

Leaders Package 2025

Huron Classis Fall Retreat



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WELCOME!

Classis Huron Fall Retreat Planning Team Welcomes You!

We are so thrilled you will be joining us for Fall Retreat 2025 with your youth! We are praying that this weekend is a time where everyone experiences and learns more about God, themselves, each other and grows deeper in the journey they are on! We pray it is a weekend full of fellowship, fun and so much more!

Our Theme


Fall Retreats theme this year is “What are you building?” with the theme verses being Psalm 127:1-3:

- 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.
- 2 In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—
for he grants sleep to those he loves.
- 3 Children are a heritage from the LORD,
offspring a reward from him.

Speaker

Matt Clever - “Matt grew up in the church as a pastor’s kid, the middle child of three, and thought he never wanted to be in ministry. He has ADHD and Dyslexia – sitting still, reading and comprehension were His enemies. God was able to work through that and Matt graduated with a Kinesiology Degree and Teaching Degree before God (surprise, surprise) called him into Youth and Young Adult Ministry, where he served for at a local church for 7 years. While there he said he’d never be a church-planter (those guys work way too hard). While serving there he completed about a 3rd of a Masters of Divinity (which is mostly reading and sitting still).

Along with his wife (Erin) and their 3 kids (Adilyn 10, Hezekiah 8, Sophia 6) and a small team, Matt planted Anthem Church, Easter Weekend, 2022. It’s been 3.5 years since their launch and it has been an absolutely Joy and Nightmare and God has been so faithful and kind. Anthem church is known by others as “the loud church” (if you can’t feel the kick drum in your chest...what’s the point?”).



Matt was recruited by Canada's funniest Improv Team – the Fidgets – at the end of 2024 and now does that on the side (because ADHD). He plays drums and loves heavy rock music; He still plays competitive soccer even though he's old (and hurts himself). He hates long walks on the beach, camping and quiet stillness. Matt has been to dozens of youth retreats and has had a yearning to invest into the lives of students and young adults by preaching at one. This is something of a dream come true!"

Worship

The Entire Assembly (TEA) - TEA is a group of worship leaders from across southern Ontario, united by a heart to lead meaningful, Spirit-led worship. TEA was born out of a desire to remove the gap between stage and pew, inviting every heart to participate—not as spectators, but as worshipers. The name reflects the hope: that everyone in the congregation would feel welcomed and encouraged to worship our heavenly father in Spirit and in Truth.

Registration

Registration is between 6:00pm-8:00pm in the **Backyard**. Bring your Barcode to scan and any cheques with you to registration. If you are late for registration and/or Leaders meeting you can bring any questions to Mark or catch up at the Leaders social Saturday morning in the **Backyard**.

Leaders Meeting

Leaders Meeting is mandatory on Friday Night 7:45 pm-8:15 in the **Boathouse**. Bring any questions, concerns and excitement to this meeting.

Please print this Leaders Package! It contains important information, tips and how to's for the whole weekend!

MAP



SCHEDULE

Friday

Time	Event (Location)
6:00 - 8:00 pm	REGISTRATION (Backyard)
6:00 - 9:30 pm	FREE TIME
8:30 - 9:15 pm	LEADERS MEETING (Boathouse)
9:30 - 11:00 pm	WORSHIP (Hanger)
11:00 - 11:45 pm	SMALL GROUPS
11:45 pm	IN CABIN
12:00 pm	LIGHTS OUT

Saturday

Time	Event (Location)
7:00 - 8:00 am	Coffee and Fellowship (Backyard)
7:00 - 8:00 am	Prayer and Quiet Time (Boathouse)
7:30 am	BREAKFAST (Dining Hall)
8:30 - 9:00 am	Leaders Devotional and Social (Backyard)
9:00 - 11:00 am	WORSHIP (Hanger)
11:00 am	SMALL GROUPS
12:00 pm	LUNCH (Dining Hall)
1:00 - 2:00 pm	AFFINITY TIMES
2:00 - 5:00 pm	ACTIVITIES / FREE TIME
5:30 pm	DINNER (Dining Hall)
6:00 - 7:00 pm	FREE TIME
7:00 - 8:30pm	WORSHIP (Hanger)

