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# Bethany Bugle

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On Thursday, May 11, 2017, join other pro-lifers for the March for Life in Ottawa, we provide Bus service to Ottawa for the March for Life on May 11, 2017 for \$60.00 on a 56 passenger highway coach equipped with Air, Washroom, DVD/VCR, Radio, Aircraft-Style Seats, Tinted Windows and Ample Storage Space for Luggage & Equipment. The bus would leave Smithville at 4:00AM and pick up more passenger in Grimsby at 4:15AM and Burlington at 4:35AM and we can continue our sleep until we arrive in Ottawa before 10:00 at the Reformed Christian Prayer Service at the First Baptist Church a short distance away from Parliament Hill. We would return at 4:00PM and arrive in Grimsby and Smithville by 11:00PM.

When you are interested or have already decided to Ottawa, join us on the bus, please email Fred Stoffels at [hfstoffels@gmail.com](mailto:hfstoffels@gmail.com) or call 289-780-9152 or Fred Breukelman at [fsbreukelman@gmail.com](mailto:fsbreukelman@gmail.com) or 289-956-0876. Attendance at the Reformed Christian Prayer Service gets you a complimentary lunch of ARPA and Jubilee Canadian Reformed Church of Ottawa, The pick-up points are the parking lots of the Smithville Canadian Reformed Church at 330 Station Street, Smithville and in Grimsby at the Mountainview Christian Reformed Church, 290 Main St. East. The bus will stop in the MTO Carpool lot on the west side of Guelph Line, just north of the QEW. Entrance into the parking lot is from North Service Rd.

## School News



Smithville Christian High School proudly presents Don't Drink the Water. A cascade of comedy and a solid hit on Broadway, this story takes place inside an American embassy behind the Iron Curtain in the late 1960's. An American tourist (a caterer by trade), and his wife and daughter rush into the embassy two steps ahead of the police who suspect them of spying. They carefully and frantically plot their escape, and (because this is comedy) the embassy ambassador's son and the caterer's daughter even have time to fall in love. This year's play will be presented at 8pm on May 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance, and \$15 at the door. Contact [office@smithvillechristian.ca](mailto:office@smithvillechristian.ca) for more information.

**Grandparents and Friends Day 2017:** What's happening in Christian high school these days? What are the trends and fashions that shape student learning? Come to Smithville Christian High School's Grandparents and Friends Day on Thursday April 27, to learn how computers, technology and arts are changing the way students learn, and what Smithville Christian High School is doing to welcome as many students as possible. Coffee served at 9 a.m., program starts at 9:30, followed by classroom visits and lunch. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend. Valet parking available. For more info, see [www.smithvillechristian.ca](http://www.smithvillechristian.ca) GP&F Day – it's not just for seniors anymore!

Our Spring Membership Meeting is on Monday, April 24 at Smithville Christian High School. There will be a time for coffee and interaction with fellow members from 7:45 – 8:00. Meeting highlights include next year's budget, and staff milestones. Make sure you come out to hear how God is blessing our school and society.



## shalem

Mental Health Network

**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
Phone: 905-528-0353 or  
Toll-free 1-866-347-0041  
[www.shalemnetwork.org](http://www.shalemnetwork.org)  
Confidential congregation-  
ally supported counselling.

## Elisha House

Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
Phone: 905-735-9934  
Aft Hrs: 289-823-2424  
(call or txt)  
[www.elishahouse.on.ca](http://www.elishahouse.on.ca)  
[info@elishahouse.on.ca](mailto:info@elishahouse.on.ca)

## ELISHA HOUSE

PREGNANCY & FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE

Thurs April 27  
7-8:30pm  
Christ Community Church  
Welland



For more information please call  
905-735-9934  
Please RSVP  
to [anita@elishahouse.on.ca](mailto:anita@elishahouse.on.ca)

## Baby Shower

celebrating three  
baby girls

Mckenna born January  
Emilia born March  
Geneva due May

**NEEDS:**  
Gift Cards(Groceries, Walmart,  
Baby Stores)  
Clothing  
Diapers & Wipes  
\*No Cash please\*

## Other News

**Coffee Break:** The last official Coffee Break meeting was held at the Open Arms Mission in Welland. An energetic cheerful group of hardworking ladies were making our 4th Annual pancake breakfast for Open Arms clients. They have been looking forward to this for weeks I am sure. Lots of ladies were available to make this morning a wonderful time for everyone that was there. I am sure there were many happy smiles after a busy morning. Ladies as we go into the holiday season we wish everyone a blessed and safe holiday with your families See you in September. Thanks you all of you who helped to make this past year the great year it was. Note: there will a summer get together, details to be announced.

