


**MAY-AUGUST 2024**

**NORTHRIDGE  
HORIZON**

**BEGIN • BELONG • BECOME**

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**Share the love  
of Jesus.**

**Meet Human  
Needs.**

**Be a  
Transforming  
Influence.**

# About Northridge

Northridge Community Church is a place to begin forming relationships with people who care, a place to belong to a community of faith, and a place to become a person of purpose. With our heart to God and hand to man, we are committed to living as disciples of Jesus Christ. We endeavour to share the message of God's love in a practical manner that speaks to the needs of our community.

## New here?

Are you new? We're so glad you're here! Learn more about how you can get connected to the life of Northridge Community Church.

[northridgesa.com/newhere](http://northridgesa.com/newhere)

## Alpha.

Do you have questions about life, faith, or meaning? Alpha is a 12-week series that explores a variety of life's biggest questions. Each session is designed to cultivate conversation where everyone is welcome.

**Next Session:** September 2024

**When:** Tuesdays, 6:00 pm

**Location:** Northridge

15338 Leslie St. Aurora ON, L4G-7C4

[northridgesa.com/alpha](http://northridgesa.com/alpha)

## Learn more!

Learn what's going on in the life of our church.

Visit our website!

[northridgesa.com](http://northridgesa.com)



Want to stay in the loop about what's going on? Join our weekly email newsletter.

[northridgesa.com/subscribe](http://northridgesa.com/subscribe)

## Want to connect?

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# Upcoming Events

[northridgesa.com/gathering](http://northridgesa.com/gathering)

	<b>MAY</b>
1	<b>Boomers &amp; Beyond Luncheon</b> 11 AM   Northridge
8	<b>STAIR Program for Trauma Begins</b> 10 AM & 12 PM   Northridge
24	<b>FUSE Youth Retreat Begins</b> 5 PM   Off-Site
25	<b>Children's Air Riderz Party</b> 5 PM   Off-Site
26	<b>Corporate Prayer Night</b> 7 PM   Northridge
	<b>JUNE</b>
5	<b>Boomers &amp; Beyond Luncheon</b> 11 AM   Northridge
8	<b>BRAVE</b> 9:30 AM   Northridge
20	<b>Youth Year-End Party (Gr. 6-12)</b> 6 PM   Off-Site

22	<b>Church Summer Kickoff Event</b> 4 PM   Northridge
30	<b>Corporate Prayer Night</b> 7 PM   Northridge
	<b>JULY</b>
3	<b>Wednesday in the Word Begins</b> 5:45 PM   Northridge
8	<b>Northridge Day Camp Begins</b> 9 AM   Northridge
28	<b>Corporate Prayer Night</b> 7 PM   Northridge
	<b>AUGUST</b>
24	<b>Children's End of Summer Foam Party</b> 5 PM   Northridge
25	<b>Corporate Prayer Night</b> 7 PM   Northridge

# Weekly Rhythms

[northridgesa.com](http://northridgesa.com)

