Sabbatical Reflections #1: Most of you know I’ve spent the months of June and July away from church ministry to make space for prayer, study, reflection, and rest. Each of these activities have proved significant for me and in combination they have provided a wonderful meeting place for God and myself. Over and over I’ve heard God’s deep love for me and His call to trust in deeper and more daring ways. This has probably been the major theme over these last two months. My study of the Lord’s Prayer and the questions it has raised have given substance and focus to God’s salvation work and how can we best celebrate it? If prayer is the key to everything else, how can we better re-orient ourselves and the ministry here in Clinton? One last note for the time (and I will share more through the weeks ahead): Craig Barnes suggests, no pure praise to God. Join us as we use David’s Psalm as a guideline to give God all the glory for his merciful compassion, provision in time of need, and sovereign love. A free will offering will be taking for Room to Grow.

Matthew Bysma & Marsha Rozendal will be getting married on Aug 20th. This week there will be a box in the fellowship hall for you to put a card in to offer them God’s blessings as they start their new lives together.

Library: MIDNIGHT IN MADRID by Noel Hynd. When Alexandra steps off the train in Madrid, the highly trained US Treasury agent lands smack in the middle of more than she could ever imagine. Alex and another man had been on the trail of the same stolen art and it is apparent there are those who will kill to get it.

WOMEN & GIRLS: The G.E.M.S Girls club has an opening for a Counselor and High School girls to serve as Counselors-in Training (C.I.T.) for our season October-April. Grow in Christ while spending time with fun loving girls! For more info talk to Ann Reinink 519-523-4806.

Young Peoples: If you are going into Grade 9-12 come and join us on Sunday August 21st at Damsma’s pool as we enjoy a Young People’s Kick Off BBQ! We will be leaving right after church for a BBQ lunch and an afternoon of swimming and games! Bring your bathing suit and a towel, we will drive you out there and you can plan to be picked up around 2:30pm. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Sunday School/Catechism Teacher Sign-Up: Raising a child to become a passionate follower of Christ takes a community of believers. We are so thankful for the leaders that are and have been involved in Sunday School. Regular Sunday School and Catechism start again this fall, and we are in need of more teachers to spread out the workload of teaching our children about their Saviour. Prayerfully consider helping out this season. There is a sign-up sheet at the side church entrance. Please sign up before the end of August.

Sunday School Curriculum Change: From Age 3-Grade 6 we will be starting a new curriculum called The Gospel Project from LifeWay Ministries. The reason for this was to keep the curriculum fresh for the kids and leaders and also to greatly reduce the amount of at home work the teachers have had to prepare. We will be having a meeting Tuesday August 30 @ 8pm at the church to explain and answer any questions.

Come As You Are: An evening of praise and worship: Mark your calendars for August 27 at 7:30pm at Jeff and Linda VanWyk’s (7859 Tipperary Line) for an evening of worship and fellowship. In Psalm 103 David focuses on the abundant goodness of God; there is no request, no petition or plea, just pure praise to God. Join us as we use David’s Psalm as a guideline to give God all the glory for his merciful compassion, provision in time of need, and sovereign love. A free will offering will be taken for Room to Grow.

SENIOR’S DAY AT LAKEWOOD: You are invited to SENIOR’S DAY at Lakewood Christian Campground on Thursday, August 18, 2016. Coffee will be ready at 9:00 a.m. The program will start at 10:00 a.m. The speaker for the day will be Pastor Kent Babby from Wallaceburg, Ontario. The morning will include special entertainment and lots of singing! Bring your own lunch and lawn chairs. Refreshments and ice cream will be provided. The day promises to be fun for everyone. Come out to see old friends and make new ones! Cost for the day is $10.00 and $5.00 for seasonal campers. Call Lakewood at 519-899-4415 for more information.

