



NEWSLETTER

Deep Connecting
Lifelong Equipping
Compassionate Serving

August 10, 2025

Services/Events

Today: Pastor Ben Cousineau leads our worship service.

Summer Camp! July 7-Aug 1 & Aug 11-22 (9AM - 4pm)

Collections

Today - World Renew

August 17th - Bible League Canada

August 24th - Deacons

August 31st - Smithville Christian High School

Please note: Pastor Colin is away on vacation until Aug 10. Please contact one of the Elders or the church office if you are in need of assistance during his absence. Thank you.

Looking for New Members!

After much prayer and thoughtful discussion with Council, the former Discipleship Team is being restructured into two distinct teams—each with a more focused mission in serving God's kingdom.

Outreach Team

This team will focus on helping Bethany CRC be a faithful witness in our local Niagara community. Through prayerful creativity, the team will equip and encourage our church family to share the love and grace of Christ with those who do not yet know Him, and to build meaningful relationships with our neighbors.

Discipleship Team

This new team will focus on spiritual growth within our congregation. Its mission is to nurture faith formation and to encourage mature believers to walk alongside new and young fellow believers in a shared journey of growing in God's grace and living life openly with those God places in our paths.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to serve. If you feel led, we would love to have you join one of these teams! For questions or more information, please contact Becky Van Lochem at dolphina20_2003@hotmail.com.



I wanted to extend my sincere gratitude for the incredible support you provided to Clarity and your church during our 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign. Thanks to your dedication and the generosity of donors across Niagara, we collectively raised \$49,000. Specifically, your church contributed \$807.33, and we are deeply thankful for this.

These funds are crucial in helping us continue to offer vital support to clients facing unexpected pregnancies, including options, education, and resources.

Your sacrificial giving will significantly enhance our ability to expand and improve the life-saving work we do at Clarity.

Clarity Pregnancy Options' Annual Dessert Social fundraiser is coming up on Friday, September 19th at

7pm with doors open, refreshments and worship at 6pm. There's no cost to attend but reservations are required, so book your seats or a table of ten! For more details and to RSVP go to www.clarityevents.ca or call 289-273-8806.



Cairn Christian School (Stoney Creek campus) has an opening for a paraeducator for next year. This position is a part-time (Tuesdays and Thursdays) educational assistant to provide support to a student with exceptional learning needs in Junior Kindergarten. Experience and a working knowledge of learning disabilities would be an asset. Contact Carolyn Bentum, principal, at cbentum@cairnchristianschool.ca for more information.



Come join The Grand Parade at SHALOM MANOR on Saturday, September 20th! This super-fun, family-friendly fundraising walk is looking to raise funds towards a **wheelchair accessible bus!** An accessible bus will give more residents an opportunity to go safely on outings to local parks, shopping malls, to see the Christmas lights and MORE. If you are interested in helping us drive our residents down the road, by praying, walking/fundraising, volunteering or

sponsoring! Check out the following link: [Grimsby \(Shalom Manor\) - The Grand Parade 2025](#). We hope you take the bus with us!

River's Edge - Save the Dates & Volunteer Opportunities:

Fall Fun Fest & Vendor Market, Sept 20th- 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Come on out with the family for a fun day of activities, a hay bale toss, bouncy castle, face painting, vendors, farmer's market, lunch, bake sale and more! Willing to help out? Please sign-up on our volunteer sheet: <https://volunteersignup.org/8R7RT> Questions? Call Sandra 905-229-8616

River's Edge First Annual Fundraising Gala

Join us for an unforgettable evening in support of River's Edge Haven of Hope, Saturday, November 22, 2025. D.V. at John Calvin Christian School, Smithville. Table sponsorship opportunities are available; consider securing yours early by contacting promotions@riversedge.ca

Help Needed: Have a passion for our Ministry and love planning events? We need more Committee members- please message promotions@riversedge.ca or call Sandra at the # above, for any questions you may have.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13, 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Need support, prayer or to talk to someone?

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