



Join us Sunday morning at 10 am or anytime throughout the week. This morning we continue our Lent series asking the question, **“Who Is this?”** This week Pastor Erick answers with a message entitled **“The One Who Helps Us Love.”** He will be focusing on the book of [Luke, chapter 7, verses 36-50.](#)



The story of the woman who washes Jesus' feet with her tears and hair is powerful and evocative. We are drawn in by the unusual events and left wondering many things. The first question for us to consider is "who am I in this story?"

Easter Choir - young and older singers - come and learn a simple 3-part song for Easter. **Only two rehearsals - Sundays, March 17 and 24 after worship.** Let me know if you're interested.



Easter Worship Visuals - You can all help!! Kids, colour the **butterfly posters** found at the Welcome Desk and return to the office by Sunday, March 24. We will hang them in the worship space (the locker room!) for Easter Sunday, March 31. Colour as many as you want! And of course, adults may join in the fun too! Thanks, *Ruth Ann*



Let's Build Community Connections!



2024 Guided Prayer Retreat Registration begins Sunday, March 10th! Open yourself to God through praying scriptures and sharing that experience with a trained companion. Rather than drawing apart from regular activities, a Guided Prayer retreat is a retreat in the midst of daily life. This year's theme is *“Called to Community”*. There are now **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.** [Visit our webpage for more information or to register.](#)

START THE PARTY! Kids@Mountainview Camp 2024 Registration opens on MARCH 8TH!! There will be six weeks of camp, each with their own theme. Visit mountainviewcrc.org/kids-camp for info or to register. For questions or more info., email or call camp Director Christine Winter: camp@mountainviewcrc.org / 905-932-4786



Kid's@Mountainview Summer Camp is accepting applications for camp staff for a variety of positions! Check it out at www.mountainviewcrc.org/jobpostings. Deadline for applications is March 29th.



How long has the preparation of a legal Will been sitting on your “to do” list? Are you one of approximately 50% of Canadians who do not have an “up to date” Will? On **Tuesday evening, March 26th, at 7:30 pm**, the deacons are hosting a **Will and Estate Planning Presentation** lead by Marinus Koole of Christian Stewardship Services. Learn how to plan or update your Will and Estate Documents, reduce

your tax impact, distribution options for your family, and maximise and simplify your current charitable giving and more. Please reserve at deacons@mountainviewcrc.org or contact CSS at: marinusk@cssservices.ca or call 1 800 267 8890, ext. 225.



Free Family Skate – Lace up your skates and join us for the last skate of the season on **Saturday, April 6th!** At the West Lincoln Community Centre (177 West St., Smithville) Skating from 3-4. Refreshements & Mingling from 4-5. Email kristym@mountainview.crc.org for more info.



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.



OTHER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS OPPORTUNITIES...



SOCO Beach Project Update: Still space to be part of 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. Info: www.southcoastbeachproject.org. Have a gently used/new fridge or dryer to donate to SOCO? Let us know. Meet SOCO Board members and see renovation updates. Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-feb-29-6219625>



Great Awaits: Christian School Spring and Fall Getaway – Thurs May 2 – Sat May 4 AND Thursday Oct. 24 – Sat. Oct 26, 2024. For more information, or reservations [BOOK HERE](#) or call 1 800 605 9653. Use Group Code: 2405CHRISTIAN. **Must book by April 2nd**



Joining IF:Grimsby is being part of a sisterhood of women who are willing to step out in faith. Forestview will be streaming the conference right from our sanctuary; gathering at tables, learning and growing in a small group atmosphere together with other local women. Great food Great learning Great worship! We hope to see you there! IF takes place **March 22-23** along with other IF:Locals around the world! The theme for this year is **"Because of Jesus"** John 8:12.

Join IF:Grimsby: **Friday March 22 from 6pm - 10pm** (session 1 starts at 6:30); **Saturday March 23 from 9am - 5pm.** Your ticket includes an IF:Local ticket, snacks & lunch, and our in-person experience. Only Friday - \$25; Only Saturday - \$50 (including lunch); Whole event \$65 (including lunch). For those attending who have dietary restrictions please email info@forestviewcommunitychurch.ca

Dutch Easter Hymn Sing - Immanuel and Grace Community CRCs invite you to a Nederlandse Paas Zangmiddag on **Good Friday, March 29 at 3pm** at Grace Community CRC in Ancaster. Sing well known Lent and Easter hymns as well as some of your favourite Dutch Songs of Faith. For more, contact John VanderLaan at 905-648-3170 or Femke Visser-Elenbaas at 289-887-2201



The 13th annual combined concert of the Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert which will once again be held at FirstOntario Concert Hall, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton on **Saturday, March 30 at 7:30pm.** Tickets are available at \$25 & \$35, and can be obtained through the choir's website (www.hosanna-choir.org) a choir member, or contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or at hdenhollander@yahoo.com.

