



Join us Sunday morning at 10 am or anytime throughout the week. This Sunday Pastor Erick presents the 4th message in the series on Power, looking at “**The Power of Prayer.**” He will be focusing on the book of [Ephesians chapter 6 verses 10-20](#)



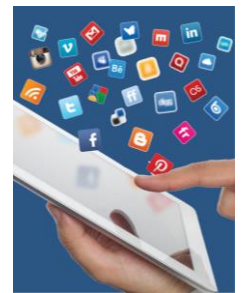
The well-known image of the armor of God leads us to consider who we are fighting and how.. We may be surprised when we place close attention and come to know our enemy, our stance, and our tools as given in Ephesians.

**Let’s Build Community Connections!**

**Our next monthly Prayer Walk is on Saturday February 3rd.** We are meeting at the church at 8:30am, weather permitting. Please let Jane DeVisser know if you are interested in joining. All are welcome! [pjdevisser@sympatico.ca](mailto:pjdevisser@sympatico.ca)



**Social Media, Screentime and Online Safety** are topics that every person and every parent needs to reflect on and be prepared to deal with given their widespread use, impact, and how quickly new technology and programs spread. **Come on out to Mountainview on February 6th from 7-8:30pm!** Let's learn and talk together. Jessica & Shannon, registered Psychotherapists with Raising Families Therapy, will be presenting.



**DIG Guatemala: Our team is preparing to leave on the eve of Feb.16th** to spend a week learning and working alongside DIG, a Christian organization that serves the needs of the poor living in rural Guatemala. Our team consists of 27 individuals, most of whom are from Mountainview CRC, and ranging in age from 12 to 70+. We would love if you could partner with us through prayer, donations and financial support. **WE HAVE ALL OF OUR PRAYER PARTNERS...THANK YOU!!!** We covet everyone’s prayers for our team and for DIG as we prepare and while we are away. **If you would like to donate financially to DIG, you are welcome to do so with cash, cheque, or e-transfer ([treasurer@mountainviewcrc.org](mailto:treasurer@mountainviewcrc.org)).** Please write ‘DIG - Team’ in the comment/memo line. **We will also list some physical items you can donate on our website [www.mountainviewcrc.org/dig](http://www.mountainviewcrc.org/dig).** Gracias!



The Resource Team is purging the Library

There are a number of books available in the lobby that you are welcome to take home to add to your personal collection. Check it out!

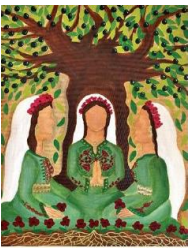
**Mountainview’s Library is OPEN before and after church and on weekdays for self-checkout.** Adult Youth, Children, Fiction and Non-Fiction books are available as well as movies and audiobooks. **We will be highlighting some newer books again soon.** Also, we are purging some of our book collection. There are a number of books available on tables in the lobby. **You are welcome to take some home to add some to your personal collection...Drop by and take a look.**



Pastor Erick is offering a course on the basics of biblical interpretation “**Reading the Bible on its own terms.**” Begins Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:30 in the Council room for 4-6 weeks.

**Youth Alpha** begins this Sunday at 7 pm, led by Pastor Erick. All high school aged youth are encouraged to join in. Feel free to bring a friend.





**World Day of Prayer 2024** – Please join us for this year’s service, **Friday, March 1 @ St Joseph Church**. This year’s theme is written by the women of Palestine: **“I Beg You... Bear With One Another In Love”** based on Ephesians 4:1-3



**OUR ICE RINK** is currently closed due to milder weather. We hope to get another chance to skate soon. If the weather cooperates you can [BOOK TIME HERE](#).

**OTHER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS OPPORTUNITIES...**



The Village Church launched 2 New Dinner Churches in Classis Niagara in 2023. We would love to see 2 more start in 2024!! Would you like to help us? Come to our Fundraiser: **February 14, @6pm**. Celebrate your Valentines with us. Get your tickets at [www.myvillagechurch.ca/events/valday](http://www.myvillagechurch.ca/events/valday)

**SOCO Beach Project Update:** Looking for a meaningful summer experience in a beautiful place? Recruiting for SOCO 2024. If you are a young adult (18 - 29), *be part of SOCO summer 2024* ~ living in an intentional Christian community while having a summer job, learning how God's story shapes your story to impact the world's story. Accepting rolling applications until spaces are filled. For more information: [www.southcoastbeachproject.org](http://www.southcoastbeachproject.org).



**Attention Grade 6-8 families:** Great Lakes Christian High School would like to invite you a few events:

**Virtual Open Houses: Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm or Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.** Join us from wherever you are. Meet the Principal, Guidance counselor and other staff who will work directly with your teen in their future. To register: [Click Here](#).

**NEW:** Transportation available on demand from Stoney Creek and Grimsby as well as St Catharines.

**Experience Great Lakes: Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-3:15pm.** Students, this day is for YOU! Come experience high school as a Great Lakes Laker! (Lunch provided). To register: [Click Here](#).



