

Welcome

October 4, 2026

Drawing In

Welcome/Call to Worship/God's Greeting
Goodness of God
God So Loved

Committing

Baptism
Amazing Grace
Fall Retreat Sharing
Children's Prayer (ages 3-Grade 7 dismissed)
Prayers of the People

Listening

1 Samuel 1:1-13
The Hope of Promises Kept
Take My Life and Let It Be

Applying

Offering: Deacons
O Come to the Altar
God's Parting Blessing
Build My Life

How will you apply today's message to your life?

Keeping in Prayer: Mary Guetter

How might you show your support?

- drop off a meal/snack
- support via church ministries
- visit/phone call/text
- Intentional prayer
- other

This Sunday we look forward to celebrating the baptism of Charlotte Ann, infant daughter of Matt & Jess VanDorp. We will also experience the Ignite Youth sharing from their fall retreat last weekend.

Thanksgiving Day – Monday, October 12, 10:00am we gather to express our praise and thanksgiving to God.

PASTORAL ELDER NOMINATION PROCESS. We are thankful to share that **Auke Bylsma**, **Phil Dykstra**, and **Joanne Poelman** have accepted their nomination. Next Sunday, October 11, we will have the drawing of lots, and the installation service is planned for October 25.

GEMS & Cadets Start This Thursday, October 8! Girls and boys in Grades 4–8 are invited to join us from 7–8:30 p.m. for a year of fun, friendships, and exploring new themes! Registration is this Thursday: **GEMS:** Church; **Cadets:** School; **Cost:** \$50/child. Please have a parent/guardian complete registration. We can't wait to see you there!

Meeting Reminder: If your team or group plans to meet at the church, please let the office or Frances know so the building can be opened and the calendar updated. With winter coming, this also helps ensure the steps are cleared. Thank you!

Birthdays this week:

4: Sonya Dykstra; Al Feddes (87);
Dwayne Feddes;
5: Fanny Geleynse; Richard Kaptein
6: Clark Rozendal 7: Nichele Steenbeek
8: Rick Kaptein; Janny VanGaalén
9: Alf Dykstra

Offerings for September:

Birthday Fund \$870; Canadian Bible Society \$50; Community Living \$50; Deacons \$150; Friends of the Community \$50; General Operating Fund \$20,580.65; HCS Bursary \$2,120; Redeemer \$1,852.35; Reframe \$25; Resonate \$2,301.70; Sanctuary London \$1,839.75; Thrive \$1,934.90.

Worship services begin at 10:00 am and are livestreamed

HCS 39th Annual Auction is Thursday, November 19-Friday, November 20 ONLINE and Saturday, November 21, 2026 LIVE! Just a few weeks left to donate and we need your help! Looking for ideas? The auction committee has a list, so please reach out to auction@huronchristianschool.ca for that list! Is there a favourite restaurant or activity your family enjoys? Handy in the kitchen? Homemade treats are always a hit! Could you or your business donate an item, a service or an advertisement? Please send completed forms back to the school by Tuesday, October 20, 2026. Thank you for your support to make this a successful fundraiser! Any questions, please contact auction@huronchristianschool.ca.

Seniors Appreciation Day & Groundbreaking Ceremony: London Christian High welcomes grandparents and special seniors to Seniors Appreciation Day on Wednesday, October 14 from 9:30 to 1:00 pm, featuring coffee, an assembly, classroom visits, and lunch (gluten-free options available, no RSVP needed!). At 1:00 pm, our wider community is invited to attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony of our new Technology Wing! Come give thanks for God's faithfulness as we mark this exciting milestone in LCH's history!

Blyth Women's Coffee Break - Join us as we begin another season of Coffee Break on Wednesday, October 7. Women of all ages are welcome to gather for fellowship, Bible study, worship and more! We meet every Wednesday morning from 10-11:30am at the Blyth CRC. Nursery is available! For more information contact Brenda Sjaarda at 519-440-2744.

Worship Night at Huron Chapel: We would love for you to join us for a night of Praise and Worship on Sun. Oct. 4th from 7- 8:30 p.m. Let us come together and raise our voices in song. 119 John's Ave. Auburn.

Christian Reformed Church of Stratford Celebrates 75 Years of Faith and Community: Stratford Christian Reformed Church will be celebrating 75 years of ministry in November of 2026! To commemorate this anniversary, the church will host a special weekend of events open to the community. On Saturday, November 21, the church will hold a public open house from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 190 Athlone Crescent, featuring building tours and refreshments. A dinner for current and former members will take place later that evening. If you would like to attend tickets are available through the office. On Sunday, November 22, a special anniversary worship service will be held at 10:00 am, followed by coffee and cake, and a soup lunch. All are welcome to attend. If you have a story, a favourite memory or would like to send your greetings to the Stratford Congregation please send to office@stratfordcrc.org.