Libertas Male Choir - Concerts at Knox Presbyterian Church (51 Church St E, Elora) Thursday, May 30 at 7.30 pm; Knox Presbyterian Church (59 Riddell St, Woodstock) Friday, May 31 at 7.30 pm; or Mountainview CRC (290 Main St E, Grimsby) Saturday, June 1 at 7.30 pm. Tickets: Adult \$25, Youth (10-14) \$10. Child >10 Free. E transfer: Tjitskevr@outlook.com;



Email: rtveld96@gmail.com; Call: 905 522 0001/905 745 5609. Tickets at door: Cash only. Info: www.libertasvoices.com. Director: Martin Mans; Organist: Martin Zonnenberg; Pianist: Joyce Postmus.

Awake to Praise Choir Easter/Spring performances: *Friday, April 5 at 8:00 pm*, and *Saturday, April 6 at 5:30 pm* and *8 pm*. at Vineland Free Reformed Church. Also, ***Friday, April 12, at 8 pm*** at the First Ontario Performing Arts Center in St. Catharines. Visit our website at www.awaketopraisechoir.com for more info. All seats (including VFRC) need to be pre-selected from our website. We respectfully request that *no infants or children under the age of 5* attend to ensure a peaceful and enjoyable experience for guests and musicians. If you have any questions during the process of receiving your tickets, please email – awaketopraisetickets@gmail.com.



Wolters Centre Lecture: Are We Free? On **March 20**, the Albert M. Wolters Centre for Christian Scholarship hosts Dr. Lydia Jaeger (Institut Biblique de Nogent, France), for her lecture “Are We Free? Navigating Scientific Determinism and Liberty of Creation.” Dr. Jaeger will explore how an understanding of God as creator provides a helpful and important framework for thinking about science, including implications for understanding human freedom before the face of God.

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](#).



**NIAGARA CHRISTIAN
GLEANERS**

You are invited! The Niagara Christian Gleaners will once again be hosting a Fundraising Dinner Weekend on *Friday, 5 April & Saturday, 6 April*. Where: West Niagara Agricultural Centre, 7402 Mud St W, Grassie.

Silent Auction at 5pm; Dinner at 6pm. Guest speaker: Mr. Jeremy Frith, CEO Barnabas Aid USA. Seating is limited. A free will offering will be taken. All proceeds go towards NCG's Operating Expenses. RSVP for seats at www.niagaragleaners.org/. Donations for our Silent Auction are appreciated. Drop them at the Gleaners any weekday am. Questions? Contact [nccdinner@gmail.com](mailto:ncgdinners@gmail.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 March 10	10:00	a.m.	Sunday Service; Pastor Erick Schuringa continues the “Who Is This?” series preaching on Luke 7; 4 th Sunday of Lent
Tues March 12	7:00	p.m.	Volleyball
Wed March 13	9:30	a.m.	Mission Circle
	7:00	p.m.	Evening Coffee Break
Thurs March 14	7:00	p.m.	Worship Team practice
	7:30	p.m.	Friendship
Sun March 17	10:00	a.m.	Sunday Service; Intern Pastor Brady DeBoer continues the “Who Is This?” series preaching on Luke 7; 5 th Sunday of Lent;
	7-9	p.m.	Youth Alpha

JOYFUL GIVING

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: March 10th A.M. – Smithville Christian Highschool is providing an authentically Christian education to teens from all over central Niagara. Smithville Christian High graduates are serving God and bringing shalom all over the world. Your gift will be used to keep tuition in check so that many families can have access to the exciting programs that enable our students to thrive. Thank-you for your part in keeping Christian education affordable at all levels.

UPCOMING OFFERING: March 17th A.M. – Kathleen & Colin Wassenaar, serving with Engineering Ministries International (EMI) in Phnom Penh- Cambodia - EMI is a nonprofit Christian development organization made up of architects, engineers, surveyors, and construction managers who use their skills

to serve the least reached worldwide. We design hospitals, schools, water systems, and many other facilities that enable our Christian ministry partners to fulfill their calling and transform their communities. Together we are designing a world of hope. Stay in Touch with the Wassenaars: send them an email if you would like to receive their monthly email updates @ kathleen.wassenaar@emiworld.org; colinwassenaar@gmail.com, or check out their blog that contains more photos and stories: thewingsofdawn.wordpress.com.