**Family Outreach Ontario Special Event**—Family Outreach Ontario invites you to an information evening on Friday, April 28 at Immanuel Christian Reformed Church (95 Oak St, Simcoe)). We have a guest speaker lined up that I'm sure you will want to hear: Judy Tomzcak, author of, "When the Light at the End of the Tunnel Is Another Train". She has an amazing story to tell that will be of particular interest to anyone who has suffered because of a family member's addiction. She reminds us that alcoholism and drug addictions are a family disease... they affect not only the addict. Please plan to attend and tell others about it as well. It will be an evening you will be sure to remember. 7:00 - Doors open, Refreshments/Meet & Greet; 7:30 - 9:15 Presentation, followed by refreshments/opportunity for talk with John Kowtecky or Family Outreach members. You may not think that ALCOHOL or DRUG ADDICTION is a problem in your home. Statistics tell us that 1 out of 7 people abuse alcohol or drugs. Learn more. We can help. Phone 1-888-809-0464. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Everyone is invited to come and hear **Guest Speaker Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition** and co-producer of the film "The Euthanasia Deception" to hear his timely concerns and how we can respond. Welland Port Colbourne ProLife Annual Dinner Meeting takes place at St Anthony Croatian Church, 560 River Road Welland, Saturday April 29. Registration at 6 pm Dinner 6:30 pm. For tickets please call WPC ProLife Office 905-714-0547, Muriel 905-735-3666 or Annette 905-325-1251. Excellent food and entertainment.

### **SERVE Niagara is fast approaching again and we need YOU!**

Serve Niagara is a week long youth missions trip. 65 youth and leaders come from all over North America to be the hands and feet of Jesus here in Niagara! Painting, relational connections(children, elderly and homeless), feeding the hungry, helping existing community services, and more. We are looking for volunteers to help as: meal leaders, kitchen helpers, cleaning bathrooms, prayer partners, and final Saturday clean-up. Sign-up as an individual, couple, family or with a friend. If any of these areas interest you or you would like more information as to what it involves please contact our volunteer coordinator, Debbie VanOord at [debbie@providencecerc.ca](mailto:debbie@providencecerc.ca) or 905-932-3586 Or Host team Coordinator, Ann-Elise Hoogendam at [annelise.hoogendam@gmail.com](mailto:annelise.hoogendam@gmail.com) or 289-407-4767

**Resource Teacher Position:** Camp SHOUT is seeking applicants for a Resource Teacher for 5 weeks this summer to work with campers with exceptionalities, who would display a positive attitude toward all children and be a role model for inclusion and acceptance. Responsibilities include developing individualized plans and strategies for camper integration, supporting camp staff with inclusion practices, designing weekly curriculum and activities to be reflective of inclusionary practices, etc. The applicant should be a certified teacher, qualified resource teacher or educational assistant, and/or have other relevant education or experience. The job description is available at [www.jubileecrc.org/campshout](http://www.jubileecrc.org/campshout).

**We invite you to our Disability Concerns Canada (DCC) spring training and connection event,** planned for April 29 at Hebron CRC in Whitby. We encourage you to send a group from your church, because those who attend will be better equipped to minister with families in your church and community.

Our theme is 'Resilient Families: Walking Together through Every Generation'. Our keynote speaker, Sara Pot, is a mom, blogger, and columnist for Christian Courier who will speak about 'Lamentations and Lessons Learned: Parenting Children with Special Needs'.

Sara and her husband Ralph are parents to four beautiful girls including two who were born with an undiagnosed syndrome. Rachel and Janneke are g-tube fed, cannot walk independently, cannot talk, and both Rachel and Janneke bring joy with their smiles and teach grace through their dependency on others. Watch a two minute video about the Pot family, or better yet, show it to your congregation.

Afternoon workshops will be tailored to supporting families living with disabilities. Topics include finance and estate planning, 'when to let go', sibling and family member support, ministering with people who have Alzheimer's, and more! For more information and to register, see Resilient Families.

We certainly hope some of you will join us on April 29. Cost is \$35 per person before March 24, after this date the fee is \$50. Also, see the website for information on group registration rate and scholarships for people living with disabilities. Lunch will be provided, and the conference will finish shortly before 3 PM. Len Bakelaar, chair Disability Concerns Canada

You are invited to attend and sing along at the **Hymn-Sing Festival at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**, 323 Simcoe Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake on Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. The evening will be filled with old and contemporary psalms, hymns and spiritual songs the church has sung for centuries. Participating are the St. Andrew's Choir, the Cantata Singers of St. Catharines, a brass ensemble, all accompanied by organ and directed by Dr. Gerzinus E. Hoekstra. In lieu of admission, a freewill offering for the Canadian Bible Society will be taken.

**The First Fruits Committee of Jubilee CRC** is pleased to invite you to attend a FREE WILL CLINIC presented by Christian Stewardship Services. Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 7:30PM, 13 Wilholme Dr., St Catharines. This a wonderful opportunity to learn how to protect your family, the importance of a proper Will, and how to support charities that are important to you. Draw for a Free WILL to be held! Come and listen to a Christian consultant and enjoy decadent desserts and refreshments! Please join us! RSVP to Annetta 1-800-267-8890 x217 or [info@cssservices.ca](mailto:info@cssservices.ca)



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