



# NEWSLETTER

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August 21, 2022

## Services/Events

**Monday - Friday:** This week's Summer Day Camp theme: Let's Get Creative Camp II

## Collections

**Today** – Open Arms Mission

Aug 21st: The Bible League

Aug 29th: Deacons

Sept 4th: Smithville Christian Highschool

Sept 11th: World Renew

**URGENTLY** need a one bedroom apartment for rent in the Welland, Smithville, Fenwick, Fonthill area (will consider other areas as well). Price range under one thousand. Please contact Denise at Bethany Church office with any possibilities at 905-892-8980 and she will pass the information on.

## Council Meeting Minutes

Council met on August 15th and all members except seven were present.

Here are some of the highlights.

- Open with Devotions discussing passages related to waiting and the phrase "How long oh Lord" and how we are on God's time.
- Brief discussion regarding the archives at church. These will be reviewed in the early fall.
- Reviewed different options for portable chairs to accommodate members with physical ailments. Further follow-up with members is required.
- Discussed Bethany employees using a common email signature line on Bethany emails.
- Reviewed pulpit supply and Classis assigned pulpit supplies for vacant churches in Niagara.
- Deacons provided various updates which included "The Diamond" on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.
- Discipleship presented the "Connect Groups" proposal which is a church wide bible study focused on T. Schilstra's book "Peace in the City". Announcements will be coming over the next month or so with plans to start the program in October. If you are interested in more information feel free to talk to Council members or members of the small group team (M. Bokma, K. Van Lochem, S. Van Lochem, B. Brouwer, & C. Wierenga)
- Next meeting is planned for September 11th 2022.



## Artists Bible Study Group

At Last! The Artist's Bible Study group will begin Oct. 12th and Oct 26th. The format has changed somewhat in hopes that more will be able to attend. On the first date, Oct 12th, we will meet just to paint, in the Cadet building out behind the church. This is a Wednesday and you can come either in the afternoon from 2-4pm or come on the same day in the evening from 7-9pm. Or you can come to both. We have decided only to meet once a month to paint and then two weeks later to have our Bible/book study for artists in the evening on Oct. 26th from 7-9pm. We will meet in the fireside room for our study time. We hope that the revised scheduling will better accommodate

those with busy lives, and will give them a chance to exercise their gifts of painting and have some fellowship with other artists. The church has graciously provided easels for those attending. But each artist will be responsible for bringing

their own paint supplies and palettes. The dates for the group for the month of November are the 9th and 23rd. We hope you will join us for a season of exciting creativity and rich fellowship, and perhaps meeting new friends. By the way, you don't have to attend this church to come. If you have any questions about this small group ministry, please feel free to call: Tim Medhurst at 289-897-8875.



**Fun Fair at Countryside Camp** - Welcome to Homecoming 2022 at the 45th Annual Fun Fair at Countryside Camp! This year's event starts with an online auction September 11-15 and culminates at the camp in person on September 17. This fun-filled celebration will host activities and food for all ages including auctions, games, Grand River inflatable rides, animal train, horsedrawn carriage rides, pedal cars, garage sale, and your favourite Dutch and Canadian foods. Please join us Saturday, September 17, 10am to 3pm.

See more at [campfunfair.ca](http://campfunfair.ca)

## THE BRIDGE

### **WE'RE BACK!!! Bridge BBQ Bash hosted by the Bridge Missional Communities**

It's been 2 years, and we are excited to see you in person again!!

Mark your calendars!! Saturday, September 17th is the Annual BBQ Fundraiser for the Bridge Missional Church in Niagara Falls. This year's menu includes Grilled Chicken &

Ribs, Fresh Cut Fries (by world renown Champs Chips), Coleslaw and Brown Beans. We'll be at Fireman's Park in Niagara Falls (just take Mountain Rd exit from the QEW, corner of Mountain Rd and Dorchester Rd)

Kick back and relax to live music. Beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages are available too.

We are also looking for Silent Auction Item Donations. Proceeds from Silent Auction and donations received will help fund the ministries of the Bridge Community, including the important work at the Hub located on Queen St in Niagara Falls.

Date: Saturday, Sept 17th at 6:00 pm.

Cost: \$50 per person or \$375 for a table of 8.