8:30 - 9:00 pm	SMALL GROUPS
9:00 - 11:30 pm	MOVIE (Hanger), CAMPFIRE SNACK
11:45 pm	IN CABIN
12:00 pm	LIGHTS OUT

Sunday

Time	Event (Location)
7:00 - 8:00 am	Coffee and Fellowship (Backyard)
7:00 - 8:00 am	Prayer and Quiet Time (Boathouse)
7:00 - 8:00 am	CABIN CLEANUP
7:30 am	BREAKFAST (Dining Hall)
8:30 - 9:00 am	Leaders Devotional and Social (Backyard)
9:00 - 10:30 am	WORSHIP (Hanger)
11:00 - 12:00 pm	SMALL GROUPS
12:00 pm	LUNCH (Dining Hall) SAFE TRIP HOME!

WEEKEND RULES

1. No members of the opposite sex in cabins (except for small group sessions with leaders present).
2. No tolerance for fireworks, weapons or any kind including knives or switchblades, alcohol, drugs, vapes or any other illegal substances or items.
3. All attendees are to be in their assigned cabins at lights out. Leaders are responsible to do a cabin check and know if a youth is missing for Safety Team checks.
4. No persons on the decks or in the water. Swimming is a liability issue as there are no lifeguards on duty. The water slides will be open for the weekend free time.

5. Inappropriate behaviour includes but is not limited to; foul language, inappropriate sexual behaviour, damage to personal and public property, disrespect for authority and or other youth.
6. Muskoka Woods staff must supervise all skateboard ramp use.
7. No biking, skateboarding or rollerblading without all safety equipment.
8. Wear clothing that keeps with Christian values. Do not wear clothing that promotes drug/alcohol use or explicit messages. Final decisions about questionable clothing are subject to the discretion of the Disciplinary Team.
9. Youth are to sleep in their assigned cabins. This is a safety and liability issue.

EMERGENCY/ INJURY

It is our hope and prayer that all who come will return home injury free, but accidents do happen.

In case of an injury or in case of someone not feeling well there are nurses who are attending the weekend retreat that are available to care for injuries.

If you are made aware of a situation where someone may be needed to seen, you may do any of the following:

1. Find a lead team member- Red sweater or tee-shirt as they have walkie talkies to communicate throughout the weekend.
2. Phone the nurses directly using 519-525-0275

Contacts

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PACKING LIST

- BIBLE
- JOURNAL
- PENS
- REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE
- TRAVEL MUG FOR COFFEE/TEA
- BEDDING- BEDS ARE TWIN - SLEEPING BAG, EXTRA BLANKET, PILLOW
- SLEEPWEAR
- FLASHLIGHT
- WEATHER APPROPRIATE CLOTHING BRINGING LAYERS IS ALWAYS WISE - SWIMSUIT, TOWEL, TOQUE, RAIN JACKET, MITTENS ETC.
- INDOOR CLEAN RUNNERS
- HYGIENE- SHOWER TOWEL, SHOWER SHOES, DEODORANT, TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER.
- OPTIONAL: CASH FOR TUCK SHOP, COLLECTIONS, SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

LEADING SMALL GROUPS

First and foremost, THANK YOU!!! You have answered God's call to mentor youth for this weekend and we know that can be no small task! Please know the Lead Team is here for you! We have also been praying for you to join this weekend and we are continuing to pray over you as the weekend continues. We are so excited for you to engage the youth you brought and lead them closer to Christ! You are a blessing and here on purpose for a purpose!

Small Group Support

We have heard your request for more connection and help between leaders. We again hope this year to host a **leader social!** If our plans change, we'll let you know, but find your way to the **Backyard between 8:30- 9:00 am right before worship.** We hope this will be a time we can help with any questions, frustrations, ideas, creativity etc. LITERALLY ANYTHING! If we can manage, we would love to pop into your small group during the weekend if you think it would be helpful.

About Small Groups

Small groups are split by gender and local church. Small groups meet after each worship session to debrief and dig deeper, learn more and journey together! **You, the leader, are** responsible to decide how this looks for your church this weekend, where to meet and communicate this with other leaders and your youth!

Depending on when the speaker finishes off the small group questions for each of his sessions, we will send them to you before the weekend or give them to you at registration. The small group questions are there as a helper, don't feel the need to use all or any of them, you can do whatever you think is wise and best for your youth.

