

HCCRC Newsletter May 19, 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.

On Sunday, May 22, Pastor Oscar Gonzalez will be bringing us a message. Pastor Gonzalez currently serves as a pastor in Kitchener and has been in communication with our Calling Committee and our Chair of Council. He and his family (wife Olga, children Lucas and Emily) look forward to having the opportunity to join us for soup and fellowship after the service. Please take the time to join in this fellowship and talk with Oscar and his family as we use this opportunity to help us discern if he is the pastor God has chosen for us. Comments after this service may be sent to: hccrc.office@gmail.com or passed on to any council member.

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 22, we will be having a **Salad** Sunday, we ask that, if possible, you bring a salad to share as we have a time of visiting with the Gonzalez family.

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](#)

Upcoming services:

May 29 – Bill Wensink

June 5 – Lea Wilkening – Communion Preporatory

June 12 – Bill Wensink – Communion

June 19 – John Veenstra

June 26 -Bill Wensink

Second Collections:

05/22/2022	West Haldimand Hospital
05/29/2022	JCCS Tuition Help
06/05/22	Samaritan's Purse
06/12/22	Salvation Army

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 Pieter Wonder.

April Collection Report:

Budget Received	4,700.00
Budgeted Amount for the Month	9,064.58
OTHER OFFERINGS	
Operation Smile	195.00
Shalom Manor	195.00
World Renew	625.00
Resonate Global Mission	940.00
Gems	145.00
Total	2,100.00

Special dates in our church family:

Happy Birthday to:

Laura Hogeveen: May 22

Ditta Rauwerda: May 26

Alan Strobosser: May 30

In our prayers:

Sometimes we wonder, how can this be happening? Why does God allow such pain and suffering? During these times of hardship, we also know that no matter what we are going through, our God is our God and He is there to support us. We can be thankful for the knowledge that no matter what, we are His, and He is the final authority.

This week please pray fervently for Jesse and the Strobosser family as they deal with more difficult news from the doctors. Pray for a miracle of healing. Also give thanks for the witness they share in the blog updates.

Pray daily for Julie Paterson as she awaits an appointment at Juravinski. Pray for a treatment plan to be implemented quickly and successfully so that the cancer may be eradicated and she may soon be well again.

Continue to pray for all those who deal with difficulties, we think of Trixie, Reta and Helen. Pray for Gep as she struggles to get out and about and continues to adjust to life without George.

Pray for those who deal with emotional and/or mental health issues.

The people of the Ukraine are under a cloud of darkness, pray for this country and all those in it, for endurance and trust in God, that this war may soon be over and the invaders sent back to their country.

Pray for Mr Putin, that he may see the error of his ways and retreat from the Ukraine, the he also may change his ways and search for peace.

We give thanks this week that we will have a chance to meet the Gonzalez family and share a meal with them. Pray for guidance in discerning if Oscar is the pastor that is being led to lead our church.

Give thanks for the sunshine and warmth of spring, seeing the baby birds being hatched and the song birds singing.

As always, give thanks every day for the gift of Jesus, and the promise of everlasting life with no pain or sadness!

Jesse and Jenn Strobosser have a blog to keep everyone updated on what is happening with Jesse. Here is a link to the blogs as they are posted: [JesseJenn blog](#)

TRIP dates from JCCS:

Our next TRIP dates are June 2,16. Stay posted for our summer dates!