## Family Worship

Sunday @ 10:30 AM | Northridge

## Rise Up | Men's Prayer

Monday @ 7 AM | Online

## Community Supplementary Food Bank

Thursday @ 9 AM | Northridge

## Sr. High (Gr. 9-12) Youth

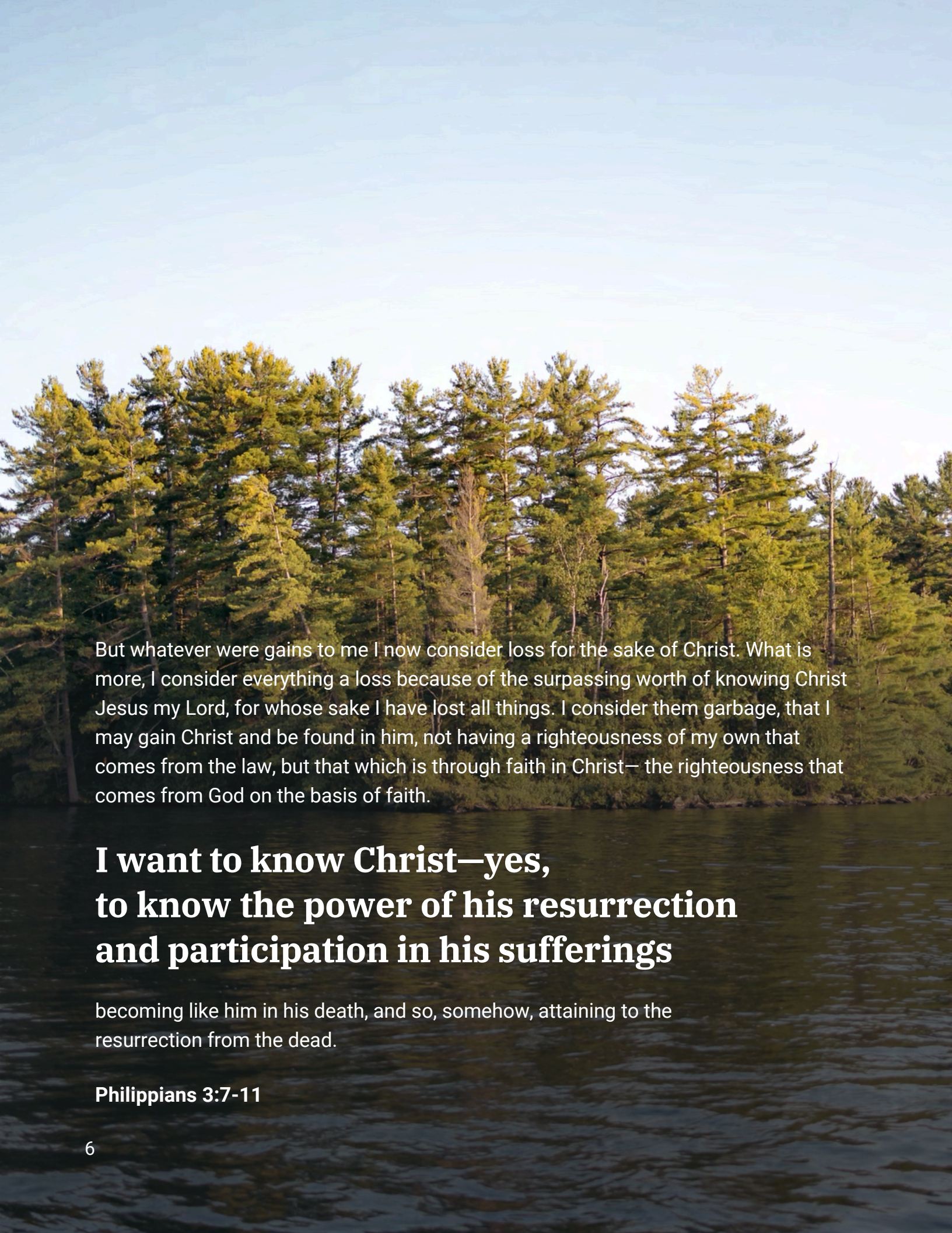
Thursday @ 7 PM | Northridge

## Jr. High (Gr. 6-8) Youth

Every Other Friday @ 7 PM | Northridge

## Life Groups & Focus Groups

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But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ— the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

**I want to know Christ—yes,  
to know the power of his resurrection  
and participation in his sufferings**

becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

**Philippians 3:7-11**

# Life Groups

Church is more than two hours on a Sunday, it's about sharing life together.

Life Groups are a collection of individuals who, being united in Christ, regularly gather together. We meet to enjoy each other's company, discuss matters of faith and life, and seek to understand better our world and how we should live in it as disciples of Jesus.

We encourage anyone and everyone to join a Life Group – from those who are interested in learning more about God, to those who are dedicated followers of Jesus.

## JOIN A GROUP TODAY

We have groups for all ages, meeting in different locations and across different days of the week.

[northridgesa.com/lifegroups](http://northridgesa.com/lifegroups)



# Focus Groups

Focus Groups serve as a space for those with shared needs, hurts, or questions. Together as a community, we search for answers, healing, support, and encouragement from others navigating a similar journey.

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## GRANDPARENTING THAT MATTERS

This group is a video and discussion-based program, where grandparents of all ages can gather together and learn what it means to leave a lasting and intentional legacy for their children and grandchildren.

**Weekly | Thursday @ 9:30 am  
@ Northridge**

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## QUESTIONS?

Want to learn more about our Focus Groups or determine whether they might be a good fit?

**Contact us:  
northridge.info@salvationarmy.ca**

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## GRIEF CARE

This group is a support group for anyone 18 years or older who is looking for comfort, answers, and hope after the death of a family member or friend.

