



Join us Sunday morning at 10 am or anytime throughout the week. This morning we continue with part 6 our Lent series asking the question, "Who Is this?" Pastor Brady answers that question with a message entitled, "The Servant King." He will be focusing on the book of Matthew, chapter 21, verses 1-11.



Jesus rides into Jerusalem to kingly acclaim. But do the people shouting and cheering know who Jesus really is?

Easter Worship Visuals - You can all help!! Kids, colour the **butterfly posters** found at the Welcome Desk. **PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 28th.** 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!



Palm Sunday Worship - you are invited to bring your coats (maybe don't bring your best ones), or cloaks/blankets to worship on Sunday to lay on the front steps of the stage as a participation in the story of Palm Sunday. (Matthew 21: 8) You will be invited to do this during the first song of the service. There will be some extras on the front bench for those who forgot and would like to participate. Thanks, *Ruth Ann*



Let's Build Community Connections!



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.

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.](#)

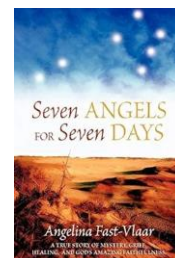


Free Family Skate – Lace up your skates and join us for the last skate of the season on **Saturday, April 6th!** At the West Lincoln Community Centre (177 West St., Smithville) Skating from 3-4. Refreshments & Mingling from 4-5. Email kristym@mountainview.crc.org for more info.



Mountainview's Library is OPEN before and after church and on weekdays for self-checkout. We'd like to highlight some of our new Kids Books at the Library over the next month. **Here's our first book:**

Seven Angels for Seven Days by Angelina Fast-Vlaar: Angelina Fast-Vlaar recounts the true story of a camping trip taken through the Australian outback with her husband Peter, that produces an untimely encounter with death, and an adventure more amazing than they could ever have dreamed.



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.



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

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.



SOCO Beach Project Update: In this newsletter, see how we are casting vision for the SOCO house and property for additional retreats and young adult discipleship. Keep up to date with the renos. Pray for SOCO as we prepare for the summer 2024 participants. If you have a gently used/new fridge or dryer to donate to SOCO, see the newsletter for details: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-march-21-6221513>

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



LAST CALL!!!! The 13th Annual Hosanna & Mattaniah Choirs Concert 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.



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.



Choose Life Niagara Annual Dinner: Saturday, April 13, 6:00 pm at Club Roma in St. Catharines. Guest Speaker: Blaise Alleyne, co-author of "A Guide to Discussing Assisted Suicide". Join us for dinner, fellowship and an excellent speaker. Details and tickets (\$60, Students \$30) available at ChooseLife.ca/events or call 684-7505. Registration deadline is April 1.

Attention Youth: A FREE youth event is being held with Blaise Alleyne just prior to the dinner from 3:00-5:00 pm, also at Club Roma. Refreshments provided. Sign up by visiting ChooseLife.ca/Events. Students who stay for the dinner get a discounted rate.



NIAGARA CHRISTIAN GLEANERS

You are invited and we'd love for you to join us! 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.



Beyond the Culture Wars Conference - Our world and our churches are so polarized and divided these days. Why is that the case, and what can we do about it? Come find out at "Beyond the Culture Wars," a conference put on by the Institute for

Christian Studies and hosted by Martin Luther University in Waterloo, April 18-20. Featuring presentations by James K.A. Smith, Kristin Kobes Du Mez ("Jesus and John Wayne") and many others, this conference will educate and equip you to help make more people feel more comfortable at your church and in the



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faith. Supported by the CRC, Shalem Mental Health Network, Citizens for Public Justice, and more. Register/Find out more at luther.wlu.ca/beyond.

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 24	10:00	a.m.	Sunday Service; Intern Pastor Brady DeBoer continues the "Who Is This?" series preaching on Matthew 21:1-11; Palm Sunday; Baptism
Palm Sunday - Holy Week	7-9	p.m.	Youth Alpha
Mon March 25	6:30	p.m.	Cadets
Tues March 26	7:00	p.m.	Volleyball
	7:30	p.m.	Will Clinic CSS hosted by your Mountainview Deacons
Wed March 27	9:30	a.m.	Mission Circle
	7:00	p.m.	Evening Coffee Break
	6:30	p.m.	GEMS
Thurs March 28	7:00	p.m.	Worship Team practice
Fri Mar 29	7:00	p.m.	Tenebrae Service of Shadows
Good Friday			
Sun March 31	10:00	a.m.	Sunday Service; Intern Pastor Brady DeBoer continues the "Who Is This?" series preaching on Matthew; Palm Sunday; Van Geest Baptism
Easter Sunday	7-9	p.m.	Youth Alpha

JOYFUL GIVING

THIS WEEK'S 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.

