



The word *Tenebrae* is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness."

On Good Friday we will follow Jesus on his darkening journey of last supper, betrayal, denial, trial, crucifixion, death and burial, paying attention to the proclamation of the guard "surely this was the Son of God."

Join us at 7 pm, online or in-person. Or watch the service recording anytime throughout the week.

Our Easter celebration will be a recognition of the new life we receive in Jesus' resurrection. We will unbury the alleluia and sing it out. We will journey with Jesus on the way to Emmaus. We will recognize and receive him in the breaking of the bread of communion.

Join us at in-person or online at 10 am or watch anytime throughout the week. Pastoral Intern, Brady DeBoer will be presenting the message. He will be focusing on the book of Luke chapter 24, verse 13-35



## Let's Build Community Connections!

### A few Notes from the office...

- **The Office will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.** Wishing you all a Blessed Easter Weekend!
- **Thursday AM Deadline for news/info/ads/prayer requests for Church Family:** We have always had a deadline of Thursday but are reinforcing that announcements and requests be made by Thursday first thing going forward. Any prayer requests or concerns that come up after that can still be shared with the office and will be communicated wherever they are needed but not "in print".

**PLEASE  
NOTE...**



**Lost & Found Table in the Gym/Fellowship Hall this Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and for the next 3 weeks.** Come pick up your things if you want them before they make their way to GBF.

**Young Adults Meet NEXT Friday April 5th at the Judge & Jesters (downtown Grimsby) @ 7:30 pm.** Good Chats. Good Food. Good People. Contact [bradydb@mountainviewcrc.org](mailto:bradydb@mountainviewcrc.org) 289-455-7513 for more info.



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**Free Family Skate** – Lace up your skates and join us for the last skate of the season on Saturday, April 6th! *First come first served (Just 150 spots)* at the West Lincoln Community Centre (177 West St., Smithville) Skating from 3-4. Refreshments & Mingling from 4-5. Email [kristym@mountainview.crc.org](mailto:kristym@mountainview.crc.org) for more info.



**Prayer Walk Saturday, April 6th – Join Us! We'll be meeting at Mountainview and walking at 8:30 – 9:30 am .** All are welcome. If you are new to this group please contact Jane De Visser [pjdevisser@sympatico.ca](mailto:pjdevisser@sympatico.ca) so we don't start without you.

**2024 Guided Prayer Retreat/Week of Guided Prayer Registration IS CLOSED!** Thank you for your interest in our Guided Prayer Retreat, due to an overwhelming response we have decided to close the registration for this year. You can still join the Retreat from home. Stop by each day April 7-13 and get the daily handout to follow along at home. Click here for [more information](#).



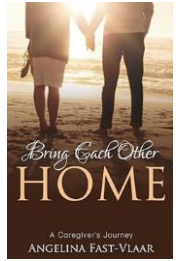


**Neighbourhood 2 Mystery Guest is happening April 28<sup>th</sup>.** Sign up to be a guest or a host! Hosts are expected to provide beverages and a light lunch. Sign up by contacting Janice: [phil.janiceschwanz@gmail.com](mailto:phil.janiceschwanz@gmail.com) / 289-377-8389 OR let your elder know. *Nic Hielema, Tony Kamphuis and Janice Schwanz.*



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

*Bring Each Other Home* by Angelina Fast-Vlaar - "Walk with him" was the heavenly command the author received after her beloved mate was diagnosed with dementia. Let this caregiver take you along on her trek through a puzzling maze of challenges where she receives assistance, encouragement, and precious "God moments".



**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](http://mountainviewcrc.org/kids-camp) for info or to register. For questions or more info., email or call camp Director Christine Winter: [camp@mountainviewcrc.org](mailto:camp@mountainviewcrc.org) / 905-932-4786



**Holy Week & Easter Playlist 2024** – As we walk through one of the most significant weeks for Jesus followers, please use this playlist to inspire and inform your time with God. Available on Spotify and Mountainview's YouTube page Ruth Ann

## OTHER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS OPPORTUNITIES...



**2024 Youth & Young Adult Trip to Nicaragua** - World Renew extends an invitation to all Canadians age 15-25 to join us in Nicaragua this summer from August 2-11! We are recruiting youth and young adults to experience God in another culture, developing a perspective on poverty, missions and community development. To learn more about this trip and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/nicaraguaflyer>.



**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>

**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](http://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](mailto:awaketopraisetickets@gmail.com).



**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](http://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](https://ChooseLife.ca/Events). Students who stay for the dinner get a discounted rate.

