



NEWSLETTER

Deep Connecting
Lifelong Equipping
Compassionate Serving

March 19, 2023

Services/Events

Today–Teen Challenge leads in worship in Bethany.

Mar 21st–Elders meeting 7:30pm at the church.

Mar 26th- Final Connect Group Sunday.

Collections

Today - Teen Challenge

Mar 26th - Hands at Work Zambia

Apr 2nd - Summer Camp

Apr 7th - Deacons

Apr 9th - Resonate Global Mission

Council met on March 7th and all members but three were present.

Here are some highlights of the meeting.

- Opened with Devotions from "Untangling Emotion" written by Groves and Smith.
- Motion to allow a Bethany Group to use the church for March 8th evening seconded and approved. (Motion from February 2nd meeting)
- Update on Pastor Colin's sabbatical which is expected to start mid-May. Council noted there are ~17 weeks required for sermon coverage.
- Council has not received any student applications from Seminary for a posted summer position. Motion to have Tim Medhurst preach for 5 Sundays with noted compensation seconded, and approved. A second motion to make a \$5000 donation to The Bridge in exchange for Steve DeBoer preaching for 4 weeks, seconded, and approved.
- Council members attending Classis Niagara meeting provided a brief update, noting the first overture passed and the second overture was declined.
- Various correspondence presented and discussed.
- Noted N & J Peetsma's transfers have been completed.
- Deacon's report discussed, noted ~340 lbs of food were presented to Open Arms Mission and ~\$1000 to Smithville Christian Highschool as a result of the Family Day event. Appreciation was expressed by both Open Arms Mission and Smithville Christian Highschool.
- Human resources team provided an update and noted Clare and Tracey Van Soelen are resigning as caretakers as of July 1st 2023. Council expresses appreciation for their efforts over the years. Team also noted a couple applications have been received for the Director of Summer Camp.
- Dan Van Geest closed in prayer.



Open Arms Mission Food Barrel (near kitchen window) items in need of for this month:
Juice, Crackers, Odd beans, Kraft Dinner, Canned Pasta, Granola Bars, Rice, Cereal,
Cookies, Pasta Sauce, Brown Beans, Peanut Butter.

Coffee Break: Tuesday morning we will meet again for Coffee Break, and continue our study of Revelations Chapter 19 see you there.



Bethany Summer Camp Director

An exciting opportunity is available at Bethany Christian Reformed Church (CRC) in Fenwick, Ontario. We are seeking an engaging and motivational leader to be Bethany's next Summer Camp Director. The Director will be responsible for the overall management of the camp, as well as, ensuring the provision of memorable high-quality summer camp experiences for all campers. For a more detailed description of the job, please go to Bethany's website. Link here:

<https://www.bethanycrc.ca/copy-of-who-we-support>



NIAGARA CHRISTIAN GLEANERS

Upcoming Dinners: The Niagara Christian Gleaners will be hosting two fundraising dinners on Friday, April 14 & Saturday, April 15 at the West Niagara Agricultural Centre. Doors open at 5:00 pm for our silent auction. Dinner is at 6 pm with guest speakers, Dr. Echo & Harry Vanderwal, from the Luke Commission. We have less than 150 spots left out of 600 guest spotsd.

Please reserve your seat or table of 8 by emailing ncgdinners@gmail.com.

Silent Auction Items: We'd love to have an exciting array of silent auction items for both evenings. This will allow our guests to have fun bidding on an item or service which they may be interested in and bless the fundraising efforts of NCG at the same time. If you have an item or service, even a duplicate for each evening, please consider supporting us with a donation to NCG. Thanks for considering. Please connect with us to arrange dropoff or pick-up, or to answer any additional questions you may have. 905-359-5028 or ncgdinners@gmail.com



Insight Biblical Counselling invites you to attend a Sweet & Savoury Social, at 7pm on Friday, April 14th at John Micheal's Banquet & Event Centre in Thorold. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, desserts and ministry updates! Tickets are available for individuals, couples and tables of ten. There is no cost to attend but a free will offering will be taken. Eventbrite reservations are required by April 6. Go to bit.ly/SweetSavourySocial to register!

GO & TEACH CONFERENCE 2023: BIBLICAL SEXUALITY

You are invited to attend a conference on biblical sexuality on Friday, April 14 (from 7:00 to 9:00 pm) and on Saturday, April 15 (from 9:00 am to 5:15 pm) at Jordan Heritage Reformed Church (4171 15th St., Jordan Station, ON).

Main session speakers include Dr. Bruce Baugus of Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary (PRTS), Mr. André Schutten of the Association for Reformed Political Action (ARPA), Rev. Eric Moerdyk of St. Thomas FRC, and Dr. Brian G. Najapfour of Jordan HRC. The cost for the conference is \$50, with an early bird rate of \$30 if you register by March 31st. Youth ages 21 and under are free. Only 400 tickets are available, so reserve your spot while you can! Babysit/nursery is also provided. To see the full schedule and to register, visit goandteachconference.com. For more information, please contact us at goandteachconference@gmail.com.



