to this special campaign by April 30 will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor! Don't wait—give today while your gift will go twice as far.

REFRAME MINISTRIES

KIDS CORNER: Needed: Grand Friendships - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Needed: Grand Friendships," at www.kidscorner.net. Spending time with mentors helps us grow in faith, share love, and remember that God is always with us. We can learn to see God's goodness and share it with others, whatever their age. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Earth Day Collection.

GROUNDWORK: Christian Civility: Defending Our Faith without Being Defensive - How do we disagree without being disagreeable, or handle conflicts when people slander or talk against us? Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 3:8–17 and Titus 3:1–11 to seek biblical wisdom for responding to and navigating a divisive culture in faithful and Christlike ways. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

THRIVE

ABUSE AWARENESS SUNDAY - On this special Sunday, Thrive invites our congregation to imagine a more holistic approach to nurturing a safe and healthy church community where abuse itself becomes unthinkable and where survivors feel supported and safe. Please support this valuable ministry that empowers all CRCs by giving now at their website: crcna.org/SafeChurch/Donate

THRIVE

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP - Abuse Awareness Sunday - Is a day when the church acknowledges the sad reality of abuse in our world and in our communities. Abuse happens when one person treats another with cruelty and violence, hurting them physically, emotionally, and/or spiritually. Jesus came to put an end to such suffering and to the cruelty that causes it. Consider how the church can follow in Jesus' footsteps. How can the church support people who are abused? How can the church help to put an end to abuse? If you're looking for a helpful starting point, check out crcna.org/SafeChurch. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

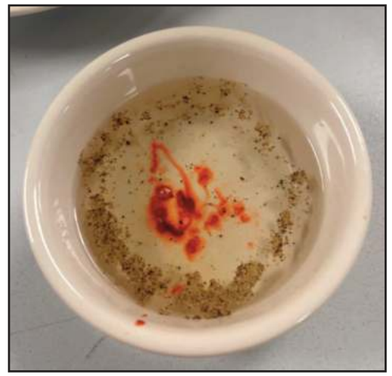
OTHER

CENTRE FOR PUBLIC DIALOGUE, THRIVE, WORLD RENEW Finding Hope in Hospitality: A Faith-Based Conversation on Welcoming the Stranger - On May 15, from 7:30–9:00 PM EST, we invite you to a cross-border virtual gathering. In a time when refugee resettlement and immigration spark complex emotions and conversations across North America, Thrive, the Centre for Public Dialogue, Exodus World Service, and World Renew's Canadian Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Team invite you to a different kind of gathering—one rooted in hope, hospitality, and faith. Learn more and register today! network.crcna.org/topic/justice-inclusion/biblical-justice/refugees/finding-hope-hospitality-faith-based-conversation.

LIBERATION OF EUROPE CELEBRATION Eighty years ago The Netherlands was liberated by Canadian soldiers of the Allied armies, ending five years of NAZI oppression. Come and celebrate V.E. Day with song! Singers from the North Lakeshore Chorus will perform anthems, popular songs of the era and beautiful choral pieces at Fellowship CRC in Brighton at 2:00 PM, **Saturday June 7th, 2025**. Mark your calendars! Cost is **$20.** Children under twelve and war veterans attend for free.

There is room for experienced S.A.T.B. singers to join our nine day Liberation of The Netherlands Anniversary Tour from June 27th to July 6th . Contact Michael Korn at 416-282-0427 or michaelkorn@sympatico.ca for more information.

CKB & TS ~ PASSOVER DINNER



CLUB KINGDOM BUILDERS & TRUTH SEEKERS: These photos are from the passover feast that we had. The kids were taught about what the Passover feast all means. How the Israelites had to slaughter a perfect lamb, which was a foresight to how Jesus would be our perfect sacrifice. They got to taste test all the foods and learn about what each food meant.

~ photos submitted by Jen vanStraten

GIVE ~ SAVE ~ SPEND PIGGY BANKS

CLUB KINGDOM BUILDERS: These photos are from the night we assembled the banks. The kids got to use nail guns and assemble the banks themselves . With lots of help from some kind men!

~ photos submitted by Jen vanStraten

GIVE ~ SAVE ~ SPEND PIGGY BANKS

CLUB KINGDOM BUILDERS: These photos are of the “piggy” banks we made. Pastor Ben taught the kids about what tithing means and how we can use our gifts to share with others.

~ photos submitted by Jen vanStraten

Family Faith Formation Night Season Finale!

CLUB KINGDOM BUILDERS & TRUTH SEEKERS: Fun was had by ALL!

~ photos submitted by Ben vanStraten

Family Faith Formation Night Season Finale!

CLUB KINGDOM BUILDERS & TRUTH SEEKERS: Have a great summer & we'll see you in the fall.

~ photos submitted by Jen vanStraten