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January 25, 2015

BIRTHDAYS:

January 25	Geoff Geerlinks
January 27	Karen Poort
January 28	Ralph Sol
January 28	Bob Wieringa
January 29	Tanya Bray
January 29	Amanda Werkema
January 31	Roelie Klingenberg
January 31	Corryn VanRooyen

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FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

YOUTH CORNER:

Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you. -Luke 18:42

Answer from Lesson 2: **We are all broken. God offers healing. Ask God to put you back together again.**

The youth retreat is next weekend!! Hope you are all coming. If you have not handed in your registration forms please let Natalie Renkema or Tammy Haverkamp know if you are coming. Please be at the church by 6:30 on Friday night.

There will be no youth/teen this coming Thursday, Jan 29, so you have lots of time to pack for the weekend!

COUNCIL NEWS:

At our last meeting council discussed a plan for how council can function more effectively in the future. As a result we have decided to make a few changes. The main highlights of the changes are:

- 1) Reduce our numbers from the current 18 members down to 14 members (8 Elders & 6 Deacons).
- 2) Merge Ministry Board meetings with Full Council Meetings.
- 3) The creation of a Pastoral Care Team (Shifting from an "individual" to a "team" approach to Pastoral Care).

Our main reasons for making these changes are:

- 1) We recognise that our most valuable resource as a congregation is our volunteers time. Many groups throughout the church struggle to find the amount of volunteers needed to run effective programs. By reducing numbers on council it will allow for more volunteer time to be used elsewhere in the church.
- 2) Pastoral Councillors feel a disconnect from the administrative work of council. Administrative Councillors spend much of their time throughout each month in meetings. By having the Ministry Board meetings happen within a Full Council meeting we can use our time more efficiently while simultaneously allowing every councillor to have a more full and complete understanding of the work of the council.
- 3) Changing to a team approach to Pastoral Care will allow us as leaders to work as team to care for the needs of the church. This will allow us as leaders to mentor each other and provide more effective pastoral care to the congregation.

THANK YOU: On behalf of the entire congregation, the Administration team would like to thank Andy Poortinga for looking after the church gardens for the last several years. Andy has indicated it's time to retire from these duties. Our gardens have been spectacularly maintained, and have won awards for their beauty. Andy, your hard work and vision has blessed all our members and our neighbors as well. We pray that you will enjoy these extra hours of rest this summer and in the summers to come.

CYCLE TO END POVERTY! - Registration is now open for the 10th anniversary ride of the Sea to Sea Bicycle Tour. Join other cyclists this summer for a 6-day ride in Ontario or a 10-day ride in Alberta, and raise money for the fight against poverty. Proceeds will fund ministry by World Renew, Partners Worldwide, International Justice Mission, and local poverty initiatives in communities along the route. Volunteers are also urgently needed to assist with both rides. For information or to register, visit seatosea.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, January 31 in the church auditorium from 7 am to 10 am. We invite all to come and enjoy a time of fellowship and good food plus supporting a worthy cause.

This year our funds raised will go to Indwell a Christian charity in our community.

We need help in serving and cooking the food for this event, and there is a sign-up sheet in the church hallway, we thank you for your support.

The Social Committee

CALVIN SYMPOSIUM ON WORSHIP - January 29-31, 2015, at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. This year's worship theme is based on 2 Corinthians. The preachers include M. Craig Barnes, Tim Blackmon, Denise Kingdom Grier, Meg Jenista, and Pablo Jimenez. There are excellent rates for students and groups from churches. All worship services are free and open to the public, including the Friday night service (7:00 p.m. in the Covenant Fine Arts Center). See worship.calvin.edu/symposium/ for complete information.

