

HCCRC Newsletter March 31, 2022

If you have any announcements or requests to be placed in the newsletter, please send the request to: 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 Lea Wilkening our YouTube channel and in person.

Text: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Message: "Worth the Weight"

Synopsis: Have you ever wondered why we commemorate Jesus' fasting in the desert at lent? For 40 days Jesus denied himself, experienced the hunger of humanity. His triumph over temptation convinces us not only that we have power over temptation. Jesus' certainty of the Father's goodness is sustenance for his children. This week we celebrate the good Father and seek rest in his embrace.

HCCRC on YouTube

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

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

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

Soup Sunday is happening this week!!!! Due to the lifting of restrictions we will again be holding Soup Sundays on the first Sunday of the month. Feel free to stay for coffee and soup, or just for some time of fellowship. Thank you to Trudy for arranging soup for this week!

Upcoming services:

April 3 – Lea Wilkening

April 10- Palm Sunday, Communion Prep – Jolene Veenstra

April 15 – Good Friday, Communion with Bill Wensink

April 17 – Easter with Bill Wensink

April 24 – Classis – Ben Ponson

Second Collections:

04/03/22	Operation Smile
04/10/22	Shalom Manor
04/15/22	World Renew
04/17/22	Resonate Global Mission
04/24/2022	GEMS

From Resonate Global Missions:

Any gift you give to our special campaign during the month of April will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor! This year, not only are individual donations being matched, **your church's gifts are being matched, too.**

Thank you for all you do to support God's mission and we wish you a blessed Easter!

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 or by cheque sent to Brian Paterson.

In our prayers:

We are in a wonderful time of the year, with the tulips, star flowers and of course the weeds coming up in our gardens. Just as we need to remove the weeds to make our gardens pleasing, so we also need to remove those things that invade our lives and prevent us from being all we are meant to be. Pray for the ability to remove those things which hinder us from being who God wants us to be. This week in our prayers let us pray fervently for peace in the Ukraine. Pray for the people of the Ukraine, for the president and for the troops that are fighting for their country. Pray also for God to intercede and allow the Russian leadership to desire peace.

Pray for all those still affected by COVID, whether they are currently ill or if they are suffering long term effects. Pray also for those who deal with difficulties within their families due to differing opinions on how to deal with this virus.

Pray for all those who continue to deal with physical, emotional, mental or financial challenges. We think of Jason and his family in the loss of Jason's cousin in a work place accident. We think of Gep as she adjusts to life without George. We think of Trixie who deals with pain constantly. Pray for our leadership, the volunteers who make our worship possible, the Calling Committee as they search for a pastor to lead us, the Bod and our Church Council.

We give thanks that we can again gather together as church family and enjoy Soup Sunday and coffee after church!

Our annual Spring membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for **April 25, 2022**. Please put this date in your calendars so that we can have a meaningful meeting with our church family.

TRIP dates from JCCS:

April 7 - TRIP
April 21 - TRIP

Update from the JCCS Capital Campaign.

We have been amazed and humbled by our community's financial response and commitment to partner with us in this project. We want to thank our local churches for their continued support. After just 4 months of campaigning 1.6 million of the 2.5 million has been raised in pledges and donations. This amount can only be accredited to God's goodness and faithfulness. The JCCS school board required 1.5 million dollars to be raised before moving forward with the new build; that milestone has been met and the Building Committee is moving forward.

It is our hope and prayer that the balance of \$900 000 be raised prior the completion of this project (September 2023). We ask that you continue to lift up the school and this project in prayer as we respond to God's faithfulness by *Building on the Past and Moving forward in Faith*.

Resonate Match Campaign: Double Your Impact - Resonate Global Mission has a great opportunity for your giving to God's mission through the Christian Reformed Church! April 1-30, any amount you give for our special campaign will be matched, dollar for dollar, by a generous donor! Learn more at www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift

Dear Canadian friends:

Since the start of war in Ukraine, I've been preparing weekly reports about our outreach to the Ukrainian refugees in Europe and to Ukraine proper. I'm forwarding my most recent write-up - in case you are wondering about ReFrame's involvement

Among our personal news, the condo my wife owned in Kyiv (before we were married) suffered some damage as a result of an attack on a major shopping center. At least 8 people were killed outright and many injured. Her 12-th floor condo had an unobstructive view of that mall and some beautiful sunsets. So now most windows are gone, including some window frames, there are minor cracks on the ceiling. We hope that the structure is ok but who knows. We knew that something like that was coming since there was some Ukrainian military equipment on the mall's parking lot. But it was still emotional for us as we were planning to stay there when we'd go to Kyiv. (Of course, we gave up on those plans for now.) Once we have our travel papers, we'd like to look into the Baltic states as a possible ministry base for the Russian-language outreach.

Reframe outreach to the Ukrainian refugees continues. . It seems like currently we are the only CRCNA agency with a direct outreach to the Ukrainian refugees in Poland.

Some reflection:

Our Ukraine leader, Lika served in a refugee camp in Krakow. Women and teenagers were present. Some little girls joined, as well. Lika shared the gospel with them and talked about our hope in Christ: "Even if we lose everything, we can find a strong foundation in Christ." In the end Lika prayed with them.

Then, in Lika's own words:

"I was invited by a local Ukrainian church pastor, Pastor Andrew, to serve at a meeting of the Ukrainian women and children who fled the war. They are now living in Krakow, Poland. I shared the message of Christ with them, and then prayed with them. Some people accepted Christ (about 10 unbelievers prayed a prayer of acceptance) People were very emotional, some of them cried. And then the kids cut out and painted little paper hearts and wrote a prayer to God on them. They sang the song of Prayer for Ukraine and went outside and tied these prayers to balloons and released them into the sky with words of gratitude to Jesus."

These are just two examples. There are daily outreach events and opportunities to share the gospel. The media outreach to the refugees goes on, as well. Special programs are produced locally by our volunteer partners in the Baltics (Latvia and Estonia). They are carried by our local AM/FM affiliate stations.

Thank you for your prayers and support of our ministry:

Blessings,

Sergei Sosedkin

Reframe Russian Ministry leader

SoCo Beach Project Update:

There's been much work going on behind the scenes for this summer's SoCo Beach Project. To date, seven participants have been confirmed, with a good possibility of one more. Please keep these young adults in your prayers as many of them are completing their spring semesters while looking for summer employment and preparing to come to Port Dover. The year's project begins May 8 till August 22. ***There is room for one more female participant...***so if you or someone you know is interested, please contact Pastor Willemina at info@southcoastbeachproject.org.

World Renew

Deliver Hope to Refugee Families with Today's Offering - Today is Refugee Sunday. Every day conflict, persecution, and natural disasters force families to flee their homelands in search of safety. Many will face the darkness of rejection and disappointment in their search. Through your gift to the World Renew Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Program, you help extend God's love and hope to refugee families as they journey to rebuild their lives here in Canada. To donate, call 1-888-WRLD-RNW or go online to: worldrenew.ca/refugeesunday

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