



# NEWSLETTER

Deep Connecting  
Lifelong Equipping  
Compassionate Serving

September 4, 2022

## Services/Events

**Today:** We continue with Ecclesiastes.

Sept 11th: Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sept 12th: Council meeting 7:30pm at church

Sept 18th: Church year kickoff: outside service (weather permitting) followed by bbq lunch together.

## Collections

**Today** – Smithville Christian Highschool

Sept 11th: World Renew

Sept 18th: Reframe Ministries

Sept 25th: Niagara Christian Gleaners

**Coffee Break invitation to all Ladies:** Are you interested in studying the Bible with other women? A number of ladies from our church meet with women from various churches to study together in Welland Grace CRC on Tuesday mornings. Our first morning, on Sept. 13, will be a social morning. Our first lesson morning will be Sept. 20, studying the book of John. Regular study mornings start with coffee/tea from 9:15-9:30, after that a time of singing and prayer, then we break out into small study groups till 11:00. Hope you can join us! Any questions contact Ans Roorda or Anita Wierenga

**Ministry Opportunity:** A group of ladies are committed to studying God's Word Friday mornings in our Bethany's Heart to Heart program. Are you willing to help by watching their children? Being a caregiver in this way is not a weekly commitment, just as often or little as what works for you. Please contact [anitawierenga5@gmail.com](mailto:anitawierenga5@gmail.com) to find out how you can be a part of this ministry. Thanks.



**Dunnville Christian School** welcomes our community to the DCS opening assembly, scheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., at Bethel CRC. We will gather for a time of worship and prayer in the church sanctuary. As we grow together as a community of faith, may we be rooted and built up in Jesus Christ! Let us grow strong in the truth we have been taught and overflowing with thankfulness to God!



**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)

**Open Arms Mission Food Bin program**

**Item of the month for September: Granola Bars**

**Christian Sexuality Series: Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts & Friends;** Smithville CRC will be starting a Sunday evening series, entitled: "Christian Sexuality". This 12-part series will begin September 18th, at 7:30pm in our church. After this, the series will continue every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, live in a very secular culture where they are bombarded with messages about who they are (or may be) and who they can desire sexually. They are exposed to nonstop access to pornography and images that completely distort the biblical view of sexuality. So, what can we do about it? How can we walk alongside this generation and help them navigate through these times? This series explores a range of topics and will equip you to know how to speak the truth with grace to help the next generation make wise choices. This series also exposes the cultural lies and shows from God's Word the biblical truth of human sexuality, and how to stand strong against this culture that says anything goes. **Please join us. Together, we can make a difference.**

### **The Bridge - Summer is oooover!!!**

Kids will be back to school soon and everyone will back to their regular routines. We all need a break already!!! We've got your back! Let us cook supper for you! Escape to the Bridge BBQ Bash on Saturday, Sept 17 th !

Feast on Grilled Chicken & Ribs, Fresh Cut Fries, 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 and games!!

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. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation.

Date: Saturday, Sept 17 th 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 or donate 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.

### **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!





### **40th Anniversary Weekend - Sept, 30-Oct. 1, 2022**

Join us in September for Redeemer's 40th Anniversary Celebration! The weekend event will include a concert, alumni art exhibition reception, Royals vs. alumni sporting events and other festivities for the university's alumni and support community. We look forward to celebrating God's faithfulness at Redeemer over the past 40 years and looking ahead to what's next: [redeemer.ca/40years](https://redeemer.ca/40years)

### **40th Anniversary Concert: DOE + Paul Baloche - Sept. 30, 2022**

In celebration of Redeemer's 40th Anniversary, we're excited to announce a concert featuring DOE and Paul Baloche! Reserve your tickets and learn more about the artists here: [redeemer.ca/40th-anniversary-concert](https://redeemer.ca/40th-anniversary-concert)

### **Work at Redeemer**

Redeemer is hiring a donor relations manager, a night-shift custodian and tenure-track faculty members for the Business and Biology and Environmental Science programs. Learn more about these positions and many others at [redeemer.ca/work-at-redeemer](https://redeemer.ca/work-at-redeemer)

