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.

SHALEM MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

Navigating Change and Transitions Well

We all experience changes in life. Transitions often require significant adjustment as we deal with letting go of the old and welcoming the new. Often there is a range of feelings involved and our sense of identity may be affected. Navigating change is easier with supports in the form of family, friends and community resources. Follow this link to read the whole article, including strategies and resources for coping with change and how faith communities can provide support.

MID-AMERICA REFORMED SEMINARY

MID-AMERICA REFORMED SEMINARY'S Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference returns October 2–3, 2026, at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL, with a focus on biblical hospitality. Join us for two days of teaching, panel discussions, and worship designed to equip your church to better welcome and enfold others into its life. Early Bird registration is open through May 31. Learn more and register today at midamerica.edu/cme/conference.

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This Issue

LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE SCHEDULE: 2026

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Please join us. Everyone welcome

GROWING IN FAITH:

Family & Faith Formation Night: Thank you to all of our volunteers and participants for making these ministries successful. Truth Seekers, Club Kingdom Builders & Youth are have wrapped up for the year here at the church. They will start back up in the fall.

Ladies Bible Study: Coffee Break has wrapped up for the year. It will resume in the fall and run every Thursday at 9:30am; Nursery is available. (Sept. to May). Thank you to all of our leaders.

Precept Bible Study has wrapped up for the year. Classes will pick back up again in the fall. **Milly Nokes** is the leader.

Odyssey takes place every 4th Sunday of the month. Youth are released after the Sermon. Classes have wrapped up for the year and will start again in the fall.

Something for everyone and everyone is welcome!

NEXT MONTH'S COUNCIL MEETING:

Next council meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept 3rd, at 7:30pm. Council packets will be distributed on the Friday prior to the Council Meeting.

Not a camper? Here are some events you can come and enjoy.

EVENTS: ***(Day passes are required for non-campers to enter the park)***

Saturday Aug.29th (4:30ish) has become a tradition of a *"Wine & Cheese Social"*. Bring your own beverage (drinking vessel & lawn chairs) and cheese is provided by Pieter & Grace vanOudenaren. Followed with campfires and fellowship. **Location/Site #:** Will be determined when we know which site will work the best.

Sunday Aug. 30th Morning Worship Service at **10:00am** at the Amphitheatre. Anyone can join us. Pastor Ben will deliver the morning message and Pieter leads us in worship. Followed with a time of coffee and fellowship at a designated campsite (announced following the service). Bring a treat to share with the group and your lawn chairs.

Monthly Finance Updates

OFFERING TOTAL RESULTS: JULY 2026

Church Ministry Budget	$22,890.12
Special Offerings	
World Renew - Venezuela Earthquake	$2,180.00
ReFrame Ministries	$120.00
Deacons - Johnathan Fritz Camp	$104.00
Heritage Christian School	$2,132.00
Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre	$500.00
Deacons	$450.00
World Renew - Refugee Sunday	$250.00
Candidacy Committee	$25.00
A Place Called Home	$591.25
Youth Budget	$100.00
Centre Community Church	$840.00
Sound & Visual Equipment Upgrade	$340.00
Facility Rental Income	$150.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR JULY	**$30,672.37**
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	**$304,529.10**

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

Church Family

SEPTEMBER 2026 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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY JENNINGS CREEK CRC: A friend reminded me yesterday that July 13 marked the **74th anniversary** of the Christian Reformed Church in Lindsay.
Seventy-four years ago, a small group of faithful believers gathered with a vision to establish a Christian Reformed witness in this community. From those humble beginnings, meeting at Cambridge Street Baptist Church, God has done immeasurably more than they could have imagined.
Over the years, generations have worshipped here, children have been baptized, couples have exchanged marriage vows, loved ones have been commended into God's care, and countless prayers have been offered within this church family. Elders, deacons, pastors, volunteers, and faithful members—many whose names are known only to God—have given of themselves to build and nurture this congregation.
Through seasons of joy and sorrow, growth and challenge, God has remained steadfast. His grace has sustained us, His Word has guided us, and His Spirit has faithfully led us.
As we look back with gratitude and remember all that God has done, we also look forward with hope, praying that He will continue to lead and guide us as we seek to be Christ's church in Lindsay for generations to come.
"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." (Psalm 127:1)
To God be the glory for 74 years of faithfulness!
Pastor Ben vanStraten

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GIFT CARDS: Due to heart issues I have decided to resign from selling gift cards on behalf of Heritage Christian School. I would appreciate it if those that wish to continue to support the gift card program to go directly to Heritage Christian School to get your cards. Thank you to all of my customers for supporting Heritage Christian School and myself through this program.
Sincerely, Hank Bossema

FUTURE DEACONS?

