

August Newsletter

Summer Activities for July and August

Summer is here! With that comes warm nights, vacations, camping and hopefully a little extra time for leisure activities and fellowship. Each Monday evening join us at 6:30 pm for each upcoming event. Watch your bulletin for weekly updates.

August 14 – Golf (Sutton Creek)

August 21 – Mini Golf

August 28 – Yoga

Attention Crafters

We are planning to include a Craft Table and are asking those who craft to donate Christmas crafts and gifts. Looking for wood workers, knitters, crocheters, quilters' etc. to help us expand our venue. For more information see Rita.

Summer Months

As we are entering the summer months when most of us go away on vacation or visit family and friends we need to remember of the duties we fulfill on Sundays. It is your responsibility to find a replacement.

New Resource

Ten Ways to Care for Creation - The Office of Social Justice has partnered with Faith Formation Ministries to develop a new resource for churches looking for fresh ways to address our call to care for creation. The "Ten Ways to Care for Creation" toolkit includes ideas such as starting an intergenerational gardening project, holding a storytelling series, and much more! We invite you to download this free resource and share it with your church: justice.crcna.org/tenwayscreation

Dutch Hymn Sing

You are cordially invited to come to the 13th annual Dutch Hymn Sing on Wednesday, August 30, at 1:30 p.m. at Westmount Christian Reformed Church, 405 Drury Lane, Strathroy, Ontario. Come and join people from all over SW Ontario in singing praise to God in the language of your youth, and songs you still treasure in your heart. There will be opportunity to choose your favourites! Refreshment and fellowship follows the program. Come and bring friends! For more information contact Marianne Kingma at 519-245-0139 or jmkingma7@gmail.com

Mo-Mac CR-Campus Ministry Welcome BBQ

Are you attending McMaster University or Mohawk College this fall? We are having our annual "Mo-Mac CR-Campus Ministry Welcome BBQ" on Sunday, September 24th @ Michael's 1:00- 3:00 pm, rain or shine. Come out and meet some other Mac & Mohawk students at 734 Garner Rd, E. in Ancaster. If you need a ride, or for more details, please e-mail Dr. Michael D. Fallon at fallonm@mcmaster.ca Our first campus gatherings are on September 6th at Mohawk and September 7th at Mac. Contact Michael to see what is going on. Have a great year!

Wanted: Banner News Writers

The Banner is looking for correspondents to write and report news from local congregations. Are you a curious story teller with some writing skills and the desire to share from your church and neighbouring regions? Please reply to news@thebanner.org with your name, church, and reason why you would like to be one of The Banner's freelance writers. The News Editor will respond regarding your application.

Reordering Curriculum

Fall is quickly approaching, and there is still time to order resources for the upcoming ministry year, including Bible studies and children's ministry curriculum. All CRC churches currently qualify for an automatic 15 percent discount on nearly everything in the Faith Alive catalog, including DWELL curriculum, which helps children in preschool through middle school grow in their faith. Chat your questions, download free samples, and learn more at FaithAliveResources.org/Order or call 800-333-8300 for help with ordering.

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Young Adult Camping

Young Adults of Southern Ontario are invited to a camping trip happening August 25-27 at Bronte Creek Provincial Park. Come out and connect with the great outdoors and other young adults! Space is limited to 50 people, so first come, first served! The price is \$65. Check out the event on the Young Adult Winter Retreat page on Facebook for more details, or email us at swoya20@gmail.com

Pastor Church Resources

Whether your church is in a season of growth, transition or challenge, Pastor Church Resources (PCR) has tools to help you as you discern next steps. A number of resources, including three different types of grants, are available to pastors, churches and ministry leaders. For more information call toll free 877-279-9994 x 2837, email Rachel at rschelhaas@crcna.org or go to www.crcna.org/pcr

Short-Term Volunteer

Are you 18 to 24 years old and interested in embarking on a short-term volunteer opportunity with life-long impact? World Renew's Global Volunteer Program provides opportunities to live, work, eat, and play in an international community while exploring how God wants you to use your talents and skills for His purpose. For more information, contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net