Where: Fireman's Park, 2275 Dorchester Rd, Niagara Falls.

Order your tickets now!

Online at [www.thebridgenf.ca](http://www.thebridgenf.ca)

Contact: Cathy Benjamins

e-mail: [admin@thebridgenf.ca](mailto:admin@thebridgenf.ca)

Phone: 905-736-0160.

Cash, Cheques, Credit Cards and e-transfers accepted.

### **Cairn Christian School is seeking applicants for openings for the coming year:**

1) Educational Assistants and Personal Support Workers. Work one-on-one with some of our students or assist classroom teachers with class activities and small student groups. Contact Bonnie Desjardins (Stoney Creek) - [bdesjardins@cairnchristianschool.ca](mailto:bdesjardins@cairnchristianschool.ca) or Joyce Koornneef (Smithville) - [jkoornneef@cairnchristianschool.ca](mailto:jkoornneef@cairnchristianschool.ca)

2) Bus Drivers - Join our team of amazing drivers. Routes are available in Stoney Creek, Fenwick and Vineland (all terminating in Smithville)

Contact Kevin Huinink - [khuinink@cairnchristianschool.ca](mailto:khuinink@cairnchristianschool.ca) or 519-546-9159

### **Open Arms Mission Food Bin program**

**Item of the month for August:** Crackers

### **GriefShare: 13 Week GriefShare Course**

Zion Free Reformed Church, 1075 Boyle Road, Fenwick invites you to attend GriefShare. Beginning on Monday, September 12, 2022 from 7-9 p.m. we plan to run the 13-week GriefShare course.

GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one.

GriefShare is a Christ-centered, biblically based support group seminar. A grieving person can join at any time during the 13 weeks. Each session shows a video presentation followed by small group discussion about the video. 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. During the week between meetings, group members complete a daily Bible study and practical

exercises to help them heal from grief. GriefShare is for people who have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend through death.

For more information contact Frank and Joanne Fousert at 905-386-2061 or email at [joannefousert@gmail.com](mailto:joannefousert@gmail.com) For planning purposes, please let us know if you plan to attend. Thanks.

### **Clarity Pregnancy Options Dessert Social Fundraiser**

Clarity Pregnancy Options' Annual Dessert Social is coming up Friday, September 16th at 7pm, at the Bethany Community Church pavilion. There's no cost to attend but there will be a free-will offering and reservations are required, so book your seats or a table of ten! For more details and to RSVP go to [www.clarityevents.ca](http://www.clarityevents.ca) or call 289-273-8806. Come celebrate all that God has done through Clarity in its first year of ministry!



**McMaster University** - Are you heading to McMaster University this fall? Those of us at 'All Things CRCM' want to wish you the best as you pursue your dreams - work hard, seek excellence, and keep an open mind. We would like to meet you when you arrive on campus. We have some fun welcome events coming up that will give you an opportunity to connect with other students. Take a moment and check out our website <https://allthingsmcmaster.ca/>. For more info contact Dr. Michael D. Fallon

**Mohawk College Students** - Looking for community on campus? Mohawk Solid Rock is a campus ministry where you can build meaningful friendships, explore important topics, grow together spiritually, and serve the Mohawk College community. We meet every Wednesday from 6-8pm for dinner and discussion. For more information, email Chaplain Melissa Kuipers at [mohawksolidrock@gmail.com](mailto:mohawksolidrock@gmail.com), or check out our website: [mohawksolidrock.ca](http://mohawksolidrock.ca)

### **Indigenous Ministry**

**Hearts Exchanged: Participate** - Hearts Exchanged is a unique CRC opportunity to learn about reconciliation in a supportive community. Learn more about the details of this experience and how you can get involved this fall. [crcna.org/hearts-exchanged](http://crcna.org/hearts-exchanged)

### **Diaconal Ministries Canada**

**Board Member Needed (Diaconal Ministries Canada)** - Are you looking for a new ministry opportunity this fall? Do you have a heart for the work of deacons? Diaconal Ministries Canada has been equipping and supporting deacons in the CRC in Canada for over 20 years! We are currently searching for a Board Member for Classis Niagara. Our Board includes one (1) representative from each of the 12 Canadian classes in the Christian Reformed Church. Their main goal is to oversee the work of Diaconal Ministries and ensure it is accomplishing its intended outcomes through its programs and resources. Our Board meets approx. 2 times per year (February & October) with 1-2 special meetings as needed. Right now, most meetings are online but we aim to meet at in person at least once per year. If you would like to receive more information on this role or if you would like to submit your interest, please contact Ron Vanden Brink, National Director, at [rvandenbrink@crcna.org](mailto:rvandenbrink@crcna.org). He'd love to connect with you!

