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Bethany Bugle

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Mental Health Network

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www.shalemnetwork.org

Confidential congregation-
ally supported counselling.

Elisha House
Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

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www.elishahouse.on.ca
info@elishahouse.on.ca

Summer Camp—Job Opportunities

Bethany Summer Camp is looking for fun, energetic, outgoing leaders and volunteers for our summer camp program.

Summer Camp Co-ordinator

-18 years or older with some experience

-preparing the daily activities of summer camp, planning, organizing, registering the campers, leading the daily activities, stories and crafts, working with a budget and learning how to run a summer camp are some of the qualities we are looking for in a co-ordinator.

Leaders

-must be in their 16th year, or older or going into Grade 11 in the Fall.

-Fun, energetic and love to work with children

-you must be willing to share the love of Christ with these children daily.

-leading a group of children in songs, crafts, sports activities, Bible lessons, games and so much more are part of the everyday life at camp.

-leaders who will lead by example and who are willing to give of themselves each day and to make camp a fun and safe place to be.

Volunteers

-all ages

-fun, energetic and love to work with children

-willing to work alongside the leaders at camp

Is this Job for YOU?

We would love to have you be part of our Summer Day Camp Program.

Please fill out the forms that are on the back table by the mailboxes or find forms online: bethanycrc.ca go under MINISTRIES and then under DAYCAMP. There are forms for co-ordinator, for leaders and for volunteers.

The deadline to return these forms is February 28, 2017.

Please return them to the office at Bethany or in Kathleen VanHoffen's mailbox or email them to: summerdaycamp@bethanycrc.ca



Report of Classis Niagara Meeting, February 15, 2017

Classis Niagara is a group of 12 Christian Reformed Churches (CRC) and 2 emerging churches located in the Niagara Region. Pastor, elder, and deacon delegates from these churches gather as a Classis three times per year to deliberate church, ministry, and administrative matters that we hold together in common.

Allen Kleine Deters **welcomed Classis to the Hub**, the meeting place of the Bridge, and then led Classis in a time of worship with singing, prayer, and Scripture reading. Following the time of worship, Rev. Kleine Deters shared the vision of the Bridge for making an impact for Christ on its community by building relationships with people and organizations. Since starting with a small core team in 2015, they have grown to a point where they have celebrated the grand opening of the Hub in November of 2016. Through contacts with the Hanna House, Community Health and Human Resources, and local artist guilds, the Bridge is becoming known in the community. Classis praised God for how he is using the Bridge in the community.

The **Shalom Chaplaincy Committee** was released from their terms of service now that their mandate is completed. The Chair thanked the committee for their years of faithful work.

Rev. Vander Ploeg reviewed the **Safe Church** team mandate as well as provided denominational resources for churches to access. It was also stressed the need for churches to move beyond simply having a safe church policy and doing police checks to developing safe ways of doing ministry. Training and educating leaders in recognizing signs of abuse was also emphasized as well as making sure the church council knows what the Advisory Panel Process is. It is important for churches to keep growing in safe church practices.

Rev. deWinter reported that **Classical Ministry Leadership Team** is currently supporting three students and have prospects for three more. Attention was drawn to the upcoming Seminary Sunday, April 23, 2017 and churches were encouraged to have seminarians preach. Also a letter of thanks from Rick Roeda to Classis was also read.

Anna Bailey, **Youth Ministry Champion**, updated Classis on youth ministry contacts and projects. She also shared about the Canadian National Leadership Gathering in Burlington.

Rev. Lesli van Milligan, **Regional Catalyst for Faith Formation**, shared online denominational resources and materials that are available to the churches for faith formation. She also led Classis in evaluating where these resources can best be used in our churches.

Marion Lensink, **Connections Project Resource Coach**, spoke to Classis about the tools, resources, coaches, and learning events available to churches through the Southern Ontario Connections Project Team. She also shared stories of a strategic planning group of pastors, a small group ministry of volunteers and staff from a number churches, and a young adult ministry.

The following were elected by Classis as **delegates to Synod**—for the minister delegate Rev. Woodrow Dixon, the alternate is Rev. Fred Vanderberg; for the Elder delegate Archie VerMeer, the alternate is Dora Strooboscher; no nominees were received at present for the Deacon delegate; and the fourth delegate is Rev. Colin Vander Ploeg, with the alternate Brian Verheul. Churches are encouraged to submit deacon delegates to the Stated Clerk.

