



# Welcome

## Clinton Christian Reformed Church

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Pastor Ray Vander Kooij

September 7, 2025

### Drawing In

Welcome/Call to Worship/God's Greeting

May the Peoples Praise You

Here I Am to Worship

### Committing

Commitment & Dedication/Prayer

Cornerstone

Children's Prayer (ages 3—SK exit)

Prayers of the People

### Listening

Ezra 3 (pg 463, lp 735)

*Worshipping with Joy and Tears*

Fill Thou My Life

### Applying

Offering: Redeemer

God's Parting Blessing

We All Are One in Mission

Safe Church Video

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

**Keeping in Prayer:** Mary Guetter, Linie Haverkamp

### How might you show your support?

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

### Birthdays this week:

September 9: Liam Dykstra

September 10: Stephen Kaptein

September 10: Oliver Lobb

September 12: Anne Kaastra

September 12: Herman Ramaker (79)

September 13: Kylie Bylsma

September 13: Peter Rylaarsdam

### Offerings for August:

Birthday Fund \$70.50; Deacons \$300;

Friends of the Community \$3,302.05;

General Fund \$24,080;

HCS Bursary \$2,962; Room2Grow \$1,574;

Sanctuary London \$676.45;

Soup & More \$40; Teen Challenge \$200; VBS

\$200; WR Malawi \$1,989.15

**This Sunday** we continue our journey through Ezra, focusing this week on what their restored worship means for our church and lives. As part of launching out church ministry year, we will together watch the Safe Church video at the end of the service. Then we'll enjoy cookies together as we long for a sweet ministry year. In worship ministry, we welcome John Kenny who has been accompanying worship on bass guitar. Some men know John well as the wonderful chef for Men's Breakfast.

**Next Sunday, September 14,** we look forward to celebrating the **Lord's Supper**.

**Wedding: André Caron & Dorothy Cromptom** will be united in marriage this Saturday, September 6, 10:30am, here at Clinton CRC with Pastor Ray officiating. Everyone is welcome to share in the joy of the wedding ceremony.

**Coupons:** Coupons are available to be ordered by filling out the request form located by the entrances. This order of coupons is due Monday, September 22, 2025.

*Worship services begin at 10:00 am and are livestreamed*

**Inviting all boys in Grade 4 - Grade 8 to join us for a night of camping!** **Date:** September 19-20. **Time:** Drop off between 5-6 pm Friday night. Pick up is between 12-1pm Saturday afternoon. **Location:** Counselor John's Campsite. **Registration:** Please email Bryan Kaastra at [bryan@kaastra.ca](mailto:bryan@kaastra.ca) to confirm your boy(s) are attending no later than **September 16**. There is no fee, however we need to know how much food we need for meals. Additional information including what the boys need to bring and where to be dropped off will be sent via email when you register your boy(s).

**Knitting Club** will begin on Wednesday September 10, from 9-11:30am. New members welcome. Come anytime. Enjoy a cup of coffee and snack with the volunteers from Soup & More around 10am. Hope to see you there!

**Profession of Faith Exploration Group.** An opportunity to explore your personal faith in relation to the faith of the church, and to consider public profession of faith as a member of the church. Led by Pastor Ray and launching **Wednesday, October 1, 7:30-9:00pm, at the church** – along with October 8 & 22, and November 5 & 12. Please contact Pastor Ray (519-993-3303 or [pastor.ccrcc@tcc.on.ca](mailto:pastor.ccrcc@tcc.on.ca)) if you are interested or have any questions.

**Fall Retreat: What are you building?** Calling all youth grades 9-12, you are invited to experience this faith building weekend through worship, games, small groups and of course lots of fun. It's a great way to meet to learn and grow in your relationship with the Lord as well as meeting other Christian friends. Date: September 26-29 in Muskoka Woods. Contact Sonya Dykstra for more info and to register. I'm also looking for another adult to join as a leader for this weekend.

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, September 20 @ 8AM with speaker Ward Hodgins. Come enjoy a time of fellowship together along with a delicious meal. Free will offering only.

**KAIROS Blanket Exercise Mon. Sept. 29; 7-9pm at Huron Christian School, Clinton:** Ten years ago the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) released its report with 94 Calls to Action. In 2021, Sept. 30 was officially recognized as a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. As Canadians and Christians we are challenged to engage with this reconciliation process. **Youth, parents and community members** are invited to participate in an evening of learning and engagement with active participation in a walk through history as Cindy Stover and Adrian Jacobs facilitate the KAIROS Blanket Exercise using a youth script to give perspective to the current complex realities. Here is a 2 minute promo video for the [Participating in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise](#) and additional details [KAIROS Blanket Exercise \(Canada\) | CRC Network](#).