SAIL AWAY WITH US: No time for a cruise this winter? Then the Ingersoll Choral Society invites you to "Sail Away With Us" on a gala musical journey featuring songs from around the world. Our Dinner Theatre 'cruise' sets sail at the Elm Hurst Inn, Ingersoll, Fri. Jan. 30 and Sat. Jan. 31 with a full Dinner Theatre at 7 pm and a Sat. Dessert Buffet Matinee at 1 pm. Tickets available at Patina's, Ingersoll or contact Glenn at 519-485-1938 or sevorgfarm@xplornet.ca. Find us on FB!

A WEEKEND FOR 20-SOMETHINGS on January 30 – February 1st at Maranatha CRC. Early Bird Registration is \$50 before Jan. 23 and \$60 after. Registration forms can be downloaded through facebook or on the Young Adults page of maranathacrcwoodstock.com. The speaker will be Sid Ypma and the musician is Nate Smit.

BRIDAL SHOWER: Monday February 2nd we plan to celebrate and congratulate Heather VanAndel on her upcoming marriage. We will be hosting a grocery

shower for Heather and help her and Luke fill their pantry.

Look for a flyer in your mailbox soon with more information.

FREE WEBINAR - Join us on February 4 when Mike Hogeterp and Mark Charles will present "Icebergs in History-The Doctrine of Discovery". They will examine how the DoD may have shaped our relationships with Indigenous Peoples and address key questions: "What is the DoD?" "Why is it important?" and "What does it have to do with ministry today?" For details and registration for this free, one-hour event, visit crcna.org/webinars.

'WELCOME WEDNESDAYS' come to LDCSS! Grades 9-12 Admissions Open Houses. Dates: February 4, March 4, April 1, and May 6, 9:30-11:30 AM, 12:30-2:30 PM. Come experience LDCSS in action! Please RSVP: 519-455-4360 ext.231 or admissions@ldcss.ca
LDCSS school tours are also available by appointment.

O.A.S.I.S. MEETING on Feb 5, 2015. Coffee at 11 a.m. followed by soup, etc. After that we will have Trivia games.

COLLECTIVE KITCHEN: Our next Collective Kitchen is planned for Thursday February 5th from 4:00-7:00 pm with Woodstock Fanshawe students as our guests. Many of these students live on limited means and do not have time to cook good meals because of work or family obligations and are excited when in just a few hours, we can work with them to prepare 25-30 meals that they can keep in the freezer for those busy times. Each participant pays \$20.00 and the rest of the expenses are covered by Maranatha and Covenant CRC. We will need some volunteers cooking and packaging the meals alongside the students, so if you would like to help or if you would like to donate some groceries, contact either Ina Sanders (519) 467-5449 or Bernice Huinink-Buiter (519)-469-9146. It is a great way to build community with the students!

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENING:

Woodstock Christian School is hosting Kindergarten Information Evening. Please join us at the school (800 Juliana Dr. near Walmart) on Thursday, Feb 5th at 7:30pm. This will be a relaxed evening at the school to talk about what our program looks like, take a school tour and meet members of the staff. If you have questions please call the school 519-539-1492 or email admissions@woodstockchristian.ca

“HOW TO READ THE BIBLE FOR ALL IT’S WORTH”

Dr. Jeff Weima, Professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary will be presenting a seminar at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 94 Elgin St. SOUTH, Cambridge, on Saturday, February 7, at 9 am, followed by lunch and a demonstration preaching from 1:15 – 2:30 p.m. Registration is \$20 before January 26 and at the door at 8:15 a.m. for \$30; email office@maranathacrc.com . Pastor Weima will be preaching on Sunday, February 8 at 10 am at River City Church, Galaxy Cinema, Cambridge Center Mall and at 4 pm at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church. The seminar and preaching is intended for lay persons, church leaders, pastors, students who have a desire to become more confident in their understanding and interpretation of the Bible. For more information, visit www.jeffweima.com

BENEFIT BANQUET: Woodstock Christian School presents it's annual Benefit Banquet! Come out at 5:30pm on Saturday, Feb 7th to visit and support an amazing school!! Enjoy a 3 course dinner (catered by Jed Lau), door prizes, photo booth, and entertainment by Jason and Charmaine Brown!!(check them out at jasonandcharmaine.com)

\$50 per ticket!