Our next regular meeting is planned for May 17, 2017 at a place yet to be determined.

For further information about any of the above, please contact your pastor and/or elder or deacon delegate to this meeting of Classis Niagara, or e-mail to statedclerk@classisniagara.ca

Phone Changes

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Other News

Coffee Break: "Hope" is the study that we are getting into at our weekly Coffee Break. Everyone is enjoying the study. We meet every Tuesday morning here at Grace CRC. You are welcome to come out and join us to see what it is all about. We start our opening devotions and singing at 9:30 sharp Coffee and refreshments are ready for you to enjoy. After our time of prayer we go into three separate groups to continue our study. Gail and Irene's group are starting lesson #5 "Striving For Glory" based on Romans 8:18-27, Jean's group is studying lesson #6 "The Ultimate Victory" 1 Cor.15:35-38. Jane's group is starting lesson #4 "Living in Hope"

Ladies remember next Tuesday evening will be our annual pancake supper. Many hands are needed to help make it a success. If you can not be here for the evening consider baking or bring baked goods. They can be brought in Tuesday morning at our regular meeting. See you Tuesday morning. Leading: Pauline, Devotion: Hilda V., Kitchen: Sylvia B., Grace V.V., Sue D., Snacks: Marg V., Gail K., Mary L., Babysitters: Alice B., Marg V.,

PANCAKE SUPPER: It is that time of year again. As we have done for many years, this coming Tuesday will be our annual Pancake supper served and cooked by our Coffee Break ladies. Delicious pancakes and sausages will be served from 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm. To make it even better we will have ice cream and baked goods for dessert. Large servings \$7.00 and small servings \$4.00. Just think cooks, you get the night off from cooking supper and doing dishes. Sounds like Grace CRC on S. Pelham Road is the place to be on Tuesday evening. See you all there!!

BETHANY LADIES BIBLE STUDY

If you have ever thought to yourself "I would really like to study the bible more" consider joining the Bethany Ladies Bible study at Mary Bokma's house (797 Church St. Fenwick) on March 1 at 7 o'clock p.m., to study Tara Barthel's "Living the gospel in relationships". Throughout these studies Tara helps us to remember God's lavish grace, and from that place of abundant love, we learn together how we are called to give that same grace to others. This is the essence of what it means to live the gospel in relationships. Coffee at 7 and bible study at 7:30, "I applied my heart to know, to search and seek out wisdom and the reason for things" Ecclesiastes 7:25

Hands at Work Mission Trip

We are planning to go back to Zambia in 2018 to continue to grow our relationship with the community in Maranatha. 2018 seems like it is a long way off but there is a lot of planning and fundraising that goes along with it, that takes a great deal of time. Part of the commitment of going on this trip is a willingness to be part of what we would consider a small group. We will meet regularly over the year to grow in our understanding of what being involved in a cross cultural mission is about and how to do this in a way that grows us as followers of Christ and positively impacts the people of Maranatha. If this is something you believe God might be calling you to be a part of we invite you to contact Tim or Kathleen Van Hoffen. (timvanhoffen@hotmail.com or 905 658 8137)

PARENTING - GOSPEL PRINCIPLES THAT CAN RADICALLY CHANGE YOUR FAMILY

Start: Jun 15, 2018

End: Jun 16, 2018

Richmond Hill Christian Community Church, 9670 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4C 9X9 CANADA

Friday, 7:00 PM to 9:15 PM | Saturday, 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Join Paul Tripp for this weekend conference as he discusses foundational gospel principles that can change your parenting and shape your family. Based on his best-selling book, *Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family*, this event will encourage you to embrace a grand perspective of parenting overflowing with vision, purpose, and joy.

All event registration must be done through the host church. For more information, visit rhccc.ca or contact Richmond Hill Christian Community Church by calling 905-884-3399.

School News

You are invited to Ignite! Smithville Christian High School's bursary bash on March 3, 2017. Doors open at 6, dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Sponsor a table for \$200 or come for \$25 a person. Join the launch of our annual bursary campaign – opening our doors and igniting kingdom passion in tomorrow's leaders. Reserve by calling 905.957.3255 or email office@smithvillechristian.ca