



NEWSLETTER

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October 26, 2025

Services/Events

Today - Continuing series in the Gospel of John.

October 28th - The **Seniors Gatherings at 2pm**. All are welcome to join for a time of fun and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing many of you there. ☕

November 2nd - Handing out **Peter Fish** for World Renew, World Hunger fundraiser. 🐟

November 8th - Cairn Christian School Family Fun Fest, see your mail slot flyer or

www.auctria.events/cairnfunfest

November 14th - 15th - Insight Biblical Counselling conference: see

<https://sites.google.com/view/insight-conference/home>

- Resonate Global Missions' Moving Forward in Faith conference: register by Nov 3

<https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith>

Collections

Today - Resonate Global Mission

November 2nd - World Hunger-Peter Fish

November 9th - Deacons

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS of October 8th—All but four members were present.

Chair Tim opened with prayer and reading from Colossians 3:1-14 along with a devotion from the book, "Everyday Prayer with the Puritans" chapter entitled "Prayer and Thanks". Highlighting that we need to practice breathing in prayer and exhaling thanksgiving.

The key highlights of the meeting are as follows;

- Council reviewed a new resource from CRC Thrive for pastors to use for ministry wellness self evaluation and noted the Pastor will review the document and determine how he may be able to use it.
- Pastor Colin provided a partially updated version of Bethany's Policies & Procedures, which were then reviewed by Council. The update is ongoing. A digital copy of the recently updated Bethany By-Laws will be provided to Council to compare with the P&P content.
- **Council has requested that each Ministry Team provide an update Team member list, their (re)set terms and to review/edit their Team Mandates.** This will be brought back to Council via the Team Council Liaison, reports. Set terms (3 year-renewable once) will renew opportunities for more members to grow in serving in various capacities in Bethany. Clear(er) mandates will help communicate and guide the Teams in their work.
- Council reviewed the recently created CRC Code of Ethics (see: <https://www.crcna.org/synodresources/crc-code-conduct-ministry-leaders>). Council passed a motion to endorse the CRC Code of Conduct for Ministry Leaders which aligns with Bethany's Safe Church policy. A second motion passed to require all staff and office bearers to agree to the Code of Ethics document. Our present internal Code of Ethics document is to be blended with the CRC Code of Conduct to create one Bethany document for use in ministry.
- Elder M. Varhmeyer and Deacon J. Vanderstelt were selected to accompany Pastor Colin as Bethany delegates to the Classis Niagara Meeting held on October 22nd in Faith Fellowship CRC, Niagara Falls.
- Congregational meeting is planned for November 19th @ 7:30 pm.

- Deacons will perform an annual review of the organizations supported by Bethany.
- The newly formed Outreach Team, now as distinct from the Discipleship Team, provided an update, noting the prayer walk performed October 19th.
- The Youth Ministry Team provided an update, noting Cadets received a significantly larger number of boys than initially expected. They do have just enough Counsellors but having a couple more would be beneficial.
- Mike Boverhof closed in prayer.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS of October 22nd

- 54 Council held a brief meeting to clarify the next steps to be taken with respect to the Feasibility Study to be carried out by Janet deVries from Crossroads Consulting (<https://www.crossroadsconsulting.ca/>)
 - Council earlier this year hired Crossroads for this step in our potential facilities rejuvenation & expansion project. Preliminary preparation work has been completed and now Janet has requested a team of a few persons (Council members and non-) to come alongside her for the feasibility interviewing process.
 - There have been to date a few ad hoc teams dealing with different stages of the review of facilities needs over the past few years. Council thanks all those who have graciously and diligently contributed along the way so far.
 - So entering this next phase of exploration, Council has set up a new Steering Team for the next steps forward with Janet.
 - Updates will be provided when possible, as this feasibility study work proceeds. The final results of the study will be presented to Council in due time. Pray for the Lord's guidance and blessing on this study, that it may reveal a clear sense of our readiness as a congregation to embark on what the Lord intends for us in ministry going forward.
- Council gave permission for the newly started Pelham United Reformed Church, which presently meets in Fenwick United Church, to use our sanctuary on Nov 30 in the afternoon for their worship service. They requested this as they have a baptism scheduled and their present sanctuary will be too small to accommodate the extra families attending.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 12th
- The Deacons and the others present were thanked for their time and input and dismissed as the Elders carried on with their meeting from this point on.

Devotionals - We no longer have a need to collect extra daily devotionals.

Coffee Break Grace CRC in Welland - Lesson#7 on Exodus. We start with coffee at 9:30am on Tuesday morning



Cairn Christian School is holding its annual Family Fun Fest on November 8th @ Smithville Christian High School. We are looking forward to greeting you and your family to come eat, play, stock up, and support Christian Education! We are always looking for more donations of baking and for volunteers for that day:
You can sign up to volunteer here: <https://signup.com/go/XYemYvm>

You can sign up for baking here: <https://signup.com/go/vkrkaAK>



Save the Date – DCS Bazaar & Auction!

Mark your calendars! Dunnville Christian School invites you to our annual Bazaar & Auction on Saturday, November 22, 2025. Join us for a fun-filled day with family, friends, and our community — featuring delicious food, unique items, kids' activities, and exciting auction finds! Stay tuned for more details coming soon. We can't wait to see you there!



Safe Families Niagara October Matching Campaign

We again thank God for a generous donor who is willing to match all giving in the month of Oct up to \$25,000. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important mission of keeping children safe and families together. God continues to open doors, enabling us to love, serve,

and share the hope we have with hurting families in our communities. We have been blessed by this matching campaign in each of our six years of serving and it plays a significant role in meeting the needs of our ministry. The needs in our region continue to grow, and for us to meet these needs, Safe Families Niagara must grow as well. Thank you all for your support of this work these past six years.