DUTCH HYMN SING: It’s the time of year again to invite you to our 12th annual Dutch Hymn Sing to be held d.v. on Wednesday, August 31 at 1:30 p.m. in Westmount CRC, Strathroy - 405 Drury Lane. We will spend time praising God in singing the songs that you have treasured throughout the years. There will be time to suggest favourites! Refreshments will be served after the program. A free-will offering will be taken for the Bible League. For more information call Marianne Kingma at 519-245-0139 or email jmkingma7@gmail.com

MISSING THE REDEEMER WORSHIP CONFERENCE? No reason we still can’t get together! SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 8:30-3:30 at Immanuel CRC, Brampton. Join us to examine significant ways that worship and various ministry streams interface, inform and support each other, in The Accessible Gospel: Connecting Universal Worship Design Principles with all Church Ministries. We’ll explore: Implementing Universal Worship Design, Reclaiming a Missional Parish Model, Strengthening I-GEN Church Culture, Promoting Integrative Children’s Ministry, and Igniting Pervasive Prayer Ministry. Join the conversation. Details to follow. Questions? Contact Lesli van Milligen at lvannmilligen@crcna.org or Ruth Ann Schuringa at ras_12@rogers.com.
The 6th annual Summer Smash Volleyball Camp at LDCSS begins this week on Monday from August 15-19th. There are still spots available if you would like to register. Registration forms can be found on the LDCSS.ca website or completed on Monday morning at 9am. The cost is $170 per camper and runs 9am-3pm Monday to Friday. Please email Steven Wassing at swassing@ldcss.ca if you have any questions.

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WELCOME to our worship service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to our church, we are honoured to have you here. May we all be strengthened and encouraged by the proclamation of the gospel. After the morning service please join us for a time of fellowship & refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

Next Sunday morning Cameron and Kelsey Dykstra, Kyle and Leanna VanWyk and Jordan Dykstra will be publicly professing their faith. We celebrate the work of God’s Spirit within each of them and with joy welcome them into full membership. In light of this, our celebration of the Lord’s Supper has been moved to next week rather than this morning.

Prayer Needs: Our Heavenly Father is gracious and He has an ever listening ear. We can call to Him at all times and find refuge in Him because of Jesus. This is a comfort and a vital outlet for our personal concerns and the concerns of others. Let us be faithful in praying for one another, asking the Lord to strengthen, heal and encourage. Remember those with health challenges: Bert Renkema, and our shut-ins: Alice Bakelaar, Teresa Vanderhaar, Fay Stryker, Sandra Raidt and Tina Stryker.

Birthday Congratulations to:
August 15: Henry Buffinga, Lorraine DeRijk, Owen Otten
August 16: Derek Kootstra, Geert Waanders
August 17: David Rether
August 19: Lisa Pot, Jennifer Whaling
August 20: Michael Rether, Russell Schilbe, Joe VanDyke, celebrating his 87th birthday

Please remember Teresa Vanderhaar over these next weeks. She is currently in the Clinton Hospital and the plan is to move her into a nursing home when space becomes available. Pray for the Lord’s strength and leading in this time of transition.

Wedding Banns: Marsha Rozendal, daughter of Frank and Wanda Rozendal of Clinton, and Matthew Bylsma, son of John and Ruby Bylsma of Arva, have signified their desire to be united in marriage in the Clinton Christian Reformed Church of Saturday August 20th, 2016 at 2pm. If there are no lawful objections, the ceremony will take place on that date, the Lord willing.

CALENDAR of EVENTS
Visit website for info: www.clintonchristianreformedchurch.ca

Monday August 15 @ 7:30pm – Worship Mtg
Saturday August 20 @ 2pm – Rozendal/Bylsma Wedding
Sunday August 14 @ 10am – Worship Service

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GROUNDWORK: GOD LISTENS AND WHISPERs - When we feel overwhelmed or depressed or unjustly attacked and beaten down by the world, God is ready to listen to our complaints. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Kings 19 to discover our God who listens in our pain; then comforts and challenges us with a whisper. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

KIDS KORNER: HACK ATTACK - Who is planning the biggest prank in Reptarium Middle School History? The new kid Kenan Leon seems to have all the answers, but does he know right from wrong? How far can this prank go before someone has to draw the line? Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Check out KC’s new sketchbook with sneak peek info about our new, upcoming episodes. New episodes started July 30th and run throughout the fall on www.kidscorner.net!