**Weekly | Tuesday @ 7:00 pm  
@ Northridge**

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## ESL BIBLE STUDY & CONVERSATION CAFE

This is a group made up of women whose first language isn't English and who are looking for the opportunity to improve their English speaking skills.

**Weekly | Wednesday @ 10:00 am  
@ Northridge & Online**

*\* Please note, most of our Focus Groups take a seasonal break during July & August \**



SERVE OUR

# Church Community & Neighbourhood

Day-by-day we become more and more like Christ through the sanctifying work of His Spirit.

Having been given this abundant gift – this new life – we can't help but offer ourselves to God as living sacrifices!

We have plenty of ways you can serve in and through our Church.

We'd love to connect with you and find a way for you to serve!

**Visit our website today to learn more.**

**[northridgesa.com/serve](http://northridgesa.com/serve)**



[northridgesa.com/women](http://northridgesa.com/women)

## Women's Ministry

At Northridge, we believe there's something powerful about sharing life with others. Our Women's Ministry provides opportunities for women of all ages to gather together. We gather to share a meal, engage in teaching, or enjoy a creative activity with one another, working to foster community amongst the women of our church.

Want to learn more about upcoming events? Want to join our mailing list?

[northridge.info@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:northridge.info@salvationarmy.ca)

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[northridgesa.com/men](http://northridgesa.com/men)

## Men's Ministry

Our Men's Ministry offers opportunities for men of all ages to gather and support one another. Whether it's our monthly breakfasts or wing nights, our weekly prayer calls, or our special events, our goal is to strengthen relationships between the men of our church and build a culture of encouragement & belonging.

Interested in joining our mailing list? We'd love to connect with you!

[northridge.info@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:northridge.info@salvationarmy.ca)

### **THE HUDDLE | Men's Breakfast**

**1st Friday of the Month**

Daybreak Restaurant | 6:15 AM

(Yonge & Mulock)

### **RISE UP | Online Prayer Call**

**Monday Morning**

Online | 7:00 AM

([northridgesa.com/men](http://northridgesa.com/men))

[northridgesa.com/camp](http://northridgesa.com/camp)

# Summer Camp Opportunities

We believe summer camp can have a positive and transformational impact on children and youth!

Through partnerships with [The Salvation Army](#), [Ontario Camping Ministries](#), and [Epic & Onside](#), we have various summer camp opportunities for children and youth of all ages!

Support & subsidies are available for those requiring assistance.

Contact Nathan Allen  
[nathan.allen@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:nathan.allen@salvationarmy.ca)

## JULY

### **EPIC DAY CAMP**

JULY 8-12 | Northridge

### **JR. MUSIC CAMP**

JULY 7-13 | Jacksons Point

### **SPORTS CAMP**

JULY 15-19 | Jacksons Point

### **MULTI-SPORT DAY CAMP**

JULY 15-19 | Northridge

### **ART DAY CAMP**

JULY 22-26 | Northridge

### **EPIC DAY CAMP**

JULY 29- AUGUST 2 | Northridge

## **AUGUST**

### **MULTI-SPORT DAY CAMP**

AUGUST 6-9 | Northridge

### **ART DAY CAMP**

AUGUST 12-16 | Northridge

### **SR. MUSIC CAMP**

AUGUST 18-24 | Jacksons Point



# Wednesday in the Word

Looking for something to do mid-week throughout the summer?

Join us on Wednesday evenings for a time to connect, engage in the teachings of Jesus, and discuss how we can best inhabit them as a community.

**Beginning:**  
Wednesday  
July 3, 2024

**Location:**  
Northridge

For our start times and potluck schedule visit:

**[northridgesa.com](https://northridgesa.com/gatherings)**  
**[/gatherings](https://northridgesa.com/gatherings)**



# BRAVE 2024

BRAVE is a one day event for girls 12-16, to remind them that they are valuable and worth being celebrated! We're going to encourage them to dream big for what their future can be. Our goal is to give girls a boost of confidence and self-esteem and inspire them to be brave.