~ photo submitted by Betty VanBeek

It brings so much joy to everyone when *the whole family* gets involved in ministry. These two trainee's brought smiles to everyones face to see how excited they were to help out Mom & Dad during fellowship on Sunday morning. *Thank you!*

CANADIAN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP ARTIST BRIAN DOERKSEN HAS DIED PEACEFULLY at his family home on Tuesday morning.
His family shared the news on social media saying, "On July 21, at 6:45 a.m., our Beloved Brian passed away peacefully in his sleep at his family home, surrounded by those who loved him most."
The news comes after his family asked for prayers after he was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer.
"Till the very end, Brian continued to love those around him, encouraging them in who they are, and shared incredible gratitude to those in the medical field who tried their best to help him. He was a beacon of light even in his final moments to his close family and friends, and loved well right to the end," the social post said.
The family thanks everyone who lifted Brian up in prayer. "Thank you to the entire community around the world that prayed, gave, and sent incredible messages of love."
Brian Doerksen is a Canadian Christian singer-songwriter and worship leader. His most widely sung and recognized songs include global worship anthems like "Come Now is the Time to Worship," "Refiner's Fire," "Faithful One," "Hope of the Nations," "The River," and "Today (As For Me and My House)".

NEW FEATURE ON THE BRIDGE APP:

When you open your Bridge APP on your phone you will now see an 'EVENTS' tab on the main screen. If you open this tab you will see events posted on our Calendar of Events. If you open these events you will see if you have been registered to attend for that event. As we are currently restricted to just those individuals involved in the 'production' of the service I have published the January 10th & 17th services.

When we are opened back up to allowing 75 drawn seats, I will publish the 'event' on the Friday prior to the service for the most up-to-date list for the Sunday Service.

This feature will be helpful if we have an upcoming event that is 'Open' for registration instead of 'Drawn' registration.

If you don't have the App yet, please consider down-loading it to your mobile device. See the notice >>>> to download it from your devices search engine.

Features included with the APP:

- Sermon Videos *[past videos also available]*
- Prayer Requests
- GIVE Portal *[no fee Debit or 3% fee Credit]*
  [donate to your choice of registered ministries]
- Our Church Directory
- Today Devotional
- Bible *[choose your favourite version]*
- Weekly Ministry Service Schedule
- Weekly Bulletin / Monthly Newsletter
- CRC Resources and MORE.

Everything you need at your fingertips!

KAWARTHA LAKES PREGNANCY CENTRE THANK YOU!

Dear Friends of Kawartha Lakes Pregnancy Centre,

We truly thank God for you. Your gifts of $3,496.00 from the church and $500.00 from the Deacon's Accout, has enabled us to help at least 97 clients this year thus far.

Our Client Advocates are developing meaningful relationships with our clients as they help them to process and persevere through their circumstances. In the words of one of our Client Advocates, "It's an amazing privilege to come alongside this generation and those to come. It is humbling and honouring to be entrusted with their stories."

We sincerely care for each one of our clients and their children, born and unborn. Thank you for supporting this ministry that seeks to see our clients and their children flourish.

SPONSORSHIP

SEAWAY BIKE TOUR: The seaway bike tour is a major fundraiser for the seafarer mission in Montreal. It is happening again this year on **Saturday, Sept. 12th**.

Liz and I along with our daughter, Erin Payton have entered this event and are asking for your sponsorship.

Liz and Erin are signed up for the 100Km ride and myself for 25,(possibly 50?). We would really appreciate your support.

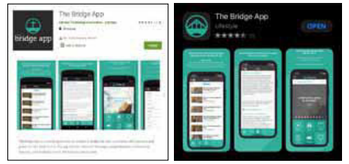
You can sponsor us through the website ministrytoseafarers.org/biketour and click on the Depooter/Payton team or see us in person. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you

Arnold & Liz Depooter

To download The Bridge App, visit either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, and search for 'The Bridge App'. You can recognize the correct app by its logo and by the name of the developer, Extreme Technology.

Once you launch The Bridge App, you will be prompted to create a user account (your email address) as well as a unique, personal password. If your church is using The Bridge App and has uploaded their membership data with your email address, you should be automatically connected to your local church.

If you are not automatically connected to your church, you will be asked to SELECT A HOME CHURCH. Enter the name of your church in the white locator field and click on the MAKE MY HOME CHURCH message on the HOME screen. You will be asked if you are already a member and if you would like to request membership access. A request will be sent to your church to review your request. Once approved you will have access to all your church's data.



"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds... encouraging one another."

- Hebrews 10:24-25

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