



**Mount Hope Community**  
Christian Reformed Church

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

**August 31, 2025 10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor:** Rev. Andre Basson

**Music:** Linda Geerts

( please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements Verse of the Month: Psalm 143:8 **Anita Moelker**

**GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE**

\* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer

\* Call to Worship

\* Song of Praise: **LUYH #603 "Shout to the Lord"**

**GROUNDING IN GRACE**

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"**

Words of Assurance

Song: **SB #34 "My Life Is in You, Lord"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

**Len Moelker**

**GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE**

Scripture: Psalm 84

Sermon: "Journey is as Important as the Destination"

\* Song of Response: **LUYH #356 "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God"**

**GOING TO SERVE**

Offerings: **Budget & SoCo Beach Project**

\* Sending

\* Benediction

\* Closing Song of Praise: **PsH #634 "Father, We Love You"**

**Thank you for joining us this morning!**

We welcome all who join us this morning. **Rev. Andre Basson** will lead us in worship as Pastor Joel is on vacation and **Linda Geerts** in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **SoCo Beach Project**. You are reminded that you can also donate through the "Give" function on the Bridge App, as well as e-transfer to **accounting.mhccrc@rogers.com**. We hope that you will join us following the service in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

To view this service from home, you can do so by watching via livestream on our website: [mounthopecommunitycrc.org](http://mounthopecommunitycrc.org), or from our YouTube Channel: **Mount Hope Community Church**. Those members who have the Bridge App, can view the service directly on the app, by using the **"YouTube"** icon on the main page.



We are accessible for those with hearing impairment. If you are hard of hearing, please go to the back sound booth and speak to an attendant for an assistive device or instructions on how to connect to the hearing loop.

## Children's Ministry

**Nursery** is available for children ages 0 - 3. Please sign your children in before the service. The nursery is located as soon as you enter the Fellowship Hall, on the left.

**Sunday School** is on hiatus for the summer months and will begin again on Sunday, September 14th. There are colouring pages and activity sheets at the entrance of the Sanctuary by the bulletins for your children. Younger children are also welcome to attend in the nursery.

## Church Family

We congratulate **Adam and Amanda Jay (Demik)** who were married yesterday. May God richly bless you both as you begin your life together as husband and wife.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries this week:** We congratulate the following members who will celebrate their birthdays or anniversaries this week. May you be blessed and have a special day with your family and friends.

### September 2– Faye Tisch

**Pastor Joel** will be on vacation from **Saturday, August 30th - Sunday, September 7th**. If a pastoral situation should arise during that time please contact your district elder or call the church office.

**You are making a difference!** On behalf of the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's Kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. Thank you! To discover more visit [crcna.org/ministryshares](http://crcna.org/ministryshares).

**Fall Fair and BBQ:** The volunteer forms for the Fall Festival and Barbeque are **due today.** So far, only a few have been received. We need everyone's help to make this event a success! Please put your completed form in Marlene Knevel's mailbox. Thank you!

## Community Announcements

***The wheels on the bus are starting to go round-and-round! Join the nine teams made up of fifty-six walkers for The Grand Parade, at Shalom Manor, on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>!*** Funds raised will be used towards a wheelchair accessible bus. This resident suggested request will allow them to safely go on more outings to local parks, shopping, bowling, the Mum Show and more! Check out the following link: [Grimsby \(Shalom Manor\) - The Grand Parade 2025](#) to see how you can get those wheels moving!

**McMaster University Students** - Looking for a place to grow in your faith, meet amazing people, and enjoy some good food and conversation? Come check out All Things Fellowship — McMaster University's campus ministry! Whether you're just starting at Mac or returning for another year, we'd love to welcome you into our community. The first All Things Fellowship Night is on Wednesday, Sept. 4. Kick off the year with worship, discussion, and friends — both new and familiar! Welcome BBQ Sunday, September 14th. Come hungry and bring a friend! It's a great chance to hang out, meet the crew, and hear what we're all about. Stay connected. Follow us for updates, events, and encouragement throughout the year: Instagram ([instagram.com/allthingscsrc\\_mcmaster/](https://www.instagram.com/allthingscsrc_mcmaster/)) Facebook Group ([facebook.com/groups/138194172911322](https://www.facebook.com/groups/138194172911322)). Everyone is welcome! Dr. Michael D. Fallon <[fallonm@mcmaster.ca](mailto:fallonm@mcmaster.ca)>