Roast Beef Dinner & Silent Auction: Please join FOTOCAN Volunteers for a Roast Beef Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the 2027 mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Guatemala. Thursday, October 29, 2026. Elora Legion Branch 229. Silent Auction: 4:30-8:00 p.m. Dinner served: 5:30 p.m. \$35 per person — pre-sale tickets only. All proceeds support Friends of the Orphans Canada (FOTOCAN) and their upcoming mission trips. Tickets: Carol Allan – 905-703-0354 Silent Auction: Wendy Smith – 226-500-7470

Children's Ministry Roundtable: Advent - October 15 at 1pm ET - This virtual "show-and-tell" style gathering will feature Thrive staff as well as members of Thrive's Children's Ministry Leader Network. They will share Advent resources and ideas that have worked well in their ministry contexts while also inviting all participants to share their favorite Advent activities. Whether you have great ideas to share or are looking for inspiration to shape your seasonal plans, this event is for you! Register here tinyurl.com/p8c4wjmk or email thrive@crcna.org for more information.

Giving & Supporting

TODAY: Deacons

NEXT WEEK: Friends of the Community Food Bank

e-transfer to treasurer@clintonchristianreformedchurch.ca (cause in memo); cheque in offering or by mail;
PAR (pre-authorized remittance is for the budget only)

Office Hours this week:

Tuesday, Wednesday
& Friday
8:30AM-4:00PM

Christian Singles Mixer: For those who were unable to attend the first event or for those who would like to mingle further, we invite you to a Christian Singles Mixer for those ages 25-40(ish). Inge Rylaarsdam (Palmerston CRC), Samantha Kappers (Bethel CRC - Listowel) and Grace-Emma Bierma (Stratford CRC) are hosting again. **When:** Friday, October 16 from 6:00pm-11:00pm [Dinner will be served at 6:30pm] **Where:** Moorefield, ON **Cost:** \$20. Reserve your spot (as space is limited) by October 9, by scanning the QR code on the flyer in the fellowship hall. All the details for the event will be there and you'll be confirmed once payment is received. Looking forward to seeing you! <https://forms.gle/NaMzaedQGMHwn8aB6>

Classis Huron seeks nominations for the part-time paid positions of Stated Clerk of Classis and the Alternate. The clerk ensures accurate records/minutes of all classis proceedings and manages the various communications of classis from routine correspondence to official communications relative to ministerial credentials, congregational status, and overtures to synod. A stated clerk also ensures that the protocols and decisions of the classis conform to the Church Order of the CRCNA. Nominations must be submitted to the current Clerk of Classis by January 13, 2027, at classishuron@gmail.com.

Classis Huron is seeking nominations for the Classis Huron representative to the Council of Delegates (COD). This is the governing board of the Christian Reformed Church. As an ecclesiastical governance entity serving in the interim of synod (the broadest assembly), the COD provides governance by means of the authority delegated to it by synod and with its synodically elected membership representing classes. This appointment is for three years. More information is accessible at [Council of Delegates | Christian Reformed Church](#). Nominations must be submitted to the clerk of classis by January 13, 2027.

Groundwork: Finding Meaning In Life And The Passing Of Time - In Ecclesiastes 3, the Teacher advises, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." He later calls time a burden, but also says God has "set eternity in the human heart." Join Groundwork as we study Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, 12:1-14 to glean wisdom from the Teacher for how to find meaning in life through our time. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

Kids Corner Devotions: A Pilgrim's Path: Walking with Jesus - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "A Pilgrim's Path: Walking with Jesus" at www.kidscorner.net. Are you ready to go on your adventure with Jesus and discover more of his love all around you? As we explore God's kingdom in our homes, our neighborhoods, and everywhere we go, let's ask God to help us notice him more in our everyday lives. The early Christians even called following Jesus "The Way" because it's like walking along a path that leads us closer to God.

Lifelong Discipleship: A Conversation with Author Cameron Shaffer - Join Thrive faith formation consultant Rick Zomer for a webinar featuring Cameron Shaffer, author of *Keeping Kids Christian*. As a parent and pastor, Shaffer focuses on intergenerational, lifelong discipleship strategies that foster deep connections to the local church, helping young people stay involved well beyond their youth group years. The webinar will take place on Tuesday, October 13, at 4:00 PM EDT. Register by October 9 at tinyurl.com/ye2ju9xy or email thrive@crcna.org for more information.

All Nations Heritage Sunday - Today we celebrate the diverse and multicultural church of Christ. Thrive is dedicated to bringing more diversity into the future leadership of the denomination through the L.E.A.D. (Leadership Equipping: Advocating Diversity) scholarship fund. Recipients of this scholarship are students from various ethnic minorities and members of CRCNA congregations who plan to, or who are currently pursuing, their educational goals at higher learning institutions affiliated with the CRCNA. Individual donations and church gifts are the only means to grow this fund and to keep this scholarship available. Please give today and help Thrive grow diverse leadership within the CRC.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - God's big family is made up of people from every country on earth! Print off a world map and put it on your refrigerator or kitchen table. Each day, or once a week, choose a country (or if there are kids in your household, take turns choosing). Learn about that country and pray for the needs of its people. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive