

Join us Sunday morning at 10 am or anytime throughout the week. This Sunday Intern Pastor Brady DeBoer will present the third of a 4-part series on Power, looking at **“The Power of Rest.”** He will be focusing on the book [Matthew 11:28-30](#) and [Genesis 2:2-3](#)



Join us as we discover how rest is a gift from God. We do nothing to earn it. And how it's not about keeping a bunch of man made rules.

On Sunday January 21 we will be holding a **CONGREGATIONAL VOTE** on whether we will extend an official call to Pastor Jolene as Minister of the Word and Pastoral Care Pastor. You may remember that we voted to bring her on staff with the assumption of this later vote. That was like a "promise ring"; January 21 is the engagement vote. Her classis exam is scheduled for February 28 and the ordination is being planned for Sunday March 3 (that is like the marriage ceremony).



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. **If you would like to become a ‘prayer partner’ for someone on our team,** please email George Prins at gsprins@gmail.com for more details, otherwise we covet your prayers 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). 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. Gracias!

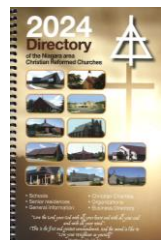


PSALTER HYMNALS: The church has a number of copies of the grey Psalter Hymnal available. If you are interested in having a copy for your personal use. Pick up one today from the table in the foyer.

For those of you who use **offering envelopes,** they are also available on a table in the foyer. Please come and pick them up.



2024 Directories have arrived! They are available on the table in the foyer. Pick up your copy today. A directory will be delivered to all persons in Shalom or in Nursing homes and to Evergreen members; *so no need for family members to pick one up*). A page of updates for the directory will be shared in January and quarterly after that. You are always welcome to update your contact information on the Bridge App or by contacting the office.



Let’s Build Community Connections!



OUR ICE RINK IS OPEN!!! [BOOK TIME HERE](#)

Ice Rink Volunteers for the weekends: As a church, we are once again partnering with our neighbours to provide a community ice rink. We need **YOU TO BE INVOLVED.** Adam Bylsma is coordinating a list of Mountainview folks to care for the rink on Saturday & Sunday each week the rink is open. Text or call him to volunteer... 289-686-9477



Pastor Erick is offering a course on the basics of biblical interpretation **“Reading the Bible on its own terms.”** Begins Tuesday January 16th, 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.



SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendar for the **2024 Week of Guided Prayer**. This year's theme **“Called to Community”** 2 ways to participate: Join in for One Week (7 days) April 7-13 or for One Month (7 times over 4 weeks) April 7-May 4. Mark your calendar, more information to come.



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 the shelves under the window in the library. **You are welcome to take some home to add some to your personal collection...Drop by and take a look.**

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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



EFC launches “10 days to stop MAiD for mental illness” - Join the EFC's 10 Days of Action on MAiD for mental illness. The justice minister has said the government is considering options, and one option is a delay of MAiD for mental illness. Starting today, the EFC is giving tips and resources for prayer and contacting your MP during the next 10 days. On Calling Saturday this weekend, plan to leave a voicemail message at your MP's office. Watch the EFC's new short video and Facebook Live on MAiD for mental illness.



Free to Apply Until January 31! Students directly out of high school can apply to Redeemer for free **until January 31**, saving them \$50! A completed application includes transcripts sent directly from high schools to admissions@redeemer.ca.

Wolters Centre Lecture - The World and Our Calling - Join us on **January 24** as Dr. Fellipe do Vale receives the [2023 Emerging Public Intellectual \(EPI\) award](#) and speaks on "Finding Our Identities at the End of the World."

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.



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

Virtual Open Houses: Tuesday February 6th at 4:00pm or Tuesday February 20th 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 29th 8:00am-3:15pm. Students, this day is for YOU! Come for a day to experience what high school is like as a Great Lakes Laker! (Lunch provided). To register: [Click Here](#).



