CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: A Safe Place - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "A Safe Place" at www.kidscorner.net. In Matthew 25:31-40, Jesus taught us that part of following him is helping others feel safe and comforted. Small acts of kindness may seem ordinary, but they can show God's extraordinary love. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app

Groundwork: Faith that Endures - We've heard the call in Hebrews to stay close to Jesus. How do we cultivate a lasting faith? Join Groundwork as we study Hebrews 10:19-12:3 to learn why community and the testimony of fellow believers are essential to remaining faithful and cultivating a faith that endures through the difficult seasons in life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Indigenous Ministry

Hearts Exchanged: A Learning Journey Towards Reconciliation - As a new ministry season begins, consider joining the upcoming Hearts Exchanged cohort to explore God's call to reconciliation with Indigenous neighbours. Designed to help participants move beyond the headlines, this experience equips Reformed Christians to listen deeply, understand a shared history, and cultivate genuine friendships rooted in Christ's call to peacemaking (Colossians 1). Secure a spot or ask questions: hearts_exchanged@crcna.org

Calvin Theological Seminary

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece - Join us April 2-12, 2027, as we travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

World Renew

Field to Table Dinner for Asia - Join us for an evening of delicious Asian cuisine and inspiring conversation with Faye Yu, World Renew's Country Director for Laos. Faye will share how God is working through local communities and faithful partnerships to bring hope, opportunity, and lasting change. Peter Timmerman, our Canadian Executive Director, will also share reflections on World Renew's work. Join us on Thursday, September 10, 2026, 6:00–7:30 PM at the World Renew Canada office, 3475 Mainway, Burlington, ON. Reserve your spot at worldrenew.org/events (select "Field to Table" and click "Register Here").

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Fall can be an overwhelming and anxious time for students of all ages. How might you encourage the students in your family or your church this week? You might bake cookies, share a favorite book, or send a card. Pray for them as they discover the gifts God has given them and explore how God might be calling them to use those gifts. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

September 6, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Joel Bootsma

Musician: Walt Haveman

We welcome all who join us this morning. **Pastor Joel** will lead us in worship. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Christian School Tuition Assistance Fund.** 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,** 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 in your children before the service. The nursery is located as soon as you enter the Fellowship Hall, on the left.

Sunday School will begin again September 13th. There are colouring activities for the children at the Sanctuary entrance, and the younger children are welcome to attend the nursery before or during the service.

Church Family

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 8 – Rebecca Bootsma (52nd Birthday) September 13 – Effie Visser (87th Birthday) John Verschoor** passed away on August 27th and the funeral was held on Thursday here at the church. We pray for the Verschoor Family as they mourn the loss of their father and grandfather. **Jean Postma** has been moved St. JOSEPH'S LIFECARE CENTRE. 99 Wayne Gretzky Parkway, Brantford, Ontario N3S 6T6 Rm.S-004 Hummingbird Way She does not have a phone at this time.

Order of Service

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: 1 Corinthians 15:58 **Mark Demik**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE
* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer
* Opening Song: **LUYH #567 "Here I Am to Worship"**
* Call to Worship
* Song of Praise: **LUYH #574 "How Great is Our God" (with How Great Thou Art)**

GROUNDED IN GOD'S GRACE
Time of Confession
Song of Confession: **"Knowing You"**
Words of Assurance
Song of Rejoicing: **LUYH #930 "This Little Light of Mine"**

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE
Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:31-34
Sermon: "A Little Goes a Long Way"
Song of Response: **"Great Are You Lord"**
Prayer: Church Family and Community **Len Moelker**

GOING TO SERVE
Offerings: Budget and Christian School Tuition Assistance Fund
* Sending
* Benediction
* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #938 "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"**

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 8
7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 9
8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast
Thursday, September 10
9:30 – noon – Home School
12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due
Saturday, September 12
11:00 am. – 1:00 p.m. – Fall Fair & BBQ
Sunday, September 13 (Lord's Supper)
10:00 a.m. – Pastor Joel Bootsma
Offering: Budget Shalom Manor & Gardens

Scheduled Offerings

September 20 – Budget & Canadian Foodgrains Bank
September 27 – Budget & Neighbour to Neighbour (Hamilton)
October 4 – Budget & Glanbrook Community Services
October 11 – Budget & Benevolence (Freewill Offering)

Volunteer Schedule

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

Date	September 6	September 13	September 20
Welcome	Mark Demik	Doug Dekker	Len Moelker
Music	Walt Haveman	Praise Team	unknown
Congregational Prayer	Len Moelker		
Open / Close	Van Tuyl's	Marlene Knevel	Nagtegaal's
Coffee Duty	John & Trish Demik	Clifford & Kathy Turkstra	Alex & Maegan Demik
Sound	Frank Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma	Frank Buwalda
Streaming	Jack Demik	Henk Van Tuyl	Mark Demik
Projection	Jack Demik	Henk Van Tuyl	Marlene Knevel
Nursery	Shae Knevel Sandi Buwalda	Alyssa Tisch Trish Demik	Louise Dekker Kathy Turkstra

Announcements

Fall Fair & BBQ: Reminder that the Fall Fair and Barbeque is this **Saturday, September 12th** from **11 a.m. – 1 p.m. !** It isn't too late to volunteer if you haven't done so yet. Please speak to Marlene Knevel if you can help in any way. For those who have volunteered, look in your email early this week for a schedule for where you will be needed. We hope you can join us for this fun event!

September Verse of the Month: A new month means a new bible verse to learn together. For September we will learn **1 Corinthians 15:58** "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." There will be a bookmark with this verse on it in this bulletin and always extra at the Welcome Station.

Community Announcement

York Young Adults Kickoff
Join us for the York Young Adults Kickoff on September 6 at 3:30 PM at Turkey Point Beach! Young adults ages 18–30 are invited for a fun afternoon of BBQ, swimming, jet skis, and tubing. Bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, and lawn chair. Come hang out, enjoy some food, and kick off the year together! Questions? Contact Cody at youth.yorkcrc@gmail.com