## Date & Time

June 8, 2024 | 9:30 am

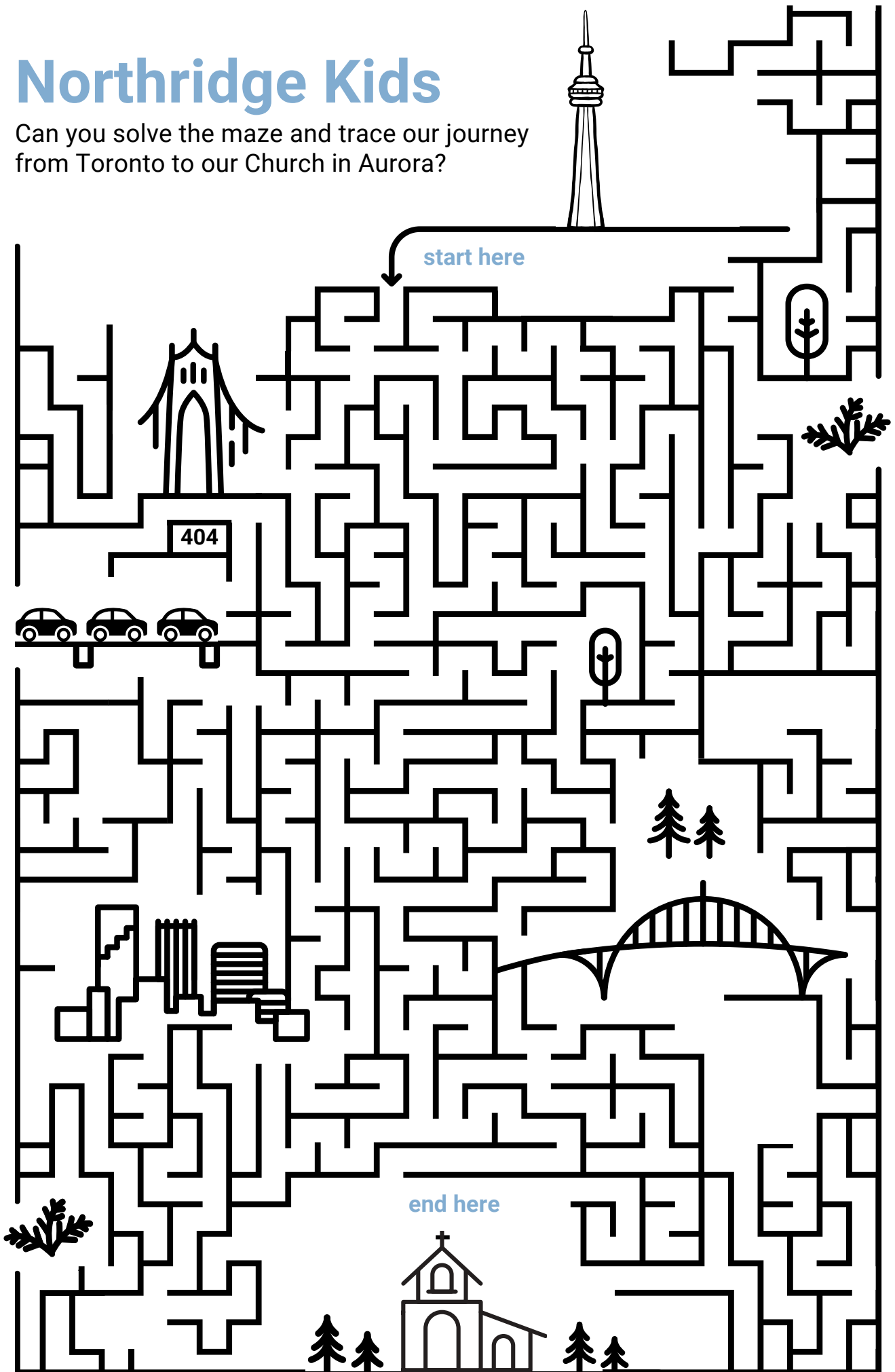
Visit our website today to learn more & register today!

[northridgesa.com/brave](http://northridgesa.com/brave)



# Northridge Kids

Can you solve the maze and trace our journey from Toronto to our Church in Aurora?



# Northridge Kids

## 5-Finger Prayers

### Thumb:

Those closest to you:

- Pray for our family & friends

### Index

Those who teach, instruct or heal

- Pray for our teachers, doctors & pastors

### Middle

Those in authority

- Pray for our government officials

### Ring

Those who are weak & vulnerable

- Pray for the poor, weak, & hurting

### Pinkie

Lastly, pray for yourself

- Pray for whatever is going on in your own life



**I have hidden your  
word in my heart so  
I might not sin  
against you.**

Psalm 119:11

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Nursery

Ages 0–2

(Beginning of Family Worship)

### Kingdom Korner

Ages 3–Grade 1

### Kingdom Kids

Grades 2–5

\* Students transitioning to the next age group do so in September \*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Air Riderz Party

May 25 | 5 PM - 7 PM

Pre-Registration Required

For all students who participated in the Bible Memorization Challenge

### End of Summer Bash

August 24 | 5 PM - 7 PM

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## STAY CONNECTED

Want to stay updated on everything going on in Children's Ministry?