**Save the Date for AOYC!**  
It's coming back this June 2024. Stay tuned!

**Calvin Symposium on Worship (Feb. 7-9, 2024)** - Join us as leaders from churches and worshipping communities of all sizes and settings gather February 7–9, 2024, on the campus of Calvin University & Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to learn and worship together. The book of Ezekiel will be the preaching focus at the five primary Symposium worship services. In a fractured time for the worldwide church, Ezekiel's messages of judgment and profound hope provide just the word the people of God need. Learn more at [worship.calvin.edu/event-programs/2024-calvin-symposium-on-worship](http://worship.calvin.edu/event-programs/2024-calvin-symposium-on-worship)



**Join the 2024 Food, Faith & Justice 6-week series (webinar) of discussions with leaders working in community.** Topics will include Food and Our Faith; Food, Faith and Farming; Food, Faith and Creating Just Food Systems; Food, Faith and Church Growing Projects; Food, Faith and Sharing with Community; and Food, Faith and Advocacy. Discussions will include congregations in the US who are responding in creative and caring ways because of their faith. Dates: **February 8-March 14, Thursday PM** (7:30 Eastern). Register at [worldrenew.net/events](http://worldrenew.net/events). There will be a giveaway at each session, but you must be present online to win! Contact Jodi Koeman at [jkoeman@worldrenew.net](mailto:jkoeman@worldrenew.net).



**Give it up for the Earth!** is a national faith-in-action campaign that raises awareness about the climate crisis and mobilizes people across Canada to act. Addressing the climate crisis in a just and equitable way prioritizes Indigenous autonomy and considers the needs of communities who have been historically marginalized and are particularly vulnerable to the climate crisis. Give it up for the Earth! 2024 includes three action items:



- A pledge to reduce your personal and household greenhouse gas emissions.
- A Commitment to embrace eco-spirituality through climate action and by building relationships with the Indigenous communities on whose traditional territories we live, work, and play.
- Sending a letter to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Steven Guilbeault, urging him to set more ambitious climate action targets and expressing support for a just transition towards a low-carbon economy.

[SIGN THE OPEN LETTER](#); [WATCH ECO-SPIRITUALITY IN ACTION WEBINAR](#); [ADDITIONAL RESOURCES](#)



**YOUTH TALKS - Re Launched!** Youth and Young Adults are invited to join together on the evening of **Sunday March 3rd** at Smithville CRC. Time: **7:30 – 9pm** (ish). Terry Posthumus will lead us in music, and is sure to inspire. Gord Park will be the speaker for the evening. *(Those of us who were youth in the 80's and 90's are excited for all y'all! You'll have a great time!).* Scan the QR code to register – Registration is appreciated so that we know how much food to prepare. Invite your friends!



**All men are invited to a male audience psalm/hymn sing**, the Lord willing, on **Saturday, February 3 at 7pm** at Maranatha Free Reformed Church. Whether you sing tenor, bass or melody, you will enjoy a beautiful collection of psalms & hymns. Directed by Herman den Hollander and accompanied by Tjeerd Klaver on the organ. A free-will offering will be taken for the Niagara & Ontario Christian Gleaners. Questions? Contact [hdenhollander@yahoo.com](mailto:hdenhollander@yahoo.com).

**Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert of the Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir** concert at FirstOntario Concert Hall, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton on **Saturday, March 30 at 7:30pm**. The choirs will be accompanied by Ryan Vandenberg (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), and Naomi Noorduy (Piano) and the 13-piece Scott Harrison Brass/Percussion Ensemble. Tickets are available at \$25 & \$35, and can be obtained through the choir's website ([www.hosanna-choir.org](http://www.hosanna-choir.org)) a choir member, Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or at [hdenhollander@yahoo.com](mailto:hdenhollander@yahoo.com).



**Save the date — Redeemer** is sponsoring The Gospel Coalition Youth Conference, The Light Has Come, from June 7-8, 2024. Registration opens early next year. [LEARN MORE](#)

**Worship for Justice Concert** - Redeemer is sponsoring The Worship for Justice tour featuring Don Moen, Paul Baloche, and Brooke Nichols when it comes to campus for one of four concerts in Southern Ontario in April 2024. [LEARN MORE](#)

**Work at Redeemer** - Redeemer is hiring a Campus Services Coordinator (OneCard), Athletics Coordinator (Multimedia & Sports Information), and a Head Coach (Women's Volleyball). Learn more about these positions and many others below.



**FAMILY OUTREACH ONTARIO** was there for this family and addict. *"I thought I could fix the problem on my own and nobody would know about it. What a mistake that has been. It almost ripped our whole family apart. Thank you so much for your love and care."* Call 905-933-3994, e-mail [info@familyoutreachontario.com](mailto:info@familyoutreachontario.com), or visit [www.familyoutreachontario.com](http://www.familyoutreachontario.com).

