

# HCCRC Newsletter March 10, 2022

If you have any announcements or requests to be placed in the newsletter, please send the request to: [hccrc.office@gmail.com](mailto:hccrc.office@gmail.com) Announcements must be received by Thursday at noon to be placed in our newsletter.

This week we are thankful for a message from Bill Hoogland on our YouTube channel and in person.  
Text: Luke 4:1-13  
Message: Resist Temptation

## **HCCRC on YouTube**

If you cannot join us in person, please continue to find our services on our YouTube page or with the link posted on our Facebook page.

**To find our YouTube page please follow this link:** [HCCRC YouTube channel](#)

**To find our Facebook page please go to:** [HCCRC Facebook page](#)

## **Upcoming services:**

March 13 – Bill Hoogland

March 20 – Classis, Hamilton Immanuel -Michael Bootsma

March 27 – Bill Wensink

April 3 – Lea Wilkening

## **Second Collections:**

03/13/22	World Renew
03/20/22	Holmes House Simcoe
03/27/22	Teen Challenge
04/03/22	Operation Smile

**Share Hope with People Around the World Struggling with Hunger** - Over 800 million people globally go hungry on a daily basis. As a member of Canadian Foodgrains Bank, World Renew responds to the food needs of children, women, and men around the world who have been impacted by conflict, disaster, and food insecurity. In two weeks, join World Renew to discover how you can help share hope with those who struggle with food insecurity. Your gifts will be matched up to 4X by Canadian Foodgrains Bank. For more information go to: [worldrenew.ca/food](http://worldrenew.ca/food)

**There are offering boxes and a debit machine** at the back of the church in which you may make your donations. There are envelopes beside the boxes, on which you may put your name in order to receive a donation receipt.

**Donations for budget and second collections** can be made by e-transfer to: [hccrcfinance@gmail.com](mailto:hccrcfinance@gmail.com) or by cheque sent to Brian Paterson.

## **Special dates in our church family:**

If any information is incorrect or missing, please notify Admin @ [hccrc.office@gmail.com](mailto:hccrc.office@gmail.com) so our database can be updated.

## **Happy Anniversary to:**

Roger and Sue Hogeveen – March 18

Andy and Helen Torensma – 50<sup>th</sup> – March 25

**From our prayer director:**

“O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely.” Psalm 139: 1,4.

Doesn't it seem crazy that someone knows exactly what you are thinking or what you are about to say. That's how well our Mighty God knows us.

I believe that if we truly love the Lord and trust Him with all our heart, then He will also give us the right words to say. Pray that our Heavenly Father who knows everything about us will guide not only our words but also our actions.

It's already March and this past Sunday sure felt like a Spring Day. Spring makes me think of growth and new life, of early flowers blooming, of seeing the first Robin or seeing Geese flying in the sky. It also reminds me of the season of Lent. Six weeks till Good Friday and Easter. We are reminded during this time of why Jesus came into the world. He paid the ultimate price for each one of us because He loves us so much. We can never say thank you enough.

For the next five Wednesdays at 12:30 we get to worship together with our local churches the season of Lent. All services will be at the Highway Pentecostal Church. Everyone is invited. This is also a great way to meet fellow Christians in our community.

In our prayers let's remember all those who are suffering physically, spiritually, mentally or emotionally. Pray for Lenore, Trixie, Reta, Gep, Jason and for others that you know about. Pray also for each other that the Lord may continue to bless you and keep you safe.

Pray for those of the congregation that we haven't seen for a while due to Covid. As restrictions are slowly being lifted, I encourage all of you to come and worship together. We miss all of you and pray that the Lord will bring us together again and that this Pandemic will slowly be in the past.

Pray for our community. Our town just continues to grow with so much development. Pray for our schools, churches, businesses, for the hospital, for our local police and fire department.

Pray for all the service clubs as they do their best to look after the needs of those less fortunate.

Pray for our Political leaders and for our Health-care leaders, both of whom have had to make so many tough decisions these last two years.

Pray for the Ukrainian people and for all who are involved in this terrible war. Pray that an end may soon come to this war. So many families have lost loved ones and so many families are displaced and broken up because of all who have enlisted to fight for their country.