Come to the office or order

online www.woodstockchristian.ca

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ATTENTION CURLERS: You are invited to be part of the annual **LDCSS Curling Bonspiel**, February 14, 2015, at the Aylmer Curling Club. Cost \$500.00 per team, sponsors are encouraged. All snacks and lunch provided free for curlers. To register, please contact Albert at 519-773-3238 or email agweesjes@gmail.com by Jan 31, 2015.

MUSIC AND PRAISE CONCERT: The Woodstock Branch of the Canadian Bible Society presents their "Community Music & Praise" concert on **Saturday, February 21, 2015**, beginning at 7 pm. This annual event will once again take place at **Covenant Christian Reformed Church**. The evening will include performances from several gifted vocalists musicians from the area. There will be a freewill offering in support of the continued work of the Canadian Bible Society. Come out and enjoy a wonderful evening of music and fellowship! Refreshments will be provided.

AN EVENING IN PARIS: **Mark the Date!** LDCSS invites you to enjoy '*An evening in Paris*' at their Spring Fund Raising Banquet on Saturday, March 7th. For details visit www.ldcss.ca

LIBERATION/BEVRIJDINGS CONCERT: Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation on Holland, mark your calendars for Saturday May 2 as the Soli Deo Gloria Male Choir from Holland presents a Liberation/Bevrijdings Concert at Knox Presbyterian Church in Woodstock. Also participating, the Musica Sacra Chorus. More details to follow. Info from John VanderLaan at john_vdl@hotmail.com

Chris & Kristina Broad are the parents of the month.

If you have switched turns with another person, please contact them.

Service List	January 25	February 1	February 8	February 15
Door Greeters:	Neil & Janet JanderSpek	Terry & Sheri Beckett	Teena Bergman, Shirley Sutherland	Jon & Karen Poort
Song Leader:	Natalie VanAndel	John Klingenberg	Shirley Renkema	Irene Geerlinks
Accompanist:	Praise Team	Peter Schepers	Faith on Fire	Marion Dieleman
Hall Monitors:	Andy Koopman	Andy Koopman	Meeke Claus	Craig Renkema
Ushers:	Andy & Lucille Koopman	Stephen & Henny Zylstra	Meeke Claus, Ellen VanEgdom	Judi Hanenburg, Teena Bergman
Nursery –	Infant Room: Cara Renkema, Maria Spyksma Toddler Room: Andrea VanRooyen, Bailey Clough	Infant Room: Carol Verbeek, Tracy Spyksma Toddler Room: Elaine Wesselson, Brent VanRooyen	Infant Room: Rachel DeWit, Erica VanRooyen Toddler Room: Bob Dieleman, Josie Geerlinks	Infant Room: Betty Dyk, Rachel Hickey Toddler Room: Marian Geerlinks, Andrew Dieleman
Library:	Janet VanderSpek	Natalie Geerlinks	Marlene Lynes	Elaine Wesselson
Sound system:	Ray Hoiting	Andy Koopman	Brent VanRooyen	Joseph Dyk
Screen:	Kaitlin Hoiting	Chris Broad	Craig Renkema	Jeff Hanenburg
Coffee Servers:	John & Agnes Claus, Stan & Eleanor Triemstra	Art & Rennie Hettinga, Stan & Eleanor Triemstra	Freda Wesselson, Cory & Kate Clough, Teena Bergman	Rick & Barb VanRooyen, Gerald & Diana Klingenberg
Bible Passage Readers	Carol Verbeek	Bernice Huinink-Buiter	Natalie VanAndel	Bob Dieleman
Sunday School Helpers	Maria Spyksma	Sydney Spyksma	Erica VanRooyen	Josie Geerlinks
Opening/Closing	Rick VanRooyen	Andy Koopman	Andy Koopman	Andy Koopman