### **CRC Communications**

**Position Opening: Director of Synodical Services** - Do you have leadership experience, a good understanding of CRC church polity and the Church Order, and a heart to serve the CRCNA? Consider applying for the position of Director of Synodical Services. In this role, you'll serve, support, and equip the governance of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), facilitating and administering all meetings and matters pertaining to Synod and the Council of Delegates. The Director will serve as the liaison between the Office of General Secretary, and classes in Canada and the U.S.; strengthen the capacity of synodical and COD members; equip its leadership; and promote best governance practices and continuous improvement. For details and to apply, go to [crcna.org/get-involved/careers](http://crcna.org/get-involved/careers)

### **ReFrame Ministries**

**Love Your Difficult Neighbor** - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). God isn't only concerned with who's right. He wants us to "...try to live at peace and help each other have a strong faith" (Romans 14:19). Is there someone you need to try to make peace with this week? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new

content.

**Prayers of Comfort for a Grieving Heart** - “Prayers of Comfort for a Grieving Heart,” shares words for your pain and helps you find God's comfort. Download this 31-day prayer guide from the ReFrame Prayer Ministry. It's yours free at [connect.reframeministries.org/prayers-of-comfort](http://connect.reframeministries.org/prayers-of-comfort)

**Groundwork: The Beatitudes: A Kingdom Perspective on People Who Are Blessed** - The values of God's kingdom are completely unlike the values of our world. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 5:1-12 to seek a kingdom perspective on who is blessed and how we should be, or become, if we want to reflect the kingdom of God in our own lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### **Resonate Global Mission**

**Heading Off to Campus?** - As you study, experience a multitude of perspectives and worldviews, and develop new relationships, why not also be part of a diverse community that gathers together to grow in faith and to engage God's world? There are over 35 CRC Campus Ministries on campuses across North America, comprised of students, faculty, and staff. To find out if there is one on your campus please check [www.resonateglobalmission.org/campus-ministry/partner-campus-ministries](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/campus-ministry/partner-campus-ministries) No campus ministry at your school? You can also locate a nearby CRC here: [crcna.org/church-finder](http://crcna.org/church-finder) For more information about our unique ministries, please contact us at [campusministry@crcna.org](mailto:campusministry@crcna.org)

**Glocal Mission Podcast** - How do we join God's mission locally and globally? That's what Resonate leaders Rich Braaksma and Nalini Suganandam aim to discover in this podcast, interviewing regional leaders and people doing awesome things (church planters, campus ministers, lay leaders, etc.) in a variety of contexts! Just five episodes in, this podcast in its infancy is already uncovering oodles of insight and inspiration. Plug in your earbuds and join us as we meet ministry leaders from around North America living out the gospel in their own contexts. Check it out at <https://anchor.fm/glocalmission>

### **Faith Formation Ministries**

**At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip** - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Service: Read John 13:3-5, 12-14 and ponder or discuss the following questions. If you were one of the disciples, how do you think you would have felt when Jesus, the Son of God, began to wash your feet? Embarrassed? Unworthy? Awed? Other? In what specific ways can we follow Jesus' example of servanthood, both individually and as members of a faith community? Whose “feet” might you need to “wash”? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))

**Need support or to talk to someone?**

**Contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Joyce De Roo 905-386-6719.**

**Bethany also offers members/attendees the following confidential congregationally supported counseling:**

#### [Insight Biblical Counselling](#)

905-734-4379

[www.seekinsight.ca](http://www.seekinsight.ca)

[info@seekinsight.ca](mailto:info@seekinsight.ca)

#### [Shalem Mental Health Network](#)

905-528-0353 or 1-866-347-0041

[www.shalemnetwork.org](http://www.shalemnetwork.org)



**Church Contact Information: 905-892-8980** Please see Website: [www.bethanycrc.ca](http://www.bethanycrc.ca)