Pray also for the leadership of our church. Pray for the Council and the Board of Directors. Pray for the Calling committee and for the Worship committee. A special thank you to all volunteers especially those who make Sunday worship special. Our guest Pastors, our tech team and all those who make music a special part of our worship. We are also thankful for guests who have come to worship with us.

I'd like to close with Psalm 139: 23,24. “Search me, O God, and know my heart, test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Lord I pray, forgive my sins and help me and all of us be the best that we can be for you.”

Blessings,  
Davis

**It is that time of year again, Council** asks that our membership consider nominations for Council members. Please pray about this need in our church. If you feel you know someone, or yourself, is being called to fill these vacancies, please either email ( [hccrc.office@gmail.com](mailto:hccrc.office@gmail.com)) or put a note in the clerk mailbox. This year we are in need of one elder and one deacon.

**Our annual Spring membership meeting** is tentatively scheduled for **April 25, 2022**. Please note that this date has changed from April 18th to the 24<sup>th</sup>! Please put this date in your calendars so that we can have a meaningful meeting with our church family.

**Have you been heard?** Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2022 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the

concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit [crcna.org/survey/4855](https://crcna.org/survey/4855) to answer the survey questions **by March 31**.

TRIP dates from JCCS:

March 10 - TRIP	April 7 - TRIP
March 24TRIP	April 21 - TRIP

**Lenton services** are being held each Wednesday until Easter. They are all at the Highway Penecostal church beginning at 12:30. There will be no luncheon because of Covid

**The HCCRC Council** expects to welcome Pastor Ralph Koops and Mr Peter Bulthuis as classical church visitors on **April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Any members wishing to meet with the church visitors should let Davis Miedema know their intention and the substance of their concerns, and the Council will coordinate congregational time with the Church Visitors.

**Share God's Hope with People Impacted by the Ukraine Conflict** - The reports of food and medical supply shortages, disruptions in water services, and families being torn apart following the escalation in hostilities in Ukraine have caused deep global concern. Millions are displaced within Ukraine and over 1.5 million people have fled to neighbouring countries as refugees. The growing need is heartbreaking, but you can share hope with people impacted by this crisis. World Renew is joining with the Humanitarian Coalition, through its membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank, to raise funds for this crisis. We are also supporting fellow Integral Alliance members as they work with on-ground partners in the region. Your gift, through World Renew, will give temporary shelter, emergency non-food items, such as blankets and hygiene items, and much-needed health support to people left vulnerable by this conflict. To donate go to: [worldrenew.ca/ukraine-response](https://worldrenew.ca/ukraine-response)

## **Diaconal Ministries Canada**

**Help with Benevolence** - Deacons! Does your church need help with benevolence? Are you struggling with who to help, how to help, or how often to help? The context in which we are now living is constantly changing and deacons also need to adapt and adjust the way they do things as they serve in God's Kingdom. Don't delay - book a Benevolence 101 Workshop with your local Diaconal Coach from Diaconal Ministries Canada! This workshop will help your diaconate effectively focus its time and resources when a request is made - whether from a church member or from a member of your community. Having clearly defined Guidelines will help your team of deacons know how best to respond to various situations, as well as receive some effective criteria to develop (or revisit) a workable Benevolence Policy. Find your local Diaconal Coach now: [diaconalministries.com/diaconal-coaches/](https://diaconalministries.com/diaconal-coaches/) to book a workshop.

## **Safe Church Ministry**

**March 2022 Safe Church Webinar: Assessing Risk** - The Safe Church theme for this year is Safe Church Basics: Five Steps to a Safer Church. Join us March 23rd at 12pm Eastern for our first webinar: Assessing Risk. This webinar will feature a panel discussing abuse scenarios that have impacted Christian Reformed Church communities throughout North America. We will hear from a panel who will engage with these scenarios and then introduce a new tool from Safe Church called the Safe Church Assessment which is designed to assess risk and help determine how your church can do better in preventing abuse. register here: <https://bit.ly/scassessrisk>

Attachments:  
March prayer calendar