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A note from Council concerning our 10AM service trial start time ...

A few people have asked about why we are doing this worship start time change trial. Here are a few reasons that Council has considered. A number of years ago, when Bethany was being helped along by an Interim Pastor, one of the recommendations that came out of that work was that we consider starting our worship services at a later time as that is more accommodating in the work of outreach. Going to a Sunday morning service is often a big schedule change for a new believer. Starting a bit later in the morning makes worship attendance a bit easier to encourage.

Also, a bit later start opens up some teaching space prior to the worship service that can be used by our staff or pastor or anyone really to engage persons or groups in a time of deepening connection and equipping without having to ask households to come out to the church for yet another week night event in our often full schedules. This is already being a help to the Jr. Youth group that is meeting every other Sunday morning before worship. Pastor Colin plans to offer a Profession of Faith class before the service instead of trying to gather persons together on a weeknight. Any other group is welcome to use time before the service to meet and grow deeper and be equipped for service.

In asking around a bit how people might be impacted by a half hour later start, a number of young families expressed appreciation for a bit less time pressured Sunday morning, even as their young children's nap patterns will be adapting to the change. We held one service start at 10:30 last fall, and that seemed too late a start for many. So 10AM seems a good time to try for the above reasons. Most CRC's have a 10AM or later start. Presently, 12 of the 14 CRC's in Classis Niagara have a 10AM or later start time. So not a drastic change and if you have any serious concerns about our 10AM start time, please feel free to discuss those with your elder. Council will decide around the end of February if we stay with 10AM. The Lord be with you all. The Council.

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 8th, 2018 @ 7:30

Attendees:

Elders: Rob Bouwers, Hilbert Bokma, George DeRoo (chaired), Peter Glasbergen, Ed Slappendel, Kevin Twomey, Ed Roorda, Mark Vahrmeyer, Pastor Colin Vander Ploeg, Peter Veldhuizen (Clerk),

Deacons: JJ Keiser, Bert Nauta, Jim Slappendel,

Absent: Harry Hielema, Leo Devries, Brian Prins, Gerry Vermeer, Frank Vraets
Prayer and Opening Devotions – Psalm 8 was the scripture reading.

Presentation of Council Minutes, December 4th, 2017--reviewed and motion to approve: carried

Matters arising from Minutes:

None

New Business:

Classis Niagara... November 30th, 2017, minutes reviewed and approved

Worship Ministry Team presented (3) options, Live Stream, Video Recording, Audio Recording Options. Council approved Live Stream option.

Nomination Sunday for Office Bearers will be Feb. 4th, 2018. Congregants can submit early if need be.

Council has banned the storage of Coffins overnight in the Church building.

Summer Camp Student Funding discussion tabled to the next meeting

No Team reports presented as meetings need to take place first.

Next Meeting – February 12th, 2018

Closing Bert Nauta

New Address:

Joshua & Emily Voth (nee Vander Veen),
Apt. 232, 50 Cathcart St. Hamilton, ON L8R 3J7

Joshua: 226-868-1538

Emily: 905-328-3321

GEMS counsellors needed:

We are still looking for more GEMS leaders for Thursday evenings. If you are interested in helping in this important girls ministry, contact Cynthia Nauta 905-892-2217

Other News **Save the date! APRIL 21, 2018**

Aging: Challenges and Opportunities

Living in the third third of life brings both challenges and opportunities. This training event will help us to minister and encourage those among us living in this season of life and help us to embrace it all!

Location: Maranatha CRC, Woodstock ON

Date: Saturday, April 21, 2018.

Keynote: Syd Hielema, Team Leader of the CRC's Faith Formation Ministry will speak on "Growing in Faith in the Third Third of Life"

Workshops will be offered.

Stay tuned- registration will open soon!

Equipping and Encouragement Day - Saturday, March 3rd with Marin Lensink of CRCNA: The Implementation Team, along with our Discipleship Team, invites you to attend a day of equipping with Marian Lensink from CRCNA here at Bethany.

Marian will help us learn:

- how to create community through personal relationships and small groups
- what it looks like to engage with scripture
- how to pray with and for others
- how to become more mission oriented

All sessions will apply to both personal and small-group growth. Those in ANY leadership position would benefit greatly. Marian is engaging, fun and quick-paced. She will lead us through different exercises, personal reflection and practical application. Doors open @ 8:30 for coffee and we will end by 3pm. Cost is \$15, to be paid at the door. This includes lunch, coffee and refreshments. Please register before February 28 by email: wvahrmeier@gmail.com

Coffee Break: "If I Should Die" is the title to lesson # 9 continuing our study of 2 Peter 1:12-21. Peter knew this might be his last words to those who read it. Please read these verses of 2 Peter to see how he reminded them of the source of their faith. Gail and Irene's group and Barb will start lesson #9. Joyce and Carla's group starts lesson #10. Wendy's group is on question # 5 of the same lesson. Please read 2 Peter 2. "Follow Which Leader" Is Anything true--really? In an age where many people think that a good religion is any belief that brings you comfort, Peter has a strident objection. Hoping to see all of you back this coming Tuesday. Leading: Barb, Kitchen Clean-Up: Tildy S., Jane S., Sylvia B., Babysitting: Eunice P., Fran K.,

Training Opportunity: **Starting a Missional Community Where You Are**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live on mission together in your neighbourhood and community?

The Classis Niagara Discipleship Team invites you to a series of breakfast sessions to discover and learn what it means to live on mission and live out the Great Commission.

Five Saturday Morning Breakfast Sessions: Feb 10, 24, Mar 10, 24 and April 7

From 8:30 - 11:30 am at The HUB 4333 Queen St. Niagara Falls.

Cost \$25/person for the whole training.

To register or for more information contact Hilda Vander Klippe at hilda@myvillagechurch.ca, 905-397-0502 or Allen Kleine Deters, allen@thebridgenf.ca, 289-687-0169 . Information and registration also online at thebridgenf.ca and click "register".

Concerts

The Awake to Praise Choir - Our next practice, January 22nd, is our cut off date for signing up this season. Practices are held at the Vineland Free Reformed Church from 7:30-9:30. Anyone 16+ is welcome. We ask that you come early (7:20) so we can start by 7:30!



Valentine's Day Trivia Night Fundraiser

7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 14

Beacon Christian School
300 Scott St, St. Catharines

Singles and Marrieds Welcome!

A free will offering will be taken in support of Elisha House

Dessert
Door Prizes
Snacks

Reservations
Required

RSVP @ 905-735-9934 or info@elishahouse.on.ca

Love is in the air! Valentine's Day is just around the corner. This is a time to celebrate love and to cultivate relationships, and we are planning a fun-filled night out for you!

On February 14th, Elisha House is hosting our first ever Trivia Night Fundraiser, and we are inviting you to attend. Come with your spouse! Come with your friends! Come alone begin new friendships! Host a table of eight! Test your knowledge on a wide variety of topics while enjoying the fellowship of one another.

You will be served coffee, tea, desserts and snacks. You will have a chance to win door prizes, and the grand prize for the winning table!

All are welcome, but you need to book your seat as seating is limited; There will be a free will offering taken that evening to raise funds for Elisha House. We are also accepting donations for door prizes.

The Details:

When - Wednesday, February 14, 7PM

Where - Beacon Christian School, 300 Scott St, St. Catharines

Reservations - info@elishahouse.on.ca or 905-735-9934