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.

Suicide — lets talk about it.
When we come across suicide, either in our own thoughts, or in the life of someone we are close to, it can be bewildering and scary. As Christians, who believe in the hope of Jesus, can leave us feeling guilty and alone. But talking about suicide undoes the aloneness and allows us access to support for ourselves or to offer hope and resources to those who need it. In this edition of Shalem's monthly Mental Health Matters article, we explore the presence and impact of suicide in our lives including signs, symptoms and hope for relief from feelings of despair. Follow this link to read the whole article including crisis numbers and links to support.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE (APRIL 3 - 13. 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 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.

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This Issue

LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE SCHEDULE: 2025
Sunday, November, 2025
Please join us. Everyone welcome

GROWING IN FAITH:
Family & Faith Formation Night: Our groups will be starting October 1st 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 at 6:30pm.

Ladies Bible Study: Coffee Break will resume in October 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 Is happening 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. They are done for the summer and will return in the fall.

Something for everyone and everyone is welcome!

NEXT MONTH'S COUNCIL MEETING:
Next council meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6th, at 7:30pm. Council packets will be distributed on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.

As we begin another season of ministry here at Jennings Creek Christian Reformed Church, we are reminded of the call God gave His people long ago:

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." (Deut. 6: 6–7)

Faith formation has always been at the heart of God's design for His people. Israel was called to remember, to rehearse, and to live out God's Word in the everyday rhythms of life—not only for themselves, but so that the next generation would know and walk with the Lord.

Here at JCCRC, this call connects directly with the "Grow" section of our vision: Belong, Grow, Serve. Growing in faith is not just for our children, but for every generation. We never outgrow the need to be formed by God's Word, to remember His faithfulness, and to live in response to His love.

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Monthly Finance Updates

OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: SEPTEMBER 2025

Church Ministry Budget	$24,176.00
Special Offerings	
Redeemer University	$370.00
Heritage Christian School	$464.00
Women's Resources	$90.00
Deacons: Micah vanStraten Change Conference	$300.00
Deacons: Allan & Jean MacDonal	$220.00
Kawartha Mission	$120.00
Deacons	$950.00
Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre	$100.00
New Life Prison Ministry	$170.00
Centre Community Church	$20.00
Lindsay Soup Kitchen	$1,343.40
Resonate Global Misssion	$574.10
Teen Challenge	$904.00
Thrive: All Nations Heritage	$50.00
Kawartha Lakes Food Source	$50.00
Thrive: Disability Concerns	$150.00
Ministry to Seafarers	$50.00
Facility Rental Income	$500.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER	**$30,601.50**
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	**$298,839.58**

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

Church Family

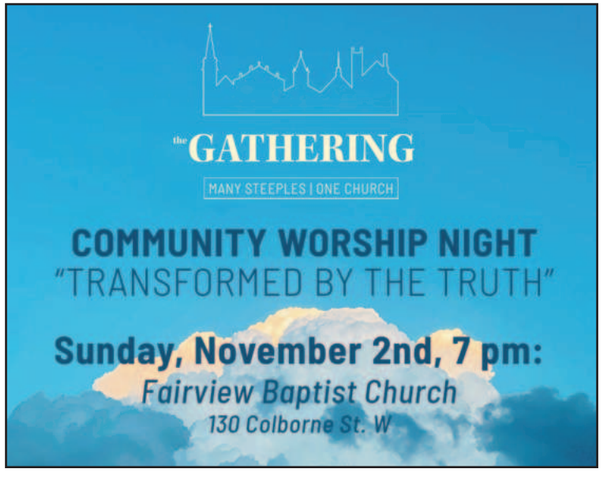
OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER:
If you have something that you would like to share with the congregation, please submit to the church office. Deadline for contributions is the Wednesday (9:00am) prior to the end of the month. The Newsletter will be posted online on the 1st Sunday of the month to update everyone 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)*

FIRM IN FAITH:
As I grow older, more then ever before, I spend part of my day alone in peace, meditation and prayer with my Heavenly Father. To learn and understand the purpose He has placed on me and to apply it in my present environment. It is a priviledge and a calling to be a witness for the Lord.
"And no matter what your past has been, trust God to understand and no matter what your problem is, just place it in His hands." (H. S. Rice)

~ Jake Griffioen

HERITAGE UPDATE:
Gift card profits for the months of **September** was **$2639.39.**
If you would like to purchase gift cards or would like more information, please contact **Hank Bossema at 705-328-2061**.

HAPPY 72ND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
Bert & Marie Vanden Berg celebrated their 72nd Wedding Anniversay this past Wednesday. Congratulations on such a milestone!



Christian Reformed Church News

CRC COMMUNICATIONS

REFRAME MINISTRIES
Kids Corner Devotion: Learning God's Story - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Learning God's Story" at www.kidscorner.net. Want to grow strong in your faith like you grow strong in your muscles? Learn how prayer, Bible reading, and small daily habits can help you become a stronger follower of Jesus! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like our video Bible study "God's Big Story".