How To Do Small Groups:

(If you are already an expert at leading and connecting with Youth you can skip this section.)

- You are here to be present. Even if you feel like you aren't connecting or youth aren't engaging well, they will notice that you took time to be here with them and for them. That communicates that they are important! Which is so cool!
- BRING CANDY, COOKIES, CHIPS TO SHARE!
- Sometimes it can be helpful when all youth and you are on the same elevation. You can see everyone, no one gets lost in the corner or in the back row. Sit in a circle on the floor, grass, top bunks in cabins. Think kindergarten style, lol.
- It can be helpful to set a precedent right from the beginning. I often say a bit like "I am so excited to be here with you this weekend, to see God show up and to walk with you. When we are in small groups we are in a safe place. We are here to journey together. God often shows up when we are out of our comfort zone, so I am not afraid to sit in silence, to listen, correct, learn and grow too. When I ask a question, we will go around the circle and everyone will answer. It helps us learn and grow with each other. Let's quickly pray over our time together."
- Try to not read the questions off the guide, they are more here to guide you through the sessions, take notes and support if absolutely needed.
- If this is your first time leading small groups, start with sharing who you are, a bit about you. Then get the youth to do the same. Go around the circle and ask a few direct questions ex. What is your name, grade, what are you looking forward to this weekend, silly would you rather...
- On the first night do not stress too much about the questions. Relationship building is a great first night activity! Pull out some snacks and start out with everyone

sharing a high and a low from the day! Validate each answer or ask something deeper. At the end just spend some time in prayer over your small group, pray over them by using all their names. "God, I pray for _____, _____, _____, thank you so much that you brought them to fall retreat. May you show them you are here this weekend, comfort them, engage them as they seek to know you, continue to help them build a relationship with you. In Jesus we pray."

Praying

Prayer is an important part of your small group sessions. Need some ideas on how to pray with your group or what to pray about? We've shared some ideas below!

- Take turns praying and tap a knee when it is the next person's turn. Youth are often starting to explore praying out loud. It can be intimidating, so keep it simple with one thanksgiving and one prayer/ help request. They could pray for the person next to them or for themselves.
- Pray short statements and have the youth repeat you. "Lord, I thank you for the gift of...." "Jesus, I praise you for..." "Lord, I confess I don't always...." "God, I ask you for..."
- Ask openly for prayer requests. If someone shares, gather around and lay hands and pick one youth to open and one to close, hold quiet space for others who maybe want to pray.
- Write down prayer requests and leader pray for the anonymous requests
- Guide students in prayer. Say statements of Thanks, Confession, Praise, Petition, and allow for silent prayer.
- Get into smaller groups of 2-4 and pray for each other
- Try praying standing up, on your knees, head bowed, hands raised

What to Pray About?

- Pray on a theme; God and his power, salvation, mercy, grace etc. Thank God for forgiving their sins. Ask for blessings. Pray about families, schools, or the future.
- Guiding statements
- Select a verse from the bible or a few. Pray Scripture back to God, like thoughts and prayers.

SMALL GROUPS QUESTIONS

Session #1 - Psalm 127 - “Two Temples (Psalm 127)”

1. What part of the Sermon was the strongest point for you?
2. What do you think it looks like in the Kingdom of God?
3. What do you think it looks like to build your own Castle?

Session #2 - Matthew 7 and 1 Corinthians 3 - “Product = Foundation”

1. What was it from the sermon that struck you the most?
2. Jesus says in Matthew 7 that the claiming He is Lord is not enough - there has to be a relationship. What does a healthy, living relationship with Jesus look like where “He knows you”?
3. Jesus talks about wise and foolish builders - building a life on the Rock or the Sand. What are some things that a wise builder would do? What are some things a foolish builder would do?
4. Think about the focus of your life right now, if it were to be put to the Burn Test tomorrow - do you think you would be happy with the results of the test?
5. What do you feel called to do when you get home to be a wise builder?

Session #3 - 1 Peter 2 - “Priestly Obligation”

1. What was your big takeaway from the sermon?
2. What do you think a Living Brick, hard stuck in, bearing a load would look like in your church context? How can you be one?
3. As a Royal Priest what is something you feel compelled to offer the Lord that you aren't currently offering?
4. As a Royal Priest what is something in your life that you enjoy and how can you change how you do it so that it can be worship as unto the Lord?

