



# Deep Connecting Lifelong Equipping Compassionate Serving

## Services/Events

**Today:** Evening Food & Fellowship —4pm, ending week of prayer & fasting.

April 15<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday service 10AM includes the Lord's Supper

April 17<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday

## Collections

**Today** –Resonate Global Mission

April 15<sup>th</sup> – Deacons

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Shalom Manor

## COUNCIL MEETING NOTES FROM APRIL 4, 2022

1. All but two members of Council were present. The Chair opened with devotions.

2. A short spring Congregational Meeting will take place Sunday May 15 after the service to present the 2021 Financial Statements. We will also be selecting new elders and deacons that morning.

3. Council clarified by consensus that the Elders are to deal with membership decisions and then report them to the full Council as information.

\*NOTE: in the CRC, the lapsing of a membership is a non-judgmental, non-disciplinary option for ending a local church membership when that member, having been a member in good standing, is now worshipping in a non-CRC church (one that would not process a membership transfer from us), and who have indicated their choice to do so is permanent. A resignation from membership indicates a member's clear refusal to continue in the covenant of membership here in Bethany and an unwillingness to continue in discussing this with the elders.

4. In light of that clarification:

a. The Elders reported their decision to accept, with regret, the resignations from membership in Bethany, of Kevin & Betty Twomey, and of Joyce Peetsma.

b. The Elders reported the lapsing of the memberships of Dustin & Karissa Vantwell and their children, as per their choice. The Vantwells have moved to Calvary Church, St. Catharines.

c. The Elders reported the lapsing of the membership of Gerrit Vermeer, as per his choice. Gerrit has moved to his wife Kaitlyn's Catholic church.

Though we are sad to see them leave, the Council gives thanks for the many ways they have served the Lord in Bethany in the past and prays for the Lord's ongoing guidance and grace in their lives in their new churches or wherever they go.

5. The Deacons reported they are preparing a version of the Community Opportunities Scan survey that can be used with families who send their children to our Summer Day Camp this summer. They also reported a good turnout from 4+ churches for the Diaconal Ministries Canada led workshop about increasing ministry in increments, as in trying ten percent more ways and efforts in a variety of ministry endeavors.

6. The Human Resources Team reported that they are preparing a 2nd cycle of staff evaluations, beginning again with the pastor as it has been 3+ years since the last cycle.

7. The Finance Team reported on the Financial Statements, giving thanks for the ongoing generous support for Bethany ministry provided by the membership. It was noted that over 50% of the membership now

gives via online giving. This has had the effect of increasing the amount and regularity of our giving.

8. The Facilities Ad Hoc Team reported some ball park, initial financial figures with respect to possible building renovation/expansion in keeping with what Council was considering prior to our Covid19 pause. This will be discussed further at future Council meetings.

9. Some discussion took place about ideas to better encourage post-high school young adults to build growing connections to a local church. Council will return to this discussion.

10. The Deacon Chair closed the meeting with prayer.



Cairn Christian School has immediate openings for reliable, consistent school bus drivers who love kids in the Beamsville, Grimsby, and/or Smithville areas, either permanent or for short-term or occasional assignments. 'B' Licence training provided if not already held. Please contact Kevin at 519-546-9159 or [khuinink@cairnchristianschool.ca](mailto:khuinink@cairnchristianschool.ca) to inquire.

**Christian Education Week at Cairn Christian School, Smithville (6470 Townline Road) We are celebrating with the following events:**

- We will be welcoming our pastors on Tuesday, April 12th, starting at 9:00 a.m.
- Parents and friends, as well as those curious about Christian education, are welcome to see our school in action during our Open House on Tuesday, April 12th from 1:30-3:00 p.m.
- Grandparents/Senior Friends Day is set for Wednesday, April 13th. Seniors are welcome to join us by last name:
  - o A to K - 9:30 to 10:30
  - o L to T - 11:30 to 12:30
  - o U to Z - 1:30 to 2:30

Questions? Please feel free to call Wendy or Lisa at 905.957.7796.



We Are Hiring at Shalom! Working at Shalom is a great opportunity to share your gifts and talents in a wonderful workplace and to become involved in the Shalom community! We take pride in offering the

best possible care and making Shalom home to our residents. Below are ways you can become part of this excellent team:

1. We have an urgent need for Resident Care Aides in the Gardens retirement home. Short term sick leave coverage for day (7AM-2PM) and night (11PM-7AM) shifts. You do not need a PSW certificate for this position! May be an opportunity for long term position. Will train.
2. Dietary Aides Manor – Cook position available. Evenings, 4-7:30PM, variety of schedules.
3. Therapeutic Programmers Manor– evening lines available. 4-8PM, 4 shifts each week, including every other weekend.
4. RPNs Manor – full-time, part-time and casual positions available that include mixed day and evening lines and a night line.
5. Life Enrichment Aide Manor, 12-8PM, Week 1: Mon Tues, Sat, Sun, Week 2: Wed, Thus, Fri (2 week rotation)
6. New hires must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. For more information about these positions or to submit your resume, please contact Lauren at [hr@shalommanor.ca](mailto:hr@shalommanor.ca).

