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On Monday Dec. 4 at 7:30 pm Council will be meeting with Classis Niagara Church Visitors. Based on the model in Scripture of the Apostles visiting the churches to encourage and admonish, the church historically has always practiced some form of this. The purpose of Classis Church Visiting is to offer encouragement and accountability between the churches of Classis concerning the ministry work of the office-bearers of the church. These visits also provide an opportunity for any members of the congregation to bring forward any concerns about the leadership of the church that they have already brought to Council but feel are still unresolved. If any member wishes to speak to the Church Visitors they are to contact the Council beforehand to arrange to meet with Church Visitors prior to the Council meeting. Our Classis Visitors will be Rev. Fred Vander Berg of Mountainview CRC and Elder Ben Winter of Fruitland CRC.

Classis Niagara met for a short meeting this past Thursday at Covenant CRC, St. Catharines. Pastor Colin & Elder George DeRoo attended as Bethany delegates. The one item on the agenda was the request to approve Mark DeVos, elder at Covenant CRC to perform the sacraments at The Village Church in Thorold. Mark is a CRC candidate for ministry who is serving The Village Church as an interim pastor for the next 6 months. Classis approved the request, noting with thankfulness the Lord's provision of leadership for The Village Church.

Other News **ROSE CITY KIDS OPEN HOUSE**

Please join us for an Open House Celebration of our newly renovated addition. We've transformed the former Hope House into the new home for the RCK Youth Centre. This new space will allow us to serve even more youth in Welland, and we can't wait to show you around!

Tours of the newly renovated facility and refreshments will be available.

Date & Time: Friday, December 8, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 1:00-4:00 pm

Frank Campion, Mayor of Welland will officiate the opening on

Saturday, December 9 at 1:30 pm

Location: 116 Division Street, Welland, ON L3B 3Z9 (Former Hope House)

Gift opportunities in support of the new RCK Youth Centre are available.

ELISHA HOUSE

Elisha House is offering three Biblical Healing Groups starting in January, 2018.

1. Shelter from the Storm - Wednesday, Jan 10 - Apr 25/18 (1:30-3:30pm)

2. Overcoming Fear and Anxiety - Tuesday, Jan 16 - Mar 27/18 (7:00-9:00pm)

3. Shelter from the Storm - Thursday, Jan 18 - May 3/18 (9:30-11:30am)

Shelter from the Storm: 'Sexual abuse is one of the few crimes that bring more shame to the victim than to the offender (Dan Allender, 1992).' The wounds and struggles that follow are often as difficult to deal with as the original abuse. Many people who have experienced violation feel alone, confused, depressed, and sometimes as if they are going crazy. Shelter from the Storm provides a supportive environment that acknowledges your suffering, provides concrete ways to express your painful experience to God, and encourages the healing process through small steps of faith. This group follows a 16 week biblically-based curriculum exploring how the gospel redefines our stories and addresses issues like suffering, shame, self-protection, anger and forgiveness.'

Overcoming Fear and Anxiety: 'Racing thoughts, wired bodies, uncertainty about the future. At some point in all of our lives we experience worry, anxiety and fear. Each one of us wants to find peace - peace from the thoughts, nagging concerns & the physical symptoms of anxiety. In this group we will seek to view our anxieties as opportunities to get to know God better and find Him as the God of Peace. We will also be taking some practical steps to address our fears by 'drilling down' into three common fear themes: fear of man, money, and death. We will be working through the workbook When I Am Afraid by Ed Welch, as well as other related articles.'



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Mental Health Network

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www.shalemnetwork.org

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Elisha House

Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

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NACE FALL DRIVE

Would you consider a year-end gift that will have real impact? We are launching our Fall Drive in support of Covenant and John Knox Christian Schools. Christian schools are important players in the lives of our students. Our theme this year: "Connected in Christ" outlines our commitment to growing together in our character – to grow in curiosity, compassion, collaboration, perseverance, integrity, and Joy.