Session #4 - Nehemiah - "Posture"

1. What was your big Highlight from the sermon?
2. Have you told God He can do anything with your life or do you have dealbreakers?
Can God interrupt your life?
3. What is an opportunity you have right where you are in your life that Jesus is calling you to become a kingdom builder? (what's the portion of the wall in front of you?). At home? At church? At school? With friends?
4. Nehemiah's builders were focused on building the wall and prepared for enemy attack by having their tools in one hand and weapons in the other. Are there things in your hands that you need to put down? What is it you need to pick up: 1) a tool, 2) your sword or both?
5. What is your action step when you get home on Sunday?

PRAYER TEAM


This year our prayer team will be led by Maria VanderKlippe and Peter Teeninga.

They will primarily be in the Prayer House (**Boathouse**) during the weekend. Feel free to set up a time to meet with them there as they both would like to pray with and for you!

Our prayer team will also be at the back of Worship (**Hanger**) during the worship sessions if you or your youth want prayer.

Maria - Hello Folks! It is a privilege to participate in Fall Retreat this year coordinating the prayer support alongside Peter!

I never got the opportunity to attend Fall Retreat as a student, but have attended every year since 2013 with my youth group and have been part of the Lead Team since 2017! I am so happy to be serving with the Lead Team this year again because we get to play one small part in helping teens grow and develop in their faith and relationships, with Jesus and with one another. Fall Retreat combines many things that I love: Jesus, mentoring, students,



prayer and being outdoors! I love flowers, good coffee, road biking, and worshipping with my guitar.

You can connect with me as we all prepare for Fall Retreat at mvanderklippe@gmail.com.

Peter - Hey all, I am so excited for Fall Retreat to be happening again this year!

I attended Fall Retreat as a youth back in the mid 90's when it was at Camp Shalom! I have been part of the Lead Team since 2017! I love the setting of Fall Retreat, we are truly blessed to have a place like Muskoka Woods. Nothing is like seeking God in the midst of His creation! I love that there is time to hangout and have fun and that Christ shows up and does the important work that we can't. I love music; playing, singing and listening. I love the outdoors; camping, hiking, canoeing and sitting and stargazing oh and bonfires! I also love going for random drives.

If you have any requests, you can reach me at teeningapeter3@gmail.com. See you there!

AFFINITY TIMES

On Saturday afternoon from **1:00 - 2:00 pm**, there will be multiple "workshops". Signup sheets will be available at meal times outside the **Dining Hall**, so please encourage your youth to sign up if there is one "workshop" they are interested in. **Affinity Times are mandatory** and the Safety Team will be doing rounds and checks to make sure they are attended.

Worship - Tanya

This workshop will hopefully be an instruction on why we worship, how we worship and just a place to come together and worship. Bring your own instrument if you have it.

Journaling - Elly

Instructive quiet time and reflection on what God has done by writing about it, training the heart to give thanks for what he has done!

Prayer - Pastor Matt

Want to know how to go to Scripture and find prayer fuel? Learn how to walk through scripture to find out how God directs us to pray to Him, then practice it!

Vocation - Adam and Nathan

Ever wonder what God is calling you to do for work? Come spend time with Redeemer University and Heritage College and Seminary as they work through how to determine your vocational calling and how God might want to use you to make impactful change in the world.

ACTIVITIES / FREE TIME

At 2:00 pm Saturday activities and free time start.

This year we are fortunate to have Redeemer and Heritage attend with us and they will be organizing games of ***Bubble Soccer and 9 Square***.

There are many hours of free time! Free Time activities range from organized sports to taking time to rest and explore the campus. Historically these are the options, but they can change depending on what Muskoka Woods has available.

1. Spike ball
2. Cross Net
3. Gaga ball pits
4. Soccer field
5. Prayer room (**Boathouse**)

Saturday 3-5pm Free Time Activities

6. Volleyball Tournament (**Gym or Beach to be decided**)
7. "The Kraken" - water slide
8. Archery - (**Limited spots please sign up**)
9. Driving Range - (**Limited spots please sign up**)



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