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Staff work a combination of in the office and at home throughout the week. At least one staff person is typically in the church each weekday. Contact info: <https://www.mountainviewcrc.org/staff-1>

Sun Feb 4	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service; "The Power of Prayer"; Pastor Erick;
	7-9 p.m.	Youth Alpha
	7:00 p.m.	Heart's Exchanged, Fireside Rm.
Mon Feb 5	7:00 p.m.	Cadets
Tues Feb 6	9:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Social Media &amp; Screentime Workshop</b> , Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	<b>Reading the Bible on its own terms</b> ; Council Rm.
Wed Feb 7	9:30 a.m.	Mission Circle
	7:00 p.m.	GEMS
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Coffee Break
	7:00 p.m.	Knitwits @ Hinke's
Thurs Feb 8	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team practice
	7:30 p.m.	Friendship
Sun Feb 11	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service; "The Power of Money"; Pastor Erick; DIG Commissioning
	7-9 p.m.	Youth Alpha

## JOYFUL GIVING

**THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: February 4th A.M. – Cairn Christian School:** Our Cairn Christian School sites in Smithville and Stoney Creek work to inspire students to love, learn, and lead together in God's world. This offering provides vital support in achieving this mission, enabling students and families the opportunity to access an amazing Christian Education, and communicates our love for their students.

**UPCOMING OFFERING: February 11th A.M. – THRIVE (formerly Congregational Ministries):** Nine ministries are joining to equip and encourage our congregations more than ever before. Our new name is Thrive. In coming together, we hope to provide churches with one-stop access to support resources that are fully integrated, and responsive to the changing needs of local congregations. As we make this transition, we continue to support churches in the areas of [faith formation](#), [abuse prevention](#), [disability inclusion](#), [racial reconciliation](#) and [diversity](#), [pastors and church support](#), [chaplaincy](#), [justice](#), and [worship](#). Your prayers and continued financial support are critical, whether through Ministry Shares or [individual donations](#). To keep up to date on all of our work, subscribe to the new [Thrive monthly email](#).



Is there a charity close to your heart that you would love to see thrive for years to come? Questions about wills and legacy? **Christian Stewardship Services is hosting open Q&A sessions** about these topics and more throughout the winter to answer all of your questions on charitable giving and estate planning. Find out more about the **Winter Conversation series** [here](#). While you are planning ahead, why not contact a consultant to maximize your year end giving, or set up an appointment to review your will in the new year? [Schedule an appointment](#) today!



**Help Renew Hope for Families in Food Crisis** - Around the world, extreme weather has robbed farmers of their crops, families of their livelihoods, and communities of hope. In Madagascar, drought has claimed thousands of lives and left hundreds of thousands facing famine. You can help renew hope for families in food crisis. February 25 is Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) Sunday; your offering will help World Renew responds to the food needs of vulnerable Madagascans and people impacted by extreme weather, and other crises, in countries where we work around the world. Your gifts will be matched up to 4X by CFGB. For more information go to: [worldrenew.ca/food](http://worldrenew.ca/food)

## DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

**NEWSLETTERS FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS** – Available under “Community Partners” on our Website. Posted as they come in. Paper copies can be requested from the church office.. [Browse through the work of local and CRCNA ministries...](#)



**ReFrame Ministries Provides Devotions, Podcasts, and Blogs** - Start a new Biblical habit with resources from ReFrame Ministries. DEVOTIONS including the Today devotional offer short daily meditations and scripture. Kids Corner includes devotions, especially for children and guardians. PODCASTS help you dig into scripture with Groundwork, explore pop culture and Christianity with Think Christian, or energize your church communications with Church Juice. BLOGS offering spiritual advice for parenting, dating, and more are available in new posts from Family Fire. Learn more about the spiritual habit of praying with ReFrame’s prayer ministry.

**Kids Corner: Names of God: The Father of Compassion** - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at [www.kidscorner.net/](http://www.kidscorner.net/). Check out the story of Joseph. He was sold into slavery by his brothers, wrongly accused, thrown in jail, and forgotten for a long time. He comes face to face with his brothers and forgives them! When you receive God’s mercy, you extend that mercy to others, even those who have hurt you. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) , like KC’s Valentine Cards.



**Groundwork: Truthfulness** - As humans, we tend to value honesty over lying, but have you ever considered truthfulness a virtue? Join Groundwork as we explore Numbers 23:19; John 17:13-18; John 1:1-2, 14; and Ephesians 4:17-25 to discuss the Christlike virtue of truthfulness, why it’s important, and the practical ways we can embody it in our daily lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Proverbs 14:31 says, “He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.” Who in your community is needy? What might you do to show kindness to that person or group of people? Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)



**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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

## JOBS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



**We Are hiring at Shalom!** Working at Shalom is a great opportunity to share your gifts and talents in a wonderful workplace and to become involved in the community! We take pride in offering the best possible care and making Shalom home for our residents. Become part of the team! [Visit our website](#) and send your resume or any questions to [hr@shalommanor.ca](mailto:hr@shalommanor.ca) to see if a career with Shalom is a good fit for you!



**Resonate Global Mission is looking for an accountant to serve for 2-3 weeks in Nigeria.** Timeframe for serving is flexible. Learn more at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/opportunity/accounting](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/opportunity/accounting)



**The CRCNA is seeking a candidate to fill the full-time, permanent position of Executive Director Canada.** A search team has been tasked with recruiting for this position with the goal of having the successful candidate begin on or before May 1, 2024. Learn More at [crcna.org/executive-director-canada-search](http://crcna.org/executive-director-canada-search)