Join us in Praying for Synod 2022 - Synodical delegates, church leaders, and CRCNA members across the continent are praying for Synod 2022. Please join us! Prayer gatherings for synodical delegates are scheduled for April 27, May 11, and May 25. We will post prayer guides on the Network each time so that you can pray with us at a time that works for you as families, individuals, church councils, small groups, and others. Need some prayer points to pray through now? Find the March 30 prayer guide at network.crcna.org/prayer/prayer-guide-synod-philippians-44-9

SoCo Beach Project - First week update

We are off to a good start. Check out what happened this first week, including the infamous Port Dover Friday the 13th! By God's grace, we are off to a great start, and waiting on the arrival of our last participant this Sunday. Still looking for an extra vehicle...if you have a lead, contact Pastor Willemina: info@southcoastbeachproject.org

Stay tuned for more information about some fun summer events to get a peek into the SoCo experience! SoCo newsletter link: <https://mailchi.mp/bfb9de58ef58/soco-first-week-friday-the-13th>

From Mike Fennema (Laos)

Taking a moment to provide an update and praise report on a number of the prayer requests I shared with you in mid April:

- Myo Myo, Moe Moe's younger sister, who was planning to donate a kidney to Mi Mi, their older sister, when suspected cancer was identified on the kidney, was recently in Thailand for additional testing which showed that the growth on the kidney, which was removed, was not cancerous. Wow, an incredible answer to prayer. She is now recovering from the operation and plans to return soon to Myanmar.
- Mi Mi has found a potential second donor and is now back in India to move forward with steps for the kidney transplant.
- Maria arrived here in Laos, a week later than our original booked flight. We had some unexpected adventures along the way (challenge with contacting the embassy regarding getting the required visa stamped in the passport, challenges with getting a PCR test - the courier did not send it in time, testing positive for covid, etc). Anyway, that is all in the past and we are very excited to have her at home with us.
- Tha Tha, our nephew, continues to adjust to a very different educational approach (IB - International Baccalaureate).
- Matthew recently received an acceptance letter from the university he was most interested in. Earlier he did receive letters from several other universities. Now he needs to make a final decision about where and what to study!

Newsletter from the Nehemiah Centre: [Newsletter from the Nehemiah Center](#)

On behalf of ReFrame Ministries, We would like to invite you to [participate in a virtual](#) conversation with Rev. Sergei Sosedkin and ministry partner Lika Roman on Thursday, May 26, from 12-12:30pm (EDT).

As you can imagine, the recent events in Ukraine have created disruptions for our Russian language partners, but that hasn't deterred them from sharing the gospel. This virtual event will allow you to hear some of the challenges and opportunities to share the gospel during the ongoing crisis. Lika recently left Eastern Europe after fleeing her home in Kiev, Ukraine, last February and ministering to fellow refugees in Poland. Rev. Sosedkin has served as ReFrame's Russian language

team leader for nearly two decades, and along with Lika, has been sharing the gospel with Russian speakers mainly in Ukraine and Russia.

As a supporting partner, we wanted to provide you with a unique opportunity to connect with Rev. Sosedkin and Lika, hear updates from the ministry field, as well as ways to continue to support them during this challenging time.

To reserve your spot, or if you'd like a recording of the event, [please register here](#).

We hope you will be able to join us next week. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me via email (pvandersteen@crcna.org) or phone 289-668-5612 or Annette (avanderheide@crcna.org) in the office 1-800-263-4251.

From Haldimand Pregnancy and Care Centre:

Just a reminder On Saturday, May 28th we will be holding our 10th Annual Walk for Life Walkathon and we need walkers, it will begin at 9 am at the Kinsmen Park east Pavilion. The goal of the Walkathon is to invite families, individuals, walking groups, and churches to participate in this community event to raise awareness and funds for the Haldimand Pregnancy Care Centre. In order for the walk to be a success we would like your help. Please put up the poster in your church and put the attached bulletin insert in your bulletin or newsletter for the next couple of weeks. If your church has a walking or exercise group please let them know about our Walkathon. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Camp Shalom is hiring summer staff. Grow in your faith, meet great new friends, make a meaningful impact on other people and earn money for your future. Located just outside of Cambridge, Camp Shalom offers programming for kids in grades 1-12 and for adults who have special needs. Positions include cabin counselors, day camp counselors, special needs counselors, healthcare staff, maintenance staff and lifeguards. All positions are paid and you must be 16 years old before Dec. 31st, 2022. Visit www.countrysidecamp.com to apply.