Three ways to give:

1 – Online (through Canada Helps) Go to <https://safefamiliescanada.com/donate/>

Select the Niagara chapter from the drop-down menu

2 -Cheques With the present Postal Strike we would ask if you would like to donate by cheque you do so through safe families staff or our local leadership council . You can also call for a cheque

3 – E-transfer accounting@safefamilies.ca,

Please indicate your full name, address and phone number (for tax receipt purposes), along with the “**Niagara chapter matching campaign**”, in the message box



Insight Biblical Counselling's E4:12 training Conference is taking place **November 14–15, 2025** at **Vineland Free Reformed Church**. Our church has purchased a "Church Ticket" which supports the Ministry of Insight and gives our members the privilege of registering & attending free of charge! This year's theme is “**Knowing & Being Known; Intimacy with God & Others**” We want to encourage you all to attend. Learn more and register at conference.seekinsight.ca

Use our promo code to receive your discount: BYCRC25



MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH (MFIF) CONFERENCE: November 14, 2025 - November 15, 2025

Register by November 1, 2025 - 11:59pm in Oakville

<https://resonateglobalmissionorg.regfox.com/moving-forward-in-faith-2025>

Location: Kings Christian Collegiate
528 Burnhamthorpe Rd W. Oakville

There is something for everyone, ... including:

MFIF: Young Adult Stream (ages 18 – 30ish)

Looking for a space where your voice matters, your questions are welcome, and your faith is fueled? Friday Night – gather with other young adults to reflect on the keynote speaker. Need a place to stay? - free billeting option at no cost - fill this [form](#). Saturday Morning – after the plenary, step into your own space with worship and a session on “*How to Live Well and Courageously as a Young Adult on Mission.*” Followed by a Young Adult networking lunch—meet new friends and make connections. Saturday Afternoon – choose from a variety of workshops.



Stories of Hope: Gospel Light Across God's Global Kingdom

- Date & Time: Tuesday, November 18 at 7:30 PM
- Location: Vineland Free Reformed Church (3685 King St, Vineland, ON L0R 2C0)

Join EduDeo Ministries for an evening of Storytelling with Rev. Nehemia, EduDeo's Southern Africa Ministry Coordinator, and Canadians who have served through Co-Impact teams and more. Together, they'll share stories of how God's Gospel light and hope are shining through Christ-centred education - even in difficult circumstances - in Zambia, the Dominican Republic, and beyond. Come for a relaxed evening of worship, reflection, and stories celebrating how God is at work across His global Kingdom. Reserve your spot: edudeo.com/events or email info@edudeo.com

GriefShare 13 week sessions

GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one through death. We hold sessions every **Tuesday evening from 7-9pm**, at the Zion Free Reformed Church, 1075 Boyle Road, Fenwick. **You may join at any time as each session stands on its own.** For more information contact Frank and Joanne Fousert at 519-852-6574 or email at joannefousert@gmail.com or visit www.griefshare.org

Awake to Praise Choir: This Christmas season we are having 3 concerts at the Vineland Free Reformed Church on Friday, December 5 at 8:00PM and Saturday, December 6 at 5:00 & 8:00PM. Ticket sales will begin on Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00PM. We respectfully request that no infants or children under the age of 5 attend to ensure a peaceful and enjoyable experience for guests and musicians. All ticket purchasing as well as more information can be found on our website - www.awaketopraisechoir.com

Hope Canadian Male Choir is excited to present their November Christmas concert series 'Glory to God in the Highest' with 4 concerts scheduled for:

Wednesday Nov. 19 – Knox Presbyterian Church – 59 Riddell Street, Woodstock

Thursday Nov. 20 – Emmanuel Canadian Reformed Church – 8037 Highway 7, Guelph-Eramosa

Friday Nov. 21 – Free Reformed Church – 3685 King Street, Vineland

Saturday Nov. 22 – Knox Presbyterian Church – 220 Livingstone Avenue North, Listowel

Directed by Martin Mans, the choir will be accompanied by Martin Zonnenberg on organ and piano, and feature Pieter Baarssen and Johan Petersen, tenors with the Urker Mans Formatie, and Josh Overbeek and Menze Feenstra, tenors with the Hope Canadian Male Choir.

To reserve or purchase your tickets, please email hopecanchoir@gmail.com, call/text 226 338 5459 or purchase tickets directly on our website hopecanadianmalechoir.com or on Eventbrite. Tickets will also be available at the door. Ticket prices: Adult: \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door Youth 10-14: \$10 kids under 10: free.

Concerts start at 7:30 pm.

Need support, prayer or to talk to someone?

Contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 (call/text) colin@bethanycrc.ca or Jessica Dreyer 905-380-8559

(call/text) Bethany also offers members/attendees the following confidential congregationally supported counseling:



Insight Biblical Counselling - Book directly with them. Usage is confidential and available to all congregants with the first 6 sessions paid by Bethany. Mention you are a part of Bethany CRC. 905-734-4379 www.seekinsight.ca & info@seekinsight.ca



Congregational Assistance Plan (CAP) Shalem Mental Health Network provides professional faith-based counseling services to our church through the Congregational Assistance Plan ... confidential and available to all congregants, at no cost for the first 6 sessions. Mention you are a part of Bethany CRC. To book an appt call Shalem directly at: 1-866-347-0041, or text 289-335-3543, or emailoffice@shalemnetwork.org
All other church contact info: 905-892-8980 info@bethanycrc.ca www.bethanycrc.ca