**Cairn Christian School, Smithville, presents 'The Second Mile,' a student-created production based on the bible verse Matthew 5:41.** "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles." The cast includes 50 actors from grades 4 through 8 who wrote the play themselves. Grades 4-8 form the choir, band and tech team. God-inspired, student-created, and student-led.



Join us in celebrating the beautiful work of our students. **Tuesday, April 16th at 11:15 am** has limited spaces available for parents as Cairn Smithville primary, Cairn Stoney Creek, and **Pastors** will be joining us. **Wednesday, April 17th, at 11:15 am**, there will be a show for **grandparents and senior friends** (No tickets are required for this show). **Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m.** will be the show for **family and friends**. To God be the glory! **Tickets are \$5.00. Reserve at <https://bit.ly/Cairnsecondmile>**

**This summer, a friend of Cairn Christian School is reviving a Korean student summer camp experience.** He (Danny Huh) is looking for homestay spaces for these students (13-14 years old) in the Niagara/Hamilton area from August 12 to August 21. This would pay an honorarium of \$1000. If you are interested, please see additional details at <https://bit.ly/KoreanHomestaySmithville>



**NIAGARA CHRISTIAN GLEANERS**

**Our Fundraising Dinners are next weekend - Friday, 5 April 2024 & Saturday, 6 April 2024. There are still a few spots available.** 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. Please reserve seats at [www.niagaragleaners.org/](http://www.niagaragleaners.org/). Donations for our Silent Auction are still coming and are appreciated. Drop them at the Gleaners any weekday am. Questions? Contact [ncgdinners@gmail.com](mailto: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 faith. Supported by the CRC, Shalem Mental Health Network, Citizens for Public Justice, and more. Register/Find out more at [luther.wlu.ca/beyond](http://luther.wlu.ca/beyond).



**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 on **April 27, 2024. [Learn More.](#)**

## 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>

Fri Mar 29	7:00	p.m.	<b>Good Friday - Tenebrae Service of Shadows</b>
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
<b>Easter Sunday</b>			
Mon April 1	6:30	p.m.	Cadets
Tues April 2	7:00	p.m.	Volleyball
Wed April 3	9:30	a.m.	Mission Circle
	7:00	p.m.	Evening Coffee Break
	6:30	p.m.	GEMS

Thurs April 4	7:00	p.m.	Worship Team practice
Sun April 7	10:00	a.m.	Sunday Service; Pastor Jolene Veenstra preaches; Week of Guided Prayer/Guided Prayer Retreat
	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.

**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.

**UPCOMING OFFERING: 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.



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**Today is the Last Day to Participate in the CanadaHelps #MakeitMonthly Incentive -Join the Make it Monthly Initiative. CanadaHelps has incentives to give!** For the 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/)



**Double Your Impact this Easter!** - As we celebrate our Savior who is the Resurrection and the Life, let's go out with joy in our hearts to join God's mission! This Easter, you can help Christian Reformed church planters, missionaries, and campus ministers live out the good news by making a gift to Resonate while your gift will go twice as far! Find out how at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/double](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/double)



Thank you! Your generous financial support of Christian Horizons this past year has nurtured communities where all gifts are celebrated. This has been a year of changes! Over the next year, we will be fully transitioning to Karis Disability Services. Our name change will help build our vision of belonging. Our Christian faith roots, values, vision, and mission remain the same. Check out our [karis.org](http://karis.org) site to learn more about our name. We have been inspired by this year's theme, "Moving Forward Together: Building Possibilities." We are truly grateful for your support. Thank you for giving so open-heartedly this year and demonstrating your love for others in a very tangible way. With gratitude, Janet Noel-Annable Karis Disability Services



**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](mailto: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: Creativity in Action** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net/](http://www.kidscorner.net/). When God wanted his people to build a special place of worship, he helped Moses think outside the box to solve problems. Moses knew they needed to build the Tabernacle, and God provided the right craftspeople with the right gifts to help out. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!



**Groundwork: Crucified And Raised To Life With Christ** - Good Friday and Easter mark the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join Groundwork as we study Philippians 3:10-11, Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:1-14, and 1 Corinthians 15:12-23 to examine what the Apostle Paul teaches us about this gift of salvation by faith and our participation in both Christ's death and resurrection. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Today we celebrate an event that changed everything: the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As you celebrate Easter with family and friends, read 1 Peter 1:3-9 together, and invite people of all ages around your table to share how you experience the “living hope” that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection offers. Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)



## 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:hr@shalommanor.ca) to see if a career with Shalom is a good fit for you!



**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! DMC has been equipping and supporting deacons in the CRC in Canada for over 20 years. We need a Board Member for Classis Niagara and 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](mailto:rvandenbrink@crcna.org). He'd love to connect with you!