**Looking for Community at Toronto Universities?** - That may not be a priority in the first few days, but when you're ready come find friendship, encouragement and challenge with campus ministries at the University of Toronto and York University. This student did: "I have always felt a sense of community and openness in which my opinions can be understood, welcomed, and respected." Learning from a diverse student community and surrounding neighbourhoods prepares us to engage the communities wherever God calls us. For Logos at York U, reach out to [lccyork@gmail.com](mailto:lccyork@gmail.com) or follow us on Instagram @logosyorku. For Grad Christian Fellowship at UofT, message [uoftcampusministry@gmail.com](mailto:uoftcampusministry@gmail.com) or follow us on Instagram @gcfuoft

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## CRC Announcements

### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions: Praying for Someone Else** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Praying for Someone Else" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Prayer is a special way to show love to others. When you pray for someone, you're helping them and growing closer to God at the same time! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the classic "Liz and Friends" podcast! Groundwork: Jesus' Kingdom Parables - Jesus often used parables to teach his followers about the kingdom of God. Join Groundwork as we dig into Matthew 13, Matthew 20:1-16, Matthew 22:1-14, Luke 17:20-21, and Matthew 25:1-13 to learn from Jesus what God's kingdom looks like, what its values are, and how the people of his kingdom behave. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### Thrive

**Get Involved with Generation Spark** - Generation Spark offers hands-on coaching, practical strategies, and extensive support to help all generations form meaningful relationships that result in sustained, lifelong faith. Thrive, the CRC's congregational support agency, invites you to learn more about what it might look like for your church to invest in intergenerational mentoring! An informational webinar will be offered on September 11, 11:30am ET. Register here: [shorturl.at/d7DEO](http://shorturl.at/d7DEO)

### Support The Banner Magazine

The Banner's annual fundraising campaign continues! More than just an award-winning magazine, The Banner is a journalistic ministry dedicated to informing, inspiring, and connecting our CRC community. Available to you in both print and online, this vital resource is made possible by the generous support of individuals like you. Help meet the ambitious \$500,000 goal for the 2025 campaign by giving today! [thebanner.org/donate](http://thebanner.org/donate)

### Calvin University

**Calvin on the Road Events** - Calvin University is turning 150, and we're bringing the celebration to you! Throughout the anniversary year, Calvin will be visiting 30 cities across the USA and Canada – we'd love to see you! For a full list of locations and dates, visit [calvin.edu/150](http://calvin.edu/150)

## Children's Bulletin

### Psalms 84: 8-12

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## Volunteer Schedule

Date	August 31	September 7	September 14
<b>Welcome</b>	Anita Moelker	Shae Knevel	Doug Nagtegaal
<b>Music</b>	Linda Geerts	Praise Team	Marleah Wiersma
<b>Congregational Prayer</b>	Len Moelker	John Demik	
<b>Open / Close</b>	Shae-Lynn Knevel	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl	Marlene Knevel
<b>Coffee Duty</b>	Bob & Trudy de Haan	Neil & Kristen Roth	Alex & Maegan Demik
<b>Sound</b>	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma
<b>Streaming</b>	Mark Demik	Henk Van Tuyl	Jack Demik
<b>Overhead</b>	Marlene Knevel	Henk Van Tuyl	Jack Demik
<b>Nursery</b>	Kristen Roth Trish Demik	Alyssa Tisch Sandi Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma Shae Knevel

If you are unable to fulfill one of your scheduled duties, we ask that you please find your own replacement. Thank you.

## Church Calendar

### **Monday, September 1 (Labour Day)**

OFFICE CLOSED

Pastor Joel on vacation for the week

### **Wednesday, September 3**

8:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast (Egg & I - Upper James)

### **Thursday, September 4**

12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due at the church office

### **Sunday, September 7**

10:00 a.m. - Dr. Syd Hielema

Offerings: Budget & N2N

### **SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS**

September 14 - Budget & Benevolence

September 21 - Budget & HDCH

September 28 - Budget & Seafarers

October 5 - Budget & Diaconal Ministries

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## Our Mission Statement

“To glorify God as a vibrant community of disciples that actively and joyfully serve one another and our community.”

## Vision: Grounded, Growing, Going

**Grounded:** Through our Reformed tradition, we are rooted in the nourishing soil of God’s Word and the saving grace of Christ

**Growing:** We are becoming more Christ like and Spirit filled as God works in our hearts and minds to grow closer to Him

**Going:** Out of gratitude to God for his work in us, we seek to bear fruit by being the hands and feet of Christ to each other and our community

**\*\*see paintings made by Petra Zantingh in Fellowship Hall \*\***