Through your compassion, in 2023 we saw over 4 million people receive a Bible they can now call their won. By God's grace you made this possible! Thank you for believing with me that the world needs the Living Word of God more than anything else. Mountainview, as we continue in 2024, can I count on you to continue praying with me that more people will be reached around the world

by God's unfailing love through the Gospel? Hannah Sikkema, Donor Relations, Bible League of Canada



World Renew extends our deep gratitude for your commitment to advancing God's work of justice and mercy in our global communities. Your gifts during 2023 helped equip 478,504 participants in 1,200 communities for a hopeful future in 29 developing countries around the globe. We give God the glory for all that He has done in 2023! In the spirit of gratitude and humility, we invite your church to continue to renew hope,

reconcile lives, and restore creation with World Renew. worldrenew.ca



With your generous donation, we continue to feed MANY across our world. Thank you for blessing Niagara Christian Gleaners. Your support is helping us curb food waste, build community and bless hungry, hurting people worldwide in Christ's name. We couldn't do it without you.



Thank you for your donations to Beginning Family Services! Your generous contribution plays a crucial role in supporting individuals grappling with difficult life choices and allows us to provide compassionate, trauma informed counselling, information, and resources. There are many barriers to accessing supports including knowing where to get help and trusting that others will listen. We believe that every person deserves care, respect and an opportunity to play a critical role in planning their life. Thank for helping us open pathways for those needing support most and inspiring hope that a promising future remains within reach.



Join us in Inspiring, Empowering, and Equipping Deacons and Congregations - Our Diaconal Coaches have a passion to serve! Working with deacons from the CRC, they help to them engage with their local community, promote stewardship, live justly and love mercy—and work out their calling in

their church and community. **We want to GROW THE IMPACT of our Diaconal Coach network**, allowing them more time for workshops and one-on-one visits with deacons and churches. New initiatives take extra time and money so we look to generous donors and churches with a diaconal heart to step up and fund these exciting new ventures. **Help us grow the impact of our coaches!** -Your one-time or monthly donation will help us extend our reach and increase our impact! Donate to Diaconal Ministries Canada today -diaconalministries.com/donate-now/ or via e-transfer at dmc@crcna.org

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...](#)



We want to let you know about our special series of Lent devotions **Focus on the Cross**, from our Today devotional. These devotions are a perfect way to focus on the depth,

beauty, and mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ this Lenten season. You can receive this series **straight to your inbox**, or **download them as one file for printing**.

Kids Corner: Healing Love - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net/. Have you ever wanted to do something that you knew wasn't right? We all wrestle with sin, Jesus goes to the tomb where Lazarus' family laid him to rest, and miraculously restores Lazarus to life. Jesus also healed Lazarus' family's broken hearts. It restored their joy. We might not be able to heal physically those we love as Jesus did. But, like Jesus, we can come alongside them and demonstrate God's never-ending, always-present love. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.



Groundwork: The Paradox Of The Cross - In the Roman empire, the cross brought death in a brutal, humiliating way. But believers of Jesus Christ find life in the cross. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Romans 5:1-11, and Ephesians 2:8-10 to study the paradox of the cross, remember the profound love of God, and learn how we should live in light of this paradox.. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Listening to God often involves listening for God's still, small voice (see 1 Kings 19). How might you quiet other voices so you can be attentive to God's voice this week? 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!

Shalom Manor & Gardens is currently hiring for an OFFICE MANAGER (37.5 hours per week). [Please visit website for details](#). Please email hr@shalommanor.ca to apply with resume.



Camp Shalom - This summer at Camp Shalom our theme is going to be "Something New" based on Isaiah 43. Campers and staff will learn about how God wants to give them something that they'll never have without Him. If you're interested in learning more about this new thing, and you're excited about sharing that great news with kids and adults who have special needs, then we have a position for you! We're hiring 50 young adults for a variety of positions including counselors, maintenance staff, kitchen staff, lifeguards, and more. For more information or to apply please visit www.countrysidecamp.com/apply.



EduDeo Ministries: We're Hiring a School Relationship Manager - Are you a passionate educator who loves connecting students in a Canadian classroom to students around the world? Get excited about broadening students' knowledge about global education? Comfortable in front of an auditorium of students and clearing through your email inbox? If so, then EduDeo Ministries wants you on our team! Visit <http://www.edudeo.com/careers> for info. Applications due March 22, 2024. EduDeo Ministries believes education rooted in the Gospel is the best way to bring about whole-life transformation for children and their communities. We exist to advance Christ-centred education for children in the majority world.



Part-time Office Assistant for Diaconal Ministries Canada (DMC). Responsibilities include providing administrative support to Diaconal Ministries' National Director, other staff, the Diaconal Ministries' board of directors and its committees. Start date is April 1, 2024. Must be able to work at least one day per week at the DMC office in Burlington, ON. Visit our website for the full job description and compensation details: diaconalministries.com/our-team/careers-opportunities