### **Individual Campus Visits**

Schedule a personalized tour of campus and a one-on-one meeting with an admissions counsellor to have all of your questions about Redeemer answered. Individual visits are offered regularly throughout the week for those interested in Redeemer's undergraduate programs. Book yours here: [redeemer.ca/visit](https://redeemer.ca/visit)

### **CRC News**

#### **ReFrame Ministries**

Serve Like Jesus - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Following Jesus means following his example. Kind and generous, Jesus came to serve rather than be served (Mark 10:45). When we treat people the way Jesus did, they experience his love for them. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**Position opening: Donor Relations Manager** - Join the team at ReFrame Ministries and support the work of sharing the gospel in ten languages around the world through media ministry! As donor relations manager, you'll build and strengthen relationships with new and current donors, create and implement a strategy to increase financial support and resources, represent the agency at events and gatherings, and encourage stewardly support from churches and individuals. This is a full-time position based in Burlington, Ontario. To learn more and apply, go to <https://crcna.pinpoonthq.com/en/jobs/61307> by September 16.

**Groundwork: You Have Heard It Said: Jesus Teaches Us How to Understand God's Law** - It can be confusing trying to figure out which Old Testament laws to still follow. Study Matthew 5:17-37 with Groundwork to gain a deeper understanding of God's law in our lives from Jesus himself as he teaches his disciples that we need to follow God's law in our actions and in our hearts. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### **Resonate Global Mission**

Glocal Mission Podcast - How do we join God's mission locally and globally? That's what Resonate leaders Rich Braaksma and Nalini Sukanandam 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>

**Mission Emphasis Week:** Starting Sunday, September 11 - Resonate Global Mission has prepared a suite of resources to help you celebrate missions, including a new devotional celebrating the theme: For God So Loved the World. Join us on a journey to love and listen - learn more at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/missionemphasis](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/missionemphasis)

### **Other**

EduDeo Ministries: We're Hiring an Accountant! - Are you looking to make an impact in the world with your accounting

skills? Do you have a passion for managing finances and balancing accounts? Are you a numbers person with a heart for seeing children, teachers, and communities around the world impacted by Christ-centred education? If so, come join the EduDeo team! EduDeo Ministries is looking for a full-time staff to record and monitor our finances in order to propel our organization forward with excellence. Our ideal Accountant is a detail oriented, highly motivated individual who can effectively manage all of the organization's finances, with a heart for helping others. Visit [www.edudeo.com/careers](http://www.edudeo.com/careers) for more information. Applications due September 9, 2022.

### **Faith Formation Ministries**

At-home Faith Formation Tip - At-home Faith Formation Tip: Fall can be an overwhelming and anxious time for students of all ages. How might you encourage the students in your family or your church this week? You might bake cookies, share a favorite book, send a card. And pray for them as they discover the gifts God has given them and explore how God might be calling them to use those gifts. (Tip from Faith Formation; [bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation](https://bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation))

### **Diaconal Ministries Canada**

**Youth Justice Project – NewGround** - “God creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join Him in the work He does, the good work He has gotten ready for us to do - work we had better be doing” (Eph. 2:7-10, MSG). For the past 30 years, the NewGround program of Diaconal Ministries Canada (formerly called Operation Manna) has helped over 100 churches in Canada love their community! We now have grants and support for teens and youth groups through our Youth Justice Project! They can receive up to \$6000 for a project in their local community that addresses an injustice. Our aim is to empower the next generation of justice-seekers! Learn more about this program on our website: [diaconalministries.com/newground/new-ground-youth-justice-project](http://diaconalministries.com/newground/new-ground-youth-justice-project) or email Karla, our NewGround Coordinator, at [kwinham@crcna.org](mailto:kwinham@crcna.org)

### **Calvin University**

**Calvin University School of Business** - You are cordially invited to attend (virtually or in person!) the dedication and ribbon cutting for the new Calvin University School of Business on September 14, 2022, from 5– 7:30 PM. Visit [calvin.edu/go/dedication](http://calvin.edu/go/dedication) to learn more, register, or find a livestream link.

### **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)