Look for a letter in your church mailboxes explaining what this Fall Drive hopes to accomplish. Enclosed you'll see reply cards and envelopes that can be mailed directly to NACE or left in Steve and Aimie VanLochem's mailslot. Volunteers will begin their follow-up work, but if you want to save them the challenge of connecting with you, you can reply ahead of that, and we'll remove your name from the call list. We pray that many people will take this opportunity to show their support for local Christian Education and the families that it blesses!

Your support makes a real difference in the lives of our students!

LIBRARY NEWS

Check Out What's New in the Library:

Adult Fiction

Beyond the Silence by Tracie Peterson and Kimberlie Woodhouse

Treasured Grace (Heart of the Frontier #1) by Tracie Peterson

Beloved Hope (Heart of the Frontier #2) by Tracie Peterson

When Love Arrives (Misty Willow #2) by Johnnie Alexander

What Hope Remembers (Misty Willow #3) by Johnnie Alexander

Stars in the Grass by Ann Marie Stewart

Home by Ginny Yttrup

The Writing Desk by Rachel Hauck

True to You by Becky Wade

Non-Fiction

Where is God When Bad Things Happen? By Luis Palau

In My Seat by Megan Ann Scheibner

Jumping Through Fires by David Nasser

Love Lifted Me by MarJanita Geigley

Movies

The Sparrows

Different Drummers

The Bridge

Kids

The Plans I Have for You by Amy Parker

The Pirate and the Firefly by Tara McClary Reeves

The Knight and the Firefly by Tara McClary Reeves

Coffee Break: This coming Tuesday we will be meeting to wrap gifts for Rose City Kids, We will be wrapping at 116 Division Street. Free parking at the Market Square. If you are planning to car pool from the church please be there at 9:00 am. Hoping to see many of you there to help out. There will be babysitting available. If you do bring your kids also bring along a few of their favourite toys along. We always have a good time and get lots done.

Concerts

The Robert Wood Singers will be in Concert presenting "The Wonder of Christmas" at the Sacred Heart Church on Empire St. in Welland Sunday Dec.3rd at 2:30 PM.

Tickets are available from Andy Van Driel or Frank Dam. \$15 for adults or \$8 for 12 & under.

See the poster at the rear entrance.

Handel's great work, THE MESSIAH, will be performed at Welland Centennial School Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3. CHORALIS CAMERATA, a Niagara Region chamber choir under the direction of DAVID BRAUN, will be performing this beautiful music, along with guest soloists, and orchestra.....also being presented on Dec. 2 at Knox Church, St.Catharines.

The Awake to Praise Choir Concerts - We welcome you to join us for our Christmas concerts, titled, "Eternal Hope" which will be held at the Vineland Free Reformed Church on Friday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 16 at 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. There will be a free will offering with all net proceeds going to the Niagara Christian Gleaners (niagaragleaners.org).

The AMBASSADORS CHRISTIAN MALE CHORUS & FRIENDS are presenting their 2017 Christmas Concert Friday, December 15, 2017 entitled 'WHEN WILL HE COME', a joyous musical performing "The Winter Rose" a SATB Cantata by Joseph M. Martin

Mount Hamilton Christian Reformed Church – 1411 Upper Wellington at Stone Church Road, Hamilton, ON
Concerts start at 7:30 PM. info call: 905-389-2104 or 905-689-5266 email: bdehaan@gmail.com or kleis.hensen@gmail.com

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Performing Arts @ Mountainview invites you to join us for our Annual Christmas Concert on Saturday December 9th at 7:30 p.m. Featuring the Hosanna Choir with Herman DenHollander directing, Organist André Knevel, and Soprano Suzanne Schaafsma. The concert will take place here at Mountainview Church 290 Main Street East, Grimsby. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$35.00 per family (w/children 15 & under). Tickets will be available at the Dutch Shop in Grimsby or at the door on the evening of the concert. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation.

BRASS BAND AND CHOIR CONCERT: Come join us on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 7:30 pm at Maranatha Reformed Church in Wainfleet for our annual Brass Band and Choir Concert as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour! The evening will include Christmas music played by the Excelsior Brass Band, excerpts from Pepper Choplin's cantata sung by the Maranatha church choir, and congregational carols for everyone. A freewill offering will be given to Dunnville Salvation Army and Open Arms Mission in Welland.



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