GROUNDWORK: Discipleship During Life's Tragedies - What happens to our discipleship while we experience grief, pain, frustration, anger, and the many other emotions we experience during these times? Join Groundwork as we study Job 1:13-22, Psalm 56:8, 1 Peter 5:7, and Job 42:10-11 to stay the course of discipleship during life's tragedies. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

THRIVE
Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Continue celebrating the diverse group we see worshiping God in Revelation 7:9-12 this week as you celebrate All Nations Heritage Sunday. Explore music, prayers, or art from a culture different from your own as a way of recognizing and honoring the global body of Christ. Reflect on how diversity reveals more of God's creative nature. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

HEINTZMAN UPRIGHT PIANO in excellent condition, with bench, free to good home. Persons taking piano would be responsible for getting piano to their home. Contact Marilyn Kuiperij at 705-341-4937 for more details.

2025 CHURCH FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND

On your marks! Get Set! Go!
The Jennings Creek Cub Car Derby is Back!

Get ready to build, race, and cheer! Club Kingdom Builders is thrilled to announce the return of the Jennings Creek Cub Car Derby Dash- everyone is invited, regardless of age!

Your Mission: Build and Race!

It's time to unleash your inner engineer and artist. Will your car be a speed demon or a show-stopping design?

🔧 **Get Your Kit:** Head over to the Welcome Centre to pick up your official Cub Car Kit and start crafting your masterpiece today.
🚗 **Race for Glory:** We'll have multiple age categories so everyone has a fair shot at the checkered flag!
🎨 **Design for the Win:** Not built for speed? No problem! Enter your car for the Most Creative Design prize instead.

🌟 **New this Year: Classic Race!**
Bring your car from last year to see if it holds up in the Classics bracket!
November 27th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary! Join the Fun—Even Without a Car!
Whether you're racing or just watching, it's going to be a blast. Come support the builders and enjoy the thrilling competition!

🍰 **Speaking of treats:** We're asking all attendees to bring a dessert to share for a fantastic dessert buffet we can enjoy together as we watch the cars fly down the track!

Don't miss out on this thrilling event!

Annual Candlelight Service

🌟 **Drive-Through Christmas Story – Volunteers Needed!** 🌟
This year, our Candlelight Service will look a little different—and unforgettable! On **Sunday, December 21, 2025**, Jennings Creek CRC will host a "Bethlehem Drive-Through"—a unique way for our community to experience the wonder of Jesus' birth.

As families drive through our church driveway and parking lot, they'll journey past six live scenes that bring the Christmas story to life. From angels to shepherds, Mary and Joseph to the manger, each stop will give a glimpse of God's greatest gift—our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
But to make this vision a reality—we need **YOU!**
👉 **Actors** (no memorizing long lines—just simple, powerful roles!)
👉 **Set Builders & Helpers** to create the scenes
Whether you love to act, build, or simply want to be part of something that shares the true meaning of Christmas, there's a place for you.
📅 **Info Meeting: Sunday, October 5th** after the worship service in the sanctuary.
✉️ **Questions?** Email Pastor Ben at pastorbenvs@gmail.com

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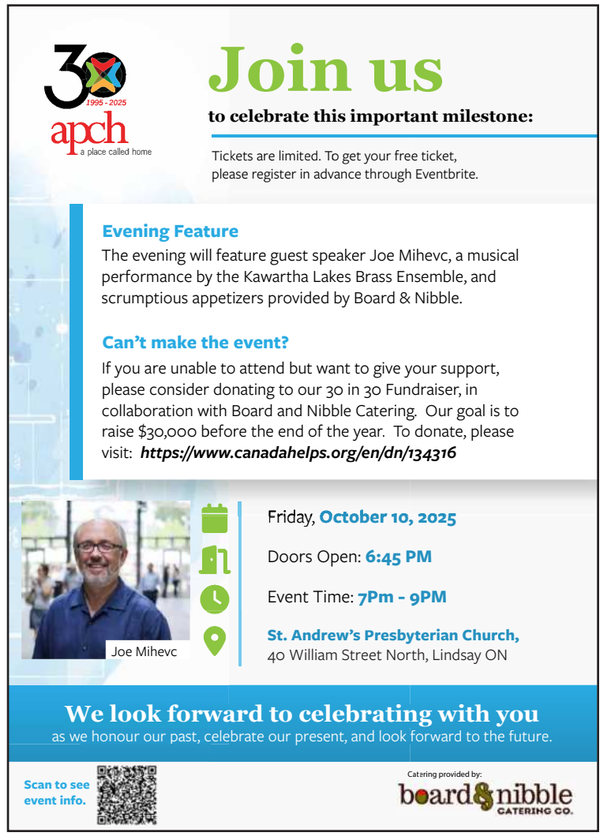
As we step into this new season of ministry—whether in Kic Connection, Truth Seekers, Club Kingdom Builders, Odyssey, youth group, Precept Bible studies, or small groups—we do so with the conviction that God is at work shaping hearts and lives through His Spirit. Our task is to faithfully teach, model, and encourage one another in the ways of the Lord, so that faith may take deep root and bear fruit across all ages.

Prayer
Lord our God,
As we begin this new season of ministry, we thank You for Your Word that gives life. May it dwell richly in our hearts and in our homes. Bless the leaders who serve, the students who learn, and every member of this congregation as we seek to grow in Christ. By Your Spirit, form faith in every generation here at JCCRC, so that our lives together may reflect Your love and truth. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Teacher and Savior.
~ Amen.



FALL MINISTRY KICK-OFF BBQ

~ photos submitted by Lena Wilms

THE START OF ANOTHER SEASON: So much fun was had as we played games, ate wonderful food and enjoyed each others company. Thank you to all of our Leaders and helpers. *Welcome back everyone!*