



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 Multiplies Life." He will be focusing on the book of [John chapter 12 verses 20-36](#).



Jesus talks about both being glorified and dying. This mysterious pairing is found in nature, in the image of the Son of Man, and is a call to focus on the greater good. Jesus calls us to be those who follow him into ways that multiply life.

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/Week of Guided Prayer Registration IS OPEN! 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 IS OPEN and going fast!! 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. Refreshments & Mingling from 4-5. Email kristym@mountainview.crc.org for more info.

Here is the playlist for the season of Lent, giving some musical context as we consider Jesus: the Messiah, the Son of God, the Son of Man, the one who invites us in, the one who forgives sin. There are no "alleluias" [in this playlist](#), as we have committed to setting those aside for a season. Our Easter playlist will be bursting with Alleluia!! Ruth Ann



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. **NEW BOOKS BEING HIGHLIGHTED STARTING NEXT WEEK!!**

OTHER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS OPPORTUNITIES...



Brock Campus/Niagara International Students Ministry: Easter is coming soon, and we would like to invite you to host a gathering with a few international students! Hosts, from all over the Niagara region, can make a difference in international students' lives by inviting them to their home for a meal this Easter! The gathering can take place any-time over Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Monday (March 24 - April 1, 2024). It's a great opportunity to connect with students who are far away from their own family, and share the love of Christ! If you are interested please sign up here, before March 20: <https://friendsfordinner.ca/hosts/hosts-stcatherines/>; for more information contact Hilda at hildavk@gmail.com.



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 Hosanna & Mattaniah Choirs concert which at FirstOntario Concert Hall, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton on **Saturday, March 30 at 7:30pm.** It's just around the corner! 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.




 **REDEEMER UNIVERSITY** **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](#).

 **Join the Institute for Christian Studies in Italy for ART in Orvieto!** ART in Orvieto is an advanced summer studies program in art, religion, and theology located in Orvieto, Italy - a magnificent hill town 90 minutes north of Rome. The program offers an ecumenical exploration of Christian understandings of the arts through a three-week residency for those interested in engaging the intersection of art, religion, and theology. Financial aid is available for grad students, K-12 school teachers, and professional artists. Visit icscanada.edu/art-in-orvieto, or email recruitment-coordinator@icscanada.edu to learn more - Applications are due March 31.

 **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 ncgdinners@gmail.com.

 **Feeling overwhelmed with anxiety, stress or loneliness?** Want to talk to one of our psychotherapists or counsellors? We are *here to help*! Please call 905.309.0944. We will be answering the phones *Monday - Friday daily between 9am – 4pm*. Sessions typically run about an hour. All of our services are free and confidential. **Sometimes we all need help!**

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 17	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service; Pastor Erick Schuringa continues the “Who Is This?” series preaching on Luke 7; 5th Sunday of Lent; GPR Intro.
	7-9 p.m.	Youth Alpha
Mon March 18	6:30 p.m.	Cadets

Tues March 19	7:00	p.m.	Volleyball
Wed March 20	9:30	a.m.	Mission Circle
	7:00	p.m.	Evening Coffee Break
	6:30	p.m.	GEMS
Thurs March 21	7:00	p.m.	Worship Team practice
	7:30	p.m.	Friendship
Sun March 24	10:00	a.m.	Sunday Service; Intern Pastor Brady DeBoer continues the "Who Is This?" series preaching on Matthew; Palm Sunday; Van Geest Baptism
	7-9	p.m.	Youth Alpha

JOYFUL GIVING

THIS WEEK'S 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.

UPCOMING OFFERING: March 24th A.M. – Redeemer University is a Christian undergraduate university offering programs leading to Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education degrees. From its Hamilton, Ontario campus, Redeemer has prepared graduating classes — the next generation of Christian leaders — for more than 30 years. Redeemer students are being shaped by the Reformed Christian commitment to see faith woven through all aspects of learning and life. Across the world, from the classroom to the convocation stage to careers and churches, our faculty, students and alumni are making an impact.



Join the Make it Monthly Initiative - CanadaHelps has incentives to give! - For the entire month of March, CanadaHelps will donate an additional \$20 to Diaconal Ministries *for each new monthly donation of \$20 (or more)*. For our current monthly donors, CanadaHelps will donate *an additional \$10 for donations that are increased by \$10 or more!* **We want to GROW THE IMPACT of our Diaconal Coach network**, allowing them more time to be available for workshops and one-on-one visits with deacons and churches. We look to generous donors and churches with a diaconal heart to step up and fund these exciting new ventures. Your donations help to ensure that deacons are equipped with the tools that they need to support their congregations and the communities they live in. Donate today [-diaconalministries.com/donate-now/](http://diaconalministries.com/donate-now/)

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...](#)

Kids Corner: The Not-So-Triumphal Entry - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net/. Ever wonder why Jesus chose to ride a donkey? By selecting a donkey, he declared that he was there to get to work—God's work—and he wasn't threatening anyone. Donkeys aren't flashy. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.



Groundwork: The Complete Sufficiency Of The Cross - Christ's sacrifice is completely sufficient to satisfy God's wrath, and yet, sometimes we forget. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 53:6; Galatians 2:20-21, 3:1-3, 3:24-27, & 6:14-15; and Romans 5:9-11 & 6:1-4 to discuss the source of this truth, how we can keep our



fears at bay, and how we can keep a right perspective about our salvation and our deeds. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - What would happen if we all listened to others just as deeply and lovingly as God listens to us? How would that change our family life, our work life, our interactions with our neighbor, or our online presence? 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 our theme is "Something New" based on Isaiah 43. Campers and staff will learn about how God wants to give something they'll never have without Him. Interested in learning more about this new thing? Excited about sharing that great news with kids/adults with special needs? We have a position for you! We're hiring 50 young adults for a variety of positions including counselors, maintenance staff, kitchen staff, lifeguards, etc. For more info. or to apply 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