**Cindy Stover**, Justice Mobilization Program Manager - Canada, Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) and **Adrian Jacobs**, CRCNA leader for Indigenous Justice and Reconciliation bring a Christ-follower's lens of seeking justice, truth and reconciliation in our Canadian context.

Please consider RSVPing to Sue Vander Kooij f(519-546-2558) or via the KAIROS Blanket Exercise - Truth and Reconciliation learning Facebook event (<https://www.facebook.com/share/1EmQjNeyie/>) for estimating the number of participants. All welcome whether RSVP'd or not. Donations at the door (cash) welcome but not required for participation.

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## Giving & Supporting

**TODAY:** Redeemer

**NEXT WEEK:** Huron Christian School Bursary Fund

e-transfer to [clintoncrctreasurer@tcc.on.ca](mailto:clintoncrctreasurer@tcc.on.ca) (cause in memo);

cheque in offering or by mail; PAR (pre-authorized remittance is for the budget only)

**Celebrate Recovery (CR):** A biblically based recovery program that addresses our hurts, hang-ups, and habits, using a 12 Step approach based on the Beatitudes from the book of Matthew. CR leaders understand your struggles, as they have experienced freedom from addictive and dysfunctional patterns in their own lives. They have been trained to guide people through the steps, and to provide a safe environment for accountability and building authentic relationships. ***Elgin Missionary Church (4192 Perth County Line 36, Stratford) offers CR and is hosting a BBQ and Information night this Monday, September 8.*** Regular meetings are every Monday night starting at 6:30. For more information on CR check them out online <https://www.celebraterecovery.ca/> or talk to Erica Delk -- call or text 226-222-7494.

**Young Adult Dodgeball & Speaker:** If you are of the ages 18-30, come hangout on September 7th at Stratford CRC for a short message from Tom Mosterd, followed by food and the most outrageous game of dodgeball you've ever witnessed!! See you at 6:30pm!!

**Who's ready for some Youth hockey?** We're putting together a **new youth hockey league** for players **ages 14–25 (born 2000–2011)**. It's **co-ed**, will be **Friday or Saturday** nights, open to **all skill levels**, and all about having a **fast, fun, and competitive time on the ice**. Teams will be built to keep things balanced—so whether you're a first-timer or a rink rat, you'll have a place to play. Want in? Or maybe you'd like to **coach, help organize, or even support the league**? Fill out the form <https://bit.ly/YouthHockey2025> or hit up Jonathan DeWeerd at [jddw.bldg@gmail.com](mailto:jddw.bldg@gmail.com) Let's make this happen. Who's game?

**Family looking for house rental.** A newcomer family (parents and 4 children) from Vietnam is looking for a house to rent within a 15 km radius of Goderich. If you are aware of a house that is available that might suit their needs, please contact Nick Geleynse (519-525-0334) @ Huron Welcome Hub for Newcomers.

**Hearts Exchanged** - It's back to school -- regardless of what age you are, what do you want to learn this year? If you answered 'more about reconciliation' consider joining a Hearts Exchanged cohort to walk alongside others interested in reconciliation. Learn more at: [crcna.org/hearts-exchanged](http://crcna.org/hearts-exchanged)

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - A new school season has begun. The rhythms and activities of a new school year can make it challenging to include space for God in your everyday family life. One way you can do that is by reviewing the “highs and lows” of your day, giving thanks for God's many blessings and asking for God's presence in the midst of hard situations. See Everyday Family Faith ([FaithAliveResources.org](http://FaithAliveResources.org)) for more ways to make time for God with your family. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**Moving Forward in Faith Conference** - Join us Friday, November 14 & Saturday, November 15, 2025, at King's Christian Collegiate in Oakville, ON. This year's theme is The Church Released. Our plenary speaker is Canadian author and justice advocate, Danielle Strickland. Over 30 workshops to choose from! Each promises to be practical and helpful, covering topics like prayer, mission, ministry for youth and young adults, and more. An optional bus tour will also be available -- go and see local ministry in action! REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. Save these dates and get a team from your church ready to attend and be inspired. More info here: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith>

**Kids Corner Devotions: Praying for Our Enemies** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, “Praying for Our Enemies” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). In Matthew 5, Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount. He wanted people to know how to treat one another and show love the way he loves. He even wants us to show love and kindness to those we think of as our enemies because God cares about and provides for everyone. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the classic “Liz and Friends” podcast!