

# New here?

If it's your first time, we invite you to stop by our **Welcome Centre**. We'd love to say hello, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift (no strings attached!) to say thanks for joining us!

## NEXT STEP

Take your next step at Southridge by joining us for lunch on the first Sunday of every month.

Visit the Welcome Centre, talk to a leader or email Jess Reimer at [jreimer@southridgechurch.ca](mailto:jreimer@southridgechurch.ca) for more info or to RSVP.

If you'd like to connect directly with our staff, please fill out the following information, leave it at our Welcome Centre, and we'll be in touch this week.

We look forward to connecting with you!

NAME

PHONE

EMAIL

LOCATION (CIRCLE ONE):

VINELAND   WELLAND   ST. CATHARINES

*Our community meets on Sunday morning in three locations each week:*

## St. Catharines







201 Glenridge Avenue  
10:00 am

## Vineland

3970 Glendale Avenue  
10:00 am

## Welland

414 River Road  
9:00am & 11:00am

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# southridge

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2019



## Welcome to Southridge!

Welcome here! We know it can be hard to be new, and appreciate that churches aren't always the most welcoming places. But here at Southridge, we're eager for you to experience a judgment-free community and encounter Jesus' unconditional love. We're glad you're here with us today!

# today's service

## IMAGINE A CHURCH...

For decades, we've operated under a deeply held belief that, if people saw the God of the Bible as He is, they would run TO him, instead of AWAY from him. The problem is, most people's view of God is shaped by their experience of the church, which more often than not leaves people looking elsewhere in search for meaning, purpose and significance. But what if the church actually resembled the God we claim to believe in? Imagine if, when the world looked at the church, all they saw was the through-and-through, radically inclusive, generous love of God?

## CONVERSATION STARTERS

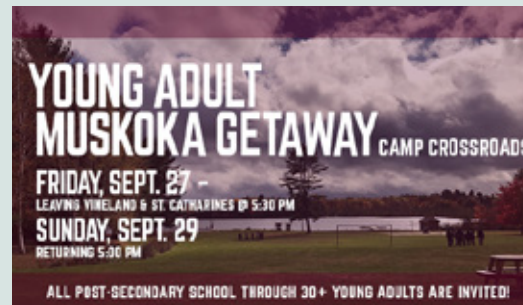
As we kick-off a new season and series, we're back to creating weekly "Conversation Starters" that can be found on our website. Here's a sample to try over lunch:

1. What are some common perceptions you've heard about the church from people outside the church?
2. Do you think the church is known more for what it's against or what it's for?
3. What would you say is the greatest barrier to trying church?
4. Who are four people in your life that you can intentionally choose to be FOR in the coming season?

For more resources and "Conversation Starters" to use with family, friends, roommates, or Life Group, visit [southridgechurch.ca/messages](https://southridgechurch.ca/messages)

**On The Cover:** Preparing meals together in Welland's Collective Kitchen.

## coming up



If you're a post-secondary student up to a 30+ young adult, you're not going to want to miss this retreat! More info and registration is available online.

THU  
SEP  
12

**R!OT Kickoff & BBQ (Grades 6-8)**  
Larry Dyck's Farm | 7:00PM-9:00PM

SAT  
SEP  
14

**Caribbean Workers Harvest Celebration**  
Vineland Location | 6:30PM-8:30PM

THU  
SEP  
26

**R!OT Water Balloon Fight (Grades 6-8)**  
St. Catharines Location | 7:00PM-9:00PM

SUN  
OCT  
6

**Next Step Lunch**  
All Locations | After the service  
(After the second service in Welland)

visit [southridgechurch.ca/upcoming](https://southridgechurch.ca/upcoming) for more details on all events

## what's here for my family?



**AGE 0 - 4**  
Sunday Mornings  
During Sunday Services



**SK - GRADE 5**  
Sunday Mornings  
During Sunday Services



**GRADES 6-8**  
Sundays Mornings  
During Sunday Services  
Thursday Nights Bi-Weekly (7-9PM)



**GRADES 9-12**  
Monthly All-Location Events (7-9PM)  
Local Groups Meet Bi-Weekly  
(email Keith at [kkyer@southridgechurch.ca](mailto:kkyer@southridgechurch.ca))

visit [southridgechurch.ca/family](https://southridgechurch.ca/family) for  
more details on all family programs