



Join us Sunday morning at 10 am or anytime throughout the week. We take a break from our Lent Series this week. Pastor Everett Vander Horst will present a special message for Pastor Jolene's Ordination service, entitled "**Preachers & Ministers.**" He will be focusing on the book of Ephesians chapter 4 verses 11-16.



One of the gifts Christ has given the church is the ministry we are blessed to carry out in his name. While the calling to serve belongs to all, the Lord provisions his disciples for the task with a further gift of those who are equippers, including pastors and teachers. It is when pastors pastor and ministers minister that the church grows in unity, maturity and love.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper takes place NEXT SUNDAY March 10th.

Let's Build Community Connections!

Young Adults Meet THIS Friday March 8th at the Judge & Jesters (downtown Grimsby) @ 7:30 pm. Good Chats. Good Food. Good People. Contact bradydb@mountainviewcrc.org 289-455-7513 for more info.



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Youth Fundraising Dinner: Taking place on the evening of **Saturday, March 2, 2024.** Come out and support our youth to attend events like AOYC or participate in Serve this summer. Dine-in or Take-out. Take out available from 5-5:45 pm; Doors open/Cocktails & Photo Booth at 5:30; Dinner @ 6:00 pm. Link to RSVP HERE. Donate on the Bridge App "Youth Fundraising Dinner", etransfer: treasurer@mountainviewcrc.org, or donate by envelope. Please note

(memo line) that your donation is for the Youth.



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, Thanks, *Ruth Ann*

World Day of Prayer 2024 – Please join us for this year's service, **Friday, March 1 @ St Joseph Church.** This year's theme is written by the women of Palestine: "**I Beg You... Bear With One Another In Love**" based on Ephesians 4:1-3



Our Monthly PRAYER WALK takes place this Saturday March 2nd. We'll be meeting at Grimsby Life Center at 8:30am. If anyone is interested, we'd love to have you come and join us. Give me, Jane deVisser a call or e-mail at pjdevisser@sympatico.ca if you plan on coming so we make sure we don't start without you.

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



START THE PARTY! 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, 2024.



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. Adult Youth, Children, Fiction and Non-Fiction books are available as well as movies and audiobooks



OTHER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS OPPORTUNITIES...



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!***



SOCO Beach Project Update: In this newsletter, meet the SOCO Board members and see the renovation updates. There is still some 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. For more information: www.southcoastbeachproject.org. If you have a lead on a gently used/new fridge or dryer to donate to SOCO, see the newsletter for details: <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**



NIAGARA CHRISTIAN GLEANERS

The Niagara Christian Gleaners will once again be hosting a **Fundraising Dinner Weekend.** The dates this year are **Friday, April 5 & Saturday, April 6** at the West Niagara Agricultural Centre, 7402 Mud St W, Grassie. Doors open for the Silent Auction

at 5pm. Dinner is at 6pm. Our guest speaker this year is Mr. Jeremy Frith, CEO Barnabas Aid USA. Seating is limited. A free will offering will be taken. towards NCG's Operating Expenses. Reserve seats through our website at www.niagaragleaners.org/. Donations for our Silent Auction are appreciated and can be dropped off at the Gleaners any weekday morning. Questions/comments please contact us at ncgdinners@gmail.com. We hope to see you!



YOUTH TALKS - Re Launched! Youth and Young Adults are invited to join together on the evening of **Sunday March 3rd** at Smithville CRC. Time: **7:30 – 9pm (ish)**. Terry Posthumus will lead us in music and is sure to inspire. Gord Park will be the speaker for the evening. *(Those of us who were youth in the 80's and 90's are excited for all y'all! You'll have a great time!).* Scan the QR code to register – Registration is appreciated so that we know how much food to prepare. Invite your friends!



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



Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert of the Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert at FirstOntario Concert Hall, Hamilton on **Saturday, March 30 at 7:30pm**. Choirs accompanied by Ryan Vandenberg (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), and Naomi Noorduyn (Piano) and the 13-piece Scott Harrison Brass/Percussion Ensemble. Tickets \$25 & \$35. Visit: www.hosanna-choir.org.

Contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or at hdenhollander@yahoo.com, or ask a choir member.

The **Awake to Praise Choir** is pleased to announce the following dates for their 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 information.