MALE-VOICE AUDIENCE PSALM/HYMN SING: 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 just enjoy singing the melody of songs, you will enjoy this event. A beautiful collection of psalms & hymns will be sung. The evening will be directed by Herman den Hollander and accompanied

by Tjeerd Klaver on the organ. A free-will offering will be taken for the Niagara Christian Gleaners (Smithville) and Ontario Christian Gleaners (Cambridge). Looking forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, contact 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) a choir member, Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or at hdenhollander@yahoo.com.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun Jan 21st	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service; Pastor Erick; "The Power of Rest"
	7-9 p.m.	Youth Alpha
Mon Jan 22	7:00 p.m.	Cadets
	7:30 p.m.	Church Board
	7:30 p.m.	Photography Small Group
Tues Jan 23	9:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball
Wed Jan 24	9:30 a.m.	Mission Circle
	7:00 p.m.	GEMS
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Coffee Break
	7:00 p.m.	Knitwits at Hinke's
Thurs Jan 25	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team practice
	7:30 p.m.	Friendship
Sun Jan 28th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service; Pastor Erick; Cadet Sunday
	12:30 p.m.	Neighbourhood #4 Potluck
	5:00 p.m.	Prayer and Potluck
	7-9 p.m.	Youth Alpha

JOYFUL GIVING

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: January 21st A.M. – Global Aid Network (GAIN) – Tyler Couperus: Together we are revealing hope by sharing God's unconditional love and restoring life by demonstrating the gospel through compassionate action to those who are living in poverty, injustice and crisis around the world.

"That is where I come in. I work with GAIN full-time. In order to successfully fulfill our mission as GAIN, we need staff who can lay the groundwork, and do project management to empower staff in the field as

well as our local partners. My role is managing our disaster relief programs and our preparedness. I collaborate with our partners worldwide, particularly those in our Disaster Relief offices. My position includes training new volunteers at our DART team training, as well as potential field visits, and ongoing conversation with our project partners about how we can work better together. Thank you for partnering with me in your time, prayers and encouragement, as well as finances so that I can fulfill my kingdom calling. I have been blessed by the church throughout my life; in each church we have celebrated together, mourned together and supported each other. I look forward to growing that community.” Tyler C.

UPCOMING OFFERING: January 28th A.M. – Cadets is a program for boys 9-14 years of age. The ministry of cadets is to teach the boys to learn more about God and respond to the world around them in a Christ-centered way. This is done through activities such as Bible study, badge work, crafts, games, campouts and league activities. Your donations help us to mentor and nurture boys in our church and surrounding community, in their walk with God.



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!

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: Feeling Like Enough - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net/. It’s easy to compare ourselves to others and end up feeling disappointed. Especially today, when people post so many photos of their lives online, it can be hard to feel good enough. Here’s the good news: as a child of God, you are always enough! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net , like KC’s The Bible in One Year Plan.



Groundwork: Thankfulness and Gratitude - Why are thanksgiving and gratitude important virtues for Jesus' followers to cultivate? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Luke 17:11-19, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Philipians 4:4-9, and Colossians 2:6-7 to discover why grateful hearts and expressing thankfulness are essential virtues and to discuss the difference these virtues can make in our thoughts and our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Phil Reinders writes, “Through the Holy Spirit, the Word shakes off ink, paper, and pixels, stepping out of the page or screen and into our daily lives. That comes through patient attentiveness, a listening that is slow and savours.” Invite the Spirit to bring God’s Word alive to you in ever deeper ways. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject



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 to see if a career with Shalom is a good fit for you!

ACCOMPANISTS NEEDED! We are looking for volunteers to help provide a meaningful church service to our residents. Our residents love to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. We are in need of accompanists to assist them. If you would be available to accompany on either the piano or organ, it would be well appreciated. Please contact Brooke at volunteercoord@shalommanor.ca or at 905-945-9631, ext. 1115.



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



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

OFFERING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2024

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.

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](#).

February 18th A.M. – ReFrame Ministries (formerly BTGMI) is the cross-cultural media ministry of the CRCNA. It proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ through indigenous teams in people's "heart languages" using the web, radio, television, phone, print, and other media. It opens doors for salvation and discipleship, broadcasting the gospel in otherwise closed regions. BTGMI aired its first radio program in 1939. Today, we are reaching people in almost 200 countries and 10 major languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. Your gift is reaching people from remote villages in Indonesia to large universities in China. Every dollar you send will provide new video recording tools for social media, airtime for television or radio stations, and follow-up discipleship for seekers or new believers. It is changing communities all over the world.

February 25th A.M. – World Renew Canada Foodgrains Bank: As one of the founding members of Canadian Foodgrains Bank, World Renew multiplies your impact through food security programs like their early response project in Madagascar. Around the world, floods have washed away crops and droughts have left farmlands barren. But together we can end global hunger! With the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, World Renew's capacity to provide disaster response and food security programs on a global scale has grown over the years." Visit worldrenew.ca/foodgrains