



NEWSLETTER

Deep Connecting
Lifelong Equipping
Compassionate Serving

May 11, 2025

Services/Events

Today - Celebration of the Lord's Supper & Installation of new Elders & Deacons and **MOTHER'S DAY !!!!!**

Newly selected Elders are **Jim Slappendel, Tim Van Hoffen, Ray VanHuizen.**

Newly selected Deacons are **Harrison Exelby, Darren Wierenga**

May 17-19 - All Ontario Youth Convention at Laurier University, Waterloo. (see below)

May 20th - Council meeting with Classis Niagara Church Visitors

- Our Classis Niagara Church Visitors will be meeting with Council to listen & discuss how Council is doing in its servant leadership of Bethany, and how the ministry of Bethany is doing. Results of this conversation are then reported at the next Classis meeting. This is our way of accountability for us as sister CRC churches in Classis Niagara (regional church assembly). Classis Visitors consist of one pastor and one elder from nearby CRC's.
- The Church Visitors are also available for anyone who, after coming to Bethany Council with a question or issue, have as yet been unable to find resolution with Council. You are then welcome to bring this to the Church Visitors in person to seek their advice. If you wish to do this, please inform the Council clerk, and the Classis Visitors will meet with you at the church in the hour before the start of the Council meeting (from 6:30 to 7:30).

Collections

Today - Summer Camp

May 18th - Smithville Christian High School

May 25th - Cairn/Dunnville Christian School



All Ontario Youth Convention (AOYC) May 16-19 at Laurier University, Waterloo

www.allontario.com/#aoyc-2024

The All Ontario Youth Convention traces its roots all the way back to 1975 when a group of young adults began hosting province-wide gatherings for young people within the Christian Reformed denomination. Fast forward more than 40 years and the AOYC continues to grow, with hundreds of youth attending each year from multiple different denominations.

During the weekend, teens are given opportunities to grow through dynamic, youth-focused speaking and teaching that challenges each person to impact the communities that God has placed them in. The weekend is filled with worship, teaching sessions, small group discussions, intramurals, activities, and shared meals, creating a life-changing experience. What is AOYC all about?

- Meeting people in their brokenness so God can heal them
- Encouraging and equipping leaders so God can use them
- Creating an environment where God can transform people
- Providing a catalyst for innovative change in church and community

!!! AOYC Set-up/Tear Down Volunteers Needed !!!

We're looking for volunteers to help with set-up (Friday, May 16 at 10 AM) and tear-down (Monday, May 19 at 10 AM) for the All Ontario Youth Convention. There's some heavy lifting involved. If you're available, we'd love to have you! Contact Adam (adamby98@hotmail.com) to sign up.

Calling All Youth Ministry Leaders! Are you ready to grow, connect, and lead with purpose? Join us for the **Classis Niagara Youth Ministry Leaders Development Gathering**—a time to be refreshed, equipped, and empowered for the incredible work you do! Receive practical training, share ideas, and deepen your spiritual foundation as we prepare to impact the next generation. 📅 **Date:** Tuesday, May 20th ⌚ **Time:** 7:30 - 9:00 pm 📍 **Location:** Providence

CRC, Beamsville **RSVP now and bring a friend or team member! Email Pastor Dave**
(classiniagara.youth@gmail.com)



Insight Biblical Counselling invites you to attend a Sweet & Savoury Fundraiser, at **7pm on Friday, June 6th** at The Shed Out Back in St. Ann's. Enjoy delectable charcuterie along with delicious desserts, and Insight ministry updates! Tickets are available for individuals, couples and tables of eight. There is no cost to attend but a free will offering will be taken. Eventbrite Reservations are required by June 2nd. Go to: bit.ly/SweetSavouryFundraiser to register! Seating is limited.

BETHANY Seniors and whoever else is interested, we are going to do a 2 1/2 hour Grand River LUNCHEON

boat cruise on Jun 11th. The cost is \$80 per person...that includes a Fiddle 🎻 Show, some refreshments upon arrival, a grazing platter per table and then lunch to enjoy while 'cruising'. We will be meeting at church at about 9:30am so we can carpool. If anyone needs to be picked up for a ride to church, please call Hans @289-686-3101 or Hilda @905-359-0489. Looking forward to a wonderful day out.

Securing Your Legacy. People of all ages are invited to attend an important and inspiring seminar, at **Riverside CRC, Wellandport, Monday, May 26 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM.** Did you know that the average age of a widow is just 56? Being prepared can ease the burden on your loved ones during a difficult time. Joanne Schreuders (Van Tuy), a widow, retired homeschooling mom of ten, a Christian author and speaker, will be sharing personal stories and practical tips on how to prepare for more than 87 decisions your family may face amid grief. You are guaranteed to come away with new insights and helpful information you didn't know before. Bring your spouse, adult children or a friend. No charge, just a free will offering.

Worship in Story and Song - How does song strengthen your faith? Join the Worship team at Mountainview as we share some of our favourites around the themes of praise, trust, and gratitude. Come and lift your hands, your hearts, and your voices! Come and worship with us! **June 1st @7pm** at Mountainview CRC (290 Main St E, Grimsby).

GriefShare: Loss of a Spouse

Zion Free Reformed Church, 1075 Boyle Road, Fenwick invites you to a one time event called: Loss of a Spouse.

Thursday, May 22 from 7pm-9pm. After a spouse's death, people around you often don't understand what you're going through and you may struggle with loneliness. GriefShare is a group where you can find help, support, encouragement and healing for your grief journey when you have lost a loved one. This evening is specifically for those who have lost their spouse. GriefShare is a Christ-centered, biblically based support group seminar. The GriefShare videos present experts, ministers, and Christian counselors discussing grief and recovery subjects helpful to people in grief. Real people share their stories of what has helped them deal with the pain of losing a family member or friend through death.

For more information contact Frank and Joanne Fousert at 519-852-6574 or email at joannefousert@gmail.com or visit www.griefshare.org For planning purposes, please let us know if you plan to attend. Thanks.

Need support, prayer or to talk to someone?

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