Dunnville Christian School:

Teaching is the best job in the world! Are you a teacher who desires to have a deep and lasting impact in the lives of God's children? I encourage you to check out **DCS** (www.dunnvillechristianschool.ca)! We are seeking full-time elementary teachers for the 2023-2024 school year.

"Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built up in Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and

you will overflow with thankfulness," (Colossians 2:7). We are looking for educators who are rooted in Christ, dedicated to developing as an educator and desire to faithfully serve the Lord through teaching. When teachers

share their curiosity and wonder, students are excited to participate in the learning journey! We are deeply thankful to have dedicated teachers who hear the call to train young hearts and minds to love and serve the Lord. Send your cover letter, resume, statement of faith, and your philosophy of education to principal@dunnvillechristianschool.ca. I look forward to interacting and hearing how the Lord has been working in your life and preparing you for serving Him. Grace and peace, Mrs. Nicole Van Huizen, Principal.

SENIORS (ie. anyone 55+): Join us at Jubilee Fellowship CRC on Friday, March 24 at 10 a.m. for a discussion with **Dr Syd Hielema on "Following Jesus in the Third Third of Life"**, its faith implications and intergenerational opportunities. Dr. Hielema has done much work with CRC Faith Formation Ministries on this topic, and we look forward to dialoguing together. Your Classis Niagara's Leadership Development Team endorses this unique opportunity for seniors from our church communities to socialize and learn together. Please contact Karen Gerritsma (905-935-6875) or Dora Strooboscher (905-646-9569) if you have any questions.

Hosanna & Mattaniah Choirs Concert at HAMILTON'S FIRSTONTARIO CONCERT HALL!! – April 8, 2023, D.V. Tickets are available at \$20 & \$30, and can be obtained through a choir member, or contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or at hdenhollander@yahoo.com or at www.hosanna-choir.org

Awake to Praise Choir: The Awake to Praise Choir will be performing their Easter/Spring concerts on Friday, March 31, at 7:30 pm and Saturday, April 1st, at 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Information for tickets is on the website at www.awaketopraisechoir.com. General admission ages 5+ is \$12. There will be a free-will offering for Word and Deed

Bridge Bowling for Breakfast: A Bowling Fundraising Family/Friends Fun Event

When: Saturday, April 22, 2023

Where: Cataract Bowl (7906 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls) 2:30 pm Registration–3:00 pm Bowl*

*Bowlers must be on time

What's included: 1 ½ hrs of bowling time (2 games per team), shoes, food and drinks.

Each Team must raise a minimum of \$500 (4-6 people per team)

Benefiting: The Free Breakfast Program at Third Space Café for the Homeless

Register or sponsor a team: <https://www.thebridgenf.ca/bowling-for-breakfasts-2023/>

Grand Prizes for 2 teams that raise the most funds!

Niagara Helicopters: 6 Individual Certificates for Classic Tour 12 minute ride over Niagara Falls valued at \$180 per certificate (\$1,080 Total)

3 Nights for 2 people: Maple Cottage (1 bedroom) at North Channel Cottages on the French River from Sept 28 – Oct 1, 2023. (\$600 Value)

GriefShare 13 week sessions

Beginning Tuesday, March 21, 2023 from 7-9pm, the Zion Free Reformed Church, 1075 Boyle Road, Fenwick invites you to attend our 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.

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. 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 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.

Mountainview CRC in Grimsby, ON is currently seeking to fill the part-time FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR. A detailed Job Summary can be found at <http://www.mountainviewcrc.org/jobpostings>. Applications for the position are to include a letter of interest and résumé. Kindly direct applications to: c/o Human Resources Team, 290 Main Street East, Grimsby, ON, L3M 1P8 or e-mail to: hr@mountainviewcrc.org
Application Deadline: April 15th, 2023

Shalom Manor Long Term Care Home is hiring! We are looking for people to join our team in the following roles:



Shalom Manor
LONG TERM CARE

- PSWs: Part-time lines available, also hiring nursing students for summer PSW vacation coverage!
- RPNs: casual staff
- Dietary Aides: Casual staff, available for day shift (6:30AM-2:30PM, weekdays and weekends), evening shifts 4-8PM
- Life Enrichment Assistant: temporary sick leave, 12-8PM, Week 1: Mon, Tues, Sat, Sun and Week 2: Wed, Thurs, Fri
- Recreation staff: casual staff, weekend shifts 8-4PM Sat, 8-1PM Sun

Shalom Gardens Retirement and Assisted Living is hiring for:

- RPN, permanent part time, 3-11PM, Week 1 Sat, Sun, Week 2 Fri, Week 3 Mon, Sat, Sun, Week 4 Thurs (4 week rotation)
- Housekeeping, permanent part time, 9AM-3PM, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

For more information or to apply for one of the positions, please contact hr@shalommanor.ca

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

info@seekinsight.ca



Congregational Assistance Plan (CAP)

Shalem Mental Health Network provides professional faith-based counselling services to our church through the Congregational Assistance Plan.. CAP usage is confidential and available to all congregants, at no cost for the first 6 sessions. To book an appt, or for more info, please call Shalem directly at: 905-528-0353, 1-866-347-0041, or text 289-335-3543, or emailoffice@shalemnetwork.org

All other church contact info: 905-892-8980 or see website: www.bethanycrc.ca