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](#).

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>

Sat March 2	5:30	p.m.	Youth Fundraising Dinner – Roll Out the Red Carpet
Sun March 3	10:00	a.m.	Sunday Service; Pastor Everett Vander Horst “Preachers and Ministers”; Ephesians 4:11-16; Ordination - Jolene Veenstra; 3 rd Sunday of Lent
	7-9	p.m.	Youth Alpha
Mon March 4	7:00	p.m.	Cadets
Tues March 5	9:30	a.m.	Coffee Break
	7:00	p.m.	Volleyball
Wed March 6	9:30	a.m.	Mission Circle
	7:00	p.m.	GEMS
	7:00	p.m.	Evening Coffee Break
Thurs March 7	7:00	p.m.	Worship Team practice
	7:30	p.m.	Friendship
	7:30	p.m.	EMT/DMT
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; Lord’s Supper
	7-9	p.m.	Youth Alpha

JOYFUL GIVING

THIS WEEK’S OFFERING: March 3rd 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.

UPCOMING 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.



CHRISTIAN Stewardship SERVICES
YOU ARE INVITED!
WILL CLINIC

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.



Thank you for Walking Alongside World Renew - Thank you for joining World Renew and Canadian Foodgrains Bank’s mission to end global hunger. Through your gifts, you extend Christ’s hope and love to vulnerable families in food crisis in countries where World Renew works around the world. If you would like to learn more about how World Renew is answering God’s call for justice and mercy, please visit: worldrenew.ca

Dear Friends of Mountainview Christian Reformed Church, We acknowledge and gratefully thank you for your most recent gift towards supporting students at Redeemer University. We are continually blessed by your faithful partnership. Redeemer’s students recently celebrated Gratitude week, which gave students a chance to explore some of the ways our partners are making a difference in their ability to access affordable Christian education. Please check out our social media pages for more photos and a video!



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Mountainview CRC, Thank you for your church's recent gift. It helps the CRC proclaim the gospel of Christ, and strengthens more people to be disciples of Jesus. We are grateful to your church for its passion to promote the gospel story and bring people to salvation in Jesus Christ. Everyday, people learn about Christ and salvation because of the shared ministry work of Christian Reformed Church. I invite you to visit crcna.org/ministryshares to learn more about how your ministry share gifts are making a difference. Together, we are impacting the world for Christ. I pray you will be blessed by all of your giving. In Christ's Service, Rev. Al Postma, Executive Director



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FOOCASS’ objective is to offer a viable response to the problems of alcoholism and drug addiction particularly within the Christian community. God is good and has continued to bless us. In 2023, the number of calls for help and information continued steadily. We published and distributed a newsletter, created new brochures (coming soon), and updated our website. We were hosted two info. evenings and more are being planned for 2024. None of this would have been possible without the prayer and financial support of individuals and churches like yours. Our organization is small and we operate a tight budget yet the challenge we face is huge – sometimes even daunting. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. Sincerely in Christ, Elaine Togeretz

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: Living a Holy Life - 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, but we need to take personal responsibility. We can't blame Satan for our poor behavior (Ephesians 6:11-17). Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.



Groundwork: The Shame Of The Cross - As we seek to comprehend the fullness of Jesus' sacrifice, we need to revisit the shame of the cross. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 53:1-3, Philippians 2:5-8, Genesis 2:25, Genesis 3:7-10, Hebrews 12:1-3, and 1 Peter 2:4-6 to examine the relationship between sin and shame and unpack why Jesus' experience of shame was necessary for our salvation. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Most of us are not naturally good listeners, and that can affect our relationship with God. Practice "listening prayer" this week. Find a quiet spot, calm your mind, and invite God to speak to your heart. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject



Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.



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



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). **Qualifications:** 1-3 years in office management. Must be technically savvy. Proficiency in Microsoft Office and strong organizational, leadership and problem-solving skills is required. Previous experience with governance is preferred. Familiarity with long-term care regulations and industry best practices preferred. **Key Accountabilities:** lead quality improvement initiatives, including education, administration of the Joint Health and Safety Committee, facility communications, liaison between IT provider and employees, support implementation and maintenance of communication systems, collaborate with vendors to address technical issues, government reporting, support Board of Directors governance. 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.