



NEWSLETTER

Deep Connecting
Lifelong Equipping
Compassionate Serving

March 5, 2023

Services/Events

Today- Celebration of the Lord's Supper this morning
6PM Prayer Service

Also today is the deadline to submit to Council Clerk, nominations for new elders and deacons

Mar 7th–Council meeting 7:30pm at the church

Mar 11-12: Clocks ahead one hour! Welcome to Spring ... almost.

Mar 19th–Teen Challenge leads in worship in Bethany.

Collections

Today - Perch for Women

Mar 12th - World Renew-Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Mar 19th - Teen Challenge

Mar 26th - Hands at Work Zambia



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>



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Please return to the church office.

INFORMATION EVENING FOR CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Want to learn about a different approach to Christian education K-12? There is an information night being held Wed. March 8 starting at 7:30PM at Bethany Christian Reformed Church. Though much more prominent across the US, there are a number of these schools also in Ontario. The presentation will be led by leaders from some of these schools. To read about this approach, go to www.classicalchristian.org/ Anyone is welcome to attend.

CALLING ALL CLASSIS NIAGARA YOUNG ADULTS

A young adult worship service for 18-30 year olds is being held at Brock University's Faith and Life Center on April 1st at 7pm. Come check out Brock Campus Ministry, the space, and enjoy snacks with some games to follow. If you are or even consider yourself to be a young adult and have gifts in music, worship, hospitality, or just want to be involved please contact Elly at elizabeth.schreuders@outlook.com.

Safe Families Niagara

Training Evening on Addiction

When : March 9 , 7:30 pm

Where: Immanuel URC 2900 Fourth Ave, Jordan Station

Almost all of us have had a connection to someone struggling with some form of serious addiction. At Safe Families we want to equip the church to walk alongside those with addiction with grace and wisdom. We want to help and not harm. Join us Thursday March 9 with special guest Dr. Mackay who will be equipping us to navigate an area in which we often feel ill equipped. Let's learn together how to advocate for and support those trapped in addiction. Bring your questions. Whether you volunteer with us or not we encourage you to join us. This affects so many, who knows when you might have an opportunity to support a family member, friend, neighbour or colleague.

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 31. 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.

Coffee Break - We will continue our study of Revelations. This coming Tuesday our lesson will be "Babylon" Read Rev. 17:1-18:24. These chapters focus on our deliverance from some key evil characters.



The Niagara Christian Gleaners will be hosting fundraising dinners on Friday, April 14 & Saturday, April 15 at the West Niagara Agricultural Centre. Dinner is at 6pm with guest speakers, Dr. Echo & Harry Vanderwal, from the Luke Commission. Seating is limited. Please reserve your seat or table of 8 by emailing ncgdinners@gmail.com.

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 and 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.



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.

River's Edge Haven of Hope Euchre Tournament (Rescheduled)

Due to a storm warning we rescheduled the original date set!

**** NEW DATE **** Come on out Friday, March 10, 2023 for a fun night of fellowship and Euchre. Games begin at 7:30 pm sharp, at River's Edge Haven of Hope (1 Haldimand Rd 17, Dunnville). Donation of your choice, prizes and light desserts/snacks provided. Please register by emailing: rsvp@riversedge.ca by March 8th, 2023. If you have any questions contact Sandra 905-229-8616 or AnnMarie at 905-745-6934. Hope to see you there!

Hosanna & Mattaniah Choirs Concert at HAMILTON'S FIRSTONTARIO CONCERT HALL!! – April 8, 2023, DV
Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert of the Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert which will once again be held, the Lord willing, at FirstOntario Concert Hall, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton on Saturday, April 8 at 7:30pm. The choirs will be accompanied by Ryan Vandenberg (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), and Naomi Noorduyt (Piano), *Jacob Kramer* (Baritone soloist from the Netherlands) and the 13-piece Scott Harrison Brass/Percussion Ensemble. 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 for ages five and older will be \$12 a ticket to cover expenses. There will be a free-will offering for Word and Deed. All proceeds from the collection will be donated.

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.

SOCO Beach Project Update: Join the fun in showering the SOCO home with household items. Check out the registry. Give a gift. For any gift over \$25 - your name is put in the **SOCO Get-Away Giveaway - an overnight stay in Port Dover**. Details in this week's newsletter. And limited space is still available for SOCO '23. Email your application ASAP! Newsletter link: <https://mailchi.mp/0243c12cc262/soco-update-march-1-23>



Ministry Networking Day is coming!

We're excited to be holding this annual time of learning and sharing *in person* this year! We'll gather at the CRCNA offices in Burlington to hear all about how churches in Canada are loving their communities with the help of NewGround.

Come and enjoy guest speakers, ministry updates, and plenty of time to connect with each other and share stories. Thursday, May 18, 9:00-3:30. Please join us, along with current and past NewGround Partners, to celebrate the ministries that have been planted across the country. Mark your calendars now, and stay tuned for more details!

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