UPCOMING OFFERINGS: March 29th P.M. – Good Friday – Resonate Global Mission: Formerly Christian Reformed World Missions and Christian Reformed Home Missions, we came together in 2017 as Resonate to walk alongside CRCs as they join God's mission in their own neighborhoods and around the world. We do this by planting churches and supporting ministry in North America as well as sending missionaries around the globe to share the good news. But sending people is only part of God's plan for your congregation. Your church partners with Resonate as you join God's mission in your own neighborhood and around the world. Resonate is here to walk alongside you in preparing missionaries and volunteers, calling and supporting church planters and campus ministers, connecting with ministries overseas, engaging church members and younger generations in mission work, and following the Spirit by discerning new ways to demonstrate and proclaim the gospel. Together, we help build God's church.

March 31st A.M. – Easter Sunday - Bible League of Canada provides Scriptures and training worldwide, so people will be brought into relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church... because the world needs the Living Word of God more than anything else! Change, real change, happens from the inside out. When people come into a relationship with Jesus, they are transformed by the power of God's Spirit. The Holy Spirit inspires new Christians to adopt and apply Biblical values to address their needs. Family, friends, whole communities experience this transformation! Adult Bible-based literacy, Church planter training, Children's Ministry Programs and support for persecuted Christians are the programs we use to deliver the Living Word of God in 43 countries. By God's grace, the eternal Living Word impacts generations to come. THANK YOU for your support.



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/](https://diaconalministries.com/donate-now/)



Legacy giving to the CRCNA - Did you know cash isn't always the best way to give to CRCNA ministries like Thrive? You may be able to increase your potential impact—and experience significant tax benefits by giving stock, real estate or other non-cash assets. Write to advancement@crcna.org to learn more.

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: Called By Name - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net/. Mary was alone at the tomb. Then she met Jesus but didn't recognize him. All he had to do was say her name, and then she knew she was loved and not alone anymore. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.



Groundwork: The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ - Examining the story of Jesus' crucifixion in each of the four gospels reveals a beautiful tapestry of perspectives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Matthew 27:45-53, Mark 15:40-41, Luke 23:13-25, and John 19:28-37 to witness the fulfillment of Scripture and remember the significance of what Jesus accomplished on the cross. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “Just as love to God begins with listening to His Word, so love for the brethren is learning to listen to them.” Who might you show this kind of “listening love” to in the coming week? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject



Calvin invites you to attend the Festival of Faith & Writing, April 11-13, on the campus of Calvin University. The Festival features over 70 speakers, including plenary speakers Anthony Doerr, Yaa Gyasi, and Tracy K. Smith. [Visit our website to see our full roster of fabulous speakers, purchase tickets, or to learn more.](#) Questions? Reach out to ccfw@calvin.edu.



JOBS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Cairn Christian School is inviting applications for a part-time (20% FTE) office support position in Stoney Creek starting in August 2024. Tasks include: regular reception, daily school communication, internal administration for the school building and staff, and creating and publishing the weekly newsletter.

Our mission is to inspire students to love, learn, and lead together in God's world. We are looking for a candidate who will both embrace and further this mission in a dynamic, fluid environment, bringing the energy and confidence needed to support the staff and student learning community. Questions? Email Bonnie Desjardins: bdesjardins@cairnchristianschool.ca. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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.



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

Board Members Needed - Are you eager to contribute time toward making a positive contribution to your local church and classis? Do you have experience in non-profits, budgeting, strategic planning, or governance? Do you have time to volunteer to help your local church and its deacons impact communities with Christ's love? THEN BECOME A BOARD MEMBER with Diaconal Ministries Canada! Diaconal Ministries has been equipping and supporting deacons in the CRC in Canada for over 20 years. We are currently searching for a Board Member for Classis Niagara and for Classis BC NW. (Our Board includes one representative from each Canadian classis in the Christian Reformed Church.) If you would like to receive more information on this role or if you would like to submit your interest, please contact Ron Vanden Brink, National Director, at rvandenbrink@crcna.org. He'd love to connect with you!

OFFERING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2024

(Friendship and GEMS have switched dates compared to the Annual Offering Schedule)

April 7th A.M. – Benevolence: Your contribution to Mountainview's Benevolent Fund provides assistance for those in need in our church family and in our local community. These include basic needs such as food, clothing, housing and schooling. A church and community of our size has many varied needs within it. Please continue to support our ministry of Benevolence.

April 14th A.M. – GEMS stands for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour and is a relationship building club which was established more than 40 years ago. The ministry of GEMS continues with the purpose of bringing girls into a living relationship with the Lord. This is done through bible study, singing, crafts, games, and fun outings with dedicated counsellors and junior counsellors. Your donations help us to mentor and nurture girls in our church and surrounding community, in their walk with God.

April 21st A.M. – Friendship (Local): The Friendship Group consists of about 15 young people and adults from our church and surrounding community with developmental challenges. Special friends from our church meet with these young people and adults every Thursday night from September to May. We enjoy an evening filled with the good news of God's love through Bible stories, singing, crafts, and special activities.

April 28th A.M. – Niagara Christian Gleaners is an organization in Smithville that seeks to visibly demonstrate God's love and grace by working with volunteers to collect, process, and make available surplus agricultural produce; sharing our abundance with those around the world who are in need. Gleaning is a biblical concept in which God instructed farmers to leave a portion of their crops for the poor to gather. Your donations help us to engage locally to impact globally in our ministry of mercy.