### Dunnville Christian School's Big Box of Cards Fundraiser

New to our school this year is the "Big Box of Cards," fundraiser, featuring a box of 33 all occasion cards or a box of 33 birthday cards for the low price of \$35. From each sale, \$11 will go directly to the school. We hope that this will be a success for our school community and will support the initiatives of the Computer Committee. For more information or to order please contact [secretary@dunnvillechristianschool.ca](mailto:secretary@dunnvillechristianschool.ca)

**FACILITIES MANAGER POSITION:** Jubilee Fellowship Christian Reformed Church in St. Catharines is looking for a Facilities Manager to provide general cleaning and upkeep to our facility (20 hrs/wk). Jubilee is a busy church community with a preschool tenant that provides its own daily cleaning.

For more information, for a copy of the job description, or to submit your cover letter and resume, please contact Alice Klamer at [aliceklamer@gmail.com](mailto:aliceklamer@gmail.com).

**Alternate Treasurer Position:** Classis Niagara is seeking an Alternate Treasurer, who will eventually assume the full duties of Classis Treasurer, by initially working alongside the current treasurer and gradually transitioning into that role over the course of the next year or two. Ideally the individual will have some experience with bookkeeping work for a church, charity, or non-profit organization, however this is not a prerequisite. If this is something that interests you, please contact the Stated Clerk ([statedclerkniagara@gmail.com](mailto:statedclerkniagara@gmail.com)) or the Treasurer ([treasurer.niagara@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.niagara@gmail.com)) for further information.



Open Arms Mission Food Bin program  
Item of the month for March: Peanut Butter



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

When: Saturday, April 23, 2022

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: [thebridgenf.ca/bowling-for-breakfasts](http://thebridgenf.ca/bowling-for-breakfasts).

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 \$160 per certificate (\$960 Total) 3 Nights for up to 6 people at North Channel Cottages on the French River \$860 Value.

Elisha House, in partnership with Clarity Pregnancy Options, invites you to attend a baby shower for 4 of our mamas-to-be. This event will

take place on Wed. April 13th at 7 pm, at Grace CRC (660 South Pelham Rd, Welland). Come out and help us celebrate these 4 Mamas who chose to carry and parent their babies. Registries according to each Mamas' needs have been set up, but you are free to shop elsewhere as well!



For more shower details and to shop their registries please visit [www.clarityevents.ca](http://www.clarityevents.ca). Thank you for loving these women in this tangible way!



### Overcoming Anxiety synopsis - (date/time to be determined)

Racing thoughts, wired bodies and uncertainty about the future. We all experience worry and anxiety, and each of us wants to find peace from the thoughts, concerns and physical symptoms that often accompany it. In this group we will seek to understand our anxieties, meet God and His Word in the midst of them, and grow in wisdom, faith and peace as we encounter Him.

Registration Requirements: read over the synopsis, fill out the Pre-Group Questionnaire. Participants new to Insight Biblical Counselling are also required to complete a Counselling Group Intake and a Pre-Group Meeting will need to be arranged by the Facilitator.

To sign-up for more information, call 905-734-4379 or email [info@seekinsight.ca](mailto:info@seekinsight.ca). If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible for planning purposes.

### 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. This is a 2-hour seminar for grieving spouses to receive care and practical teaching on dealing with their tremendous loss.

Monday, April 25, 2022, from 7pm-9pm. at the Zion F.R.C.

*GriefShare is a Christ-centered, biblically based grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. The sessions include 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 905-386-2061 or email at [joannefousert@gmail.com](mailto:joannefousert@gmail.com) or visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) For planning purposes, please let us know if you are planning to attend.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY: Summer Children's Activities Coordinator

It's about more than a paycheck. We are passionate about using our talents for God's purposes. We dedicate ourselves to Christ, not just a job title. We are risk-taking, irrationally generous spiritual contributors who bring our best, laugh hard, and honor God by going all in with his calling on our lives.

A drive to see people come to know Christ? You've got it. A heart to serve? Check. A positive attitude? You bet. A place to nurture your skills, passions, and talents? That's where we come in. When you join the Village, you won't be just a new hire—you'll be a leader we can't wait to empower, a learner we can't wait to teach, and a follower of Christ we can't wait to grow alongside. For more information email [devos.mark@myvillagechurch.ca](mailto:devos.mark@myvillagechurch.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 counselling:

### 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)



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### Church Contact Information

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