Want to offer your gifts, serving in kid's ministry?

Contact Pastor Julia:

julia.dawe@salvationarmy.ca

[northridgesa.com/mainlymusic](http://northridgesa.com/mainlymusic)

# Mainly Music

Mainly Music is an interactive, and engaging music program for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers, and parents (or caregivers). Weekly sessions are full of songs and rhymes, actions, and movements, designed to engage you and your child. Our time includes structured programming, snacks, unstructured play, and time for fellowship amongst parents & children.



## NEXT SESSION

May 9 - June 13, 2024  
10 AM – 11:30 AM

Cost: \$30/family

## LOOKING FOR MORE INFO?

[northridgesa.com/mainlymusic](http://northridgesa.com/mainlymusic)  
[julia.dawe@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:julia.dawe@salvationarmy.ca)





northridgesa.com/children-youth

# Rooted Youth



## YOUTH RHYTHMS

### Jr. High Nights (Gr. 6-8)

Every other Friday @ 7 PM

### Sr. High Nights (Gr 9-12)

Thursday Nights @ 7 PM

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### FUSE Weekend Retreat

May 24-26 (Gr. 7-12)

Pre-Registration Required

### Year-End Pool Party

June 20 (Gr. 6-12)

6:30 PM | Offsite

### Summer Hang Nights

Jr. & Sr. High | Gr. 6-12

July 11

July 25

August 8

August 22

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## STAY CONNECTED

Want to stay updated on everything going on in Youth Ministry?

Contact Pastor Silas:  
[silas.allen@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:silas.allen@salvationarmy.ca)

# Ordinary Time

Liturgical Calendar

May 20 - November 30

The first half of the Church calendar, ranging from Advent to Pentecost, is devoted to tracing the grand arc of God's saving action in Jesus Christ. The second half of the Church calendar is a long stretch called Ordinary Time. It starts the day after Pentecost Sunday and leads right up to the first Sunday in Advent, meaning that most of the year is spent here!

With all the big holidays and celebrations over, Ordinary Time offers us the space to find our place in God's story. We've celebrated and taken in the momentous life of Jesus; now we need a long stretch of days to absorb and assimilate it. In Ordinary Time, we fully take in the gospel and allow it to take shape in our daily living – making connections between Jesus' story and ours.

"Ordinary" doesn't mean boring or second-rate but simply "every day." The Christian faith is not an otherworldly faith; it's about this creation, your life, these days. Ordinary Time gives us the space to consider what it means to follow Jesus as those who've received his salvation, in our day-by-day, week-in, week-out, everyday, ordinary lives.

**Where is Jesus inviting you to follow him today?**



## A Morning Prayer for Ordinary Time

Lord Jesus, I don't have a clue what you've got in store for me today. But it's going to be exciting placing myself at your disposal, to see you accomplish through me, your eternal ends.

[northridgesa.com/communityservices](http://northridgesa.com/communityservices)

# Need Support?

The Salvation Army exists to share the love of Jesus Christ, meet human needs and be a transforming influence in the communities around the world. We exist, not only to invite people to experience the transformation power of Jesus Christ in their lives, but to serve in meeting the practical needs of those in, and outside the Church – serving all persons with dignity and respect.

## Services we offer...

### **SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD BANK**

Are you struggling to make ends meet? We offer a supplementary food bank once a week to help keep food in your fridge and on your shelf. Appointments required.

**Email:** [northridge.info@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:northridge.info@salvationarmy.ca)

**Phone:** (905)-895-6276

### **COUNSELLING & MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT**

As a Church, we believe that mental health is health. That's why we have two Registered Psychotherapists on staff who offer affordable 1-on-1 counselling and group therapy on a sliding-scale to ensure no-one is left without the support they need.

#### **Want to connect with a Registered Psychotherapist?**

Gabriella Meleca | [gabriella.meleca@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:gabriella.meleca@salvationarmy.ca)

Vicki Nishihama | [vicki.nishihama@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:vicki.nishihama@salvationarmy.ca)

#### **Learn more about our Recovery & Support Groups**

[northridgesa.com/mentalhealth](http://northridgesa.com/mentalhealth)



