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Meal Program

The Congregational Care Team is looking for a person (s) to look after the meal program. If you would be interested in helping to organize occasional meals for people who may be in need, please call Joyce de Roo at 905 386 6719. This is a loving expression of God's care for his people, and you can be a part of it!

FROM COUNCIL: On Monday Feb. 8 Council will be meeting with our Classis Church Visitors (a CRC pastor & Elder from a neighboring church appointed by Classis, regional church body, to visit a particular church) to review the ministry at Bethany, both struggles and joys, including the work of the Council and staff. This is one way that we as sister churches of Classis Niagara hold each other accountable to the calling we all share. A report of this meeting will be presented at the next available meeting of Classis. If there are members of Bethany who wish to discuss with the Church Visitors any aspect or concern about Bethany church and her ministry, you are required to bring this request to the Council first before meeting with the Visitors. That way if the topic to be discussed can be answered/resolved by the Council, this relieves the Church Visitors from having to deal with it. If it cannot be addressed adequately, you are welcome to request time to speak to the Church Visitors about it.



Family Day Skate on February 15, 2016

This years Family Day Hockey Game and Skate will be in Memory of Claire Braun and Arnold Dykstra. The funds that are raised that day will be split between Rose City Kids and Smithville Christian High School as requested by the families (Note: If you choose to pay by cheque to one of the specific causes, a tax receipt will be issued by that organization). The Hockey Game will take place from 1:30-2:30

and the Open Skate will be from 2:30-3:30.

As always we are counting on our church community to help supply all the baked goods and the Hot Chocolate and Coffee. If there are any questions feel free to talk to either Steven or Richard Van Lochem.

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 29, 2016.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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School News

NACE Open Doors - Information Evening: If you have a child ready for school (Jr. Kindergarten through Grade 8 for September 2016), we'd like to invite you to our "Open Doors" information evenings scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, at 7:00 pm at John Knox Christian School and Thursday, February 4, at 7:00 pm at Covenant Christian School.



True Women Conference: On September 22-24, 2016 (Thursday-Saturday) there will be a women's conference at the *Indianapolis Convention Center* in Indianapolis, Indiana. Speakers include Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Mary Kassian. Keith and Kristyn Getty will be the worship leaders.

"There are 20 seats still available on the bus; they are going quickly. Cost for the bus is \$90CND return. Please make your cheque out to Bethany CRC and give to Lorraine Wierenga to reserve your seat. Registration for the conference is \$109US/person until May 2. A few H2H leaders will take care of registration in groups of 10 to obtain the lowest price. We plan to do this sometime between now and May 2, hoping the dollar will get a little better!! Hotel reservations are available as Feb 2 and can be booked personally online once they're available. You can cancel your room up to 24 before the conference if you need to. All this info is on the website. Go to www.truewoman16.com If you have any questions, talk to Wilma Vahrmeyer, Andrea Veldhuizen, or Lorraine Wierenga. We are so excited to take a bus load of Canadian women to this conference. Join us!! Your heart will be encouraged and challenged!!"

BETHANY LADIES BIBLE STUDY

"LIVING CRAZY LOVE" BY FRANCIS CHAN (10 week session)

BEGINNING: FEBRUARY 10TH, 7:30 P.M. AT CYNTHIA VERMEERS' HOME (698 SOUTH PELHAM, WELLAND)

"Love changes everything. It does more than make us feel happy in the midst of difficult situations. Love actually changes our approach to God. God's love for us means that we are called into a close relationship with our Creator. What a privilege."

"2Cor. 13:5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves"

"The thought of sitting down and examining myself is terrifying. In all honesty, I know there is sin in my life. I know there are areas of my life that I don't want to submit to God." No doubt there are many aspects of our life that may need change, keep in mind these changes need to flow from the heart, and not because we need to be "good enough" Join us as we discover these biblical truths. Call Joyce DeRoo or Mary Bokma for more information.

Other News

Coffee Break: Ladies as usual we will meet this coming Tuesday here at Grace CRC for our continuing study of the book of Acts. January is behind us and February is here. Spring is coming closer. Gail and Irene's group will study lesson #11. Jane's group studies lesson #

10, Jean and Henny's group study lesson #12. Snacks: Jane S., Ans R., Fran V. We will have the coffee and tea ready for you and we will start promptly at 9:30. See you ladies!

The month of February also mean that we are having our annual "Pancake Supper" next Tuesday February 9th. We hope to see many of you from Grace and Bethany here to help make our supper a success. The monies raised will help to continue to support our local community needs for places like Elisha House, Open Arms Mission and other special needs that might be presented to us. See you here February 9th.

Momentum Choir and To the King Male Chorus are joining voices in a concert on Friday, February 5, 7:00pm at Covenant CRC, 278 Parnell Rd, St. Catharines. Please join us for this entertaining evening! Book your tickets now by purchasing online at www.eventbrite.ca/o/momentum-choir-2834257892 or emailing in-fo@momentumchoir.ca. There is limited seating for this event so get your tickets now!

Shalom Wants Your Large Print Books

Did you know that Shalom Manor & Gardens has its own large print English library that is accessed daily by Residents? Did you also know that publishers are printing large print books in shorter supply since the introduction of e-readers? If you have any unwanted large print English books that are in good condition that we could add to our library, we'd love to receive them. Please contact Karen Plantinga for more information – 905-945-9631 ext. 1159 or kplantinga@shalommanor.ca – or drop them off at the reception desk between 8am-4pm Monday-Friday. Thank you in advance from our avid readers!

7th Annual HAMILTON PLACE CONCERT – March 26, 2016, DV

Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir

Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert of the 135 voice Hosanna Choir & 40 voice Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert which will once again be held, the Lord willing, at Hamilton Place on Saturday, March 26 at 7:30pm. In addition to our regular line-up of musicians of Ryan Vandenberg (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), Naomi VanManen (Piano), Scott Harrison & Shawn Spicer (trumpets), the concert will also feature Corey Gemmell (Violin), and Jacob Kramer (Baritone from Urk, the Netherlands). Tickets are available at \$17 & \$27. To obtain your tickets, contact a choir member, or contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or email her at hdenhollander@yahoo.com or online at <http://www.hosanna-choir.org/>

How should we to approach conflict in our church communities? Conflicts within churches are real but we can deal with them in a way that deepens relationship, strengthens community, and builds our faith. Join us for a three day hands-on training, including support afterwards, on "Learning How to Grow Restorative Churches". The training is offered through Shalem Mental Health Network and will be in Whitby, ON on April 19 - 21, 2016. If you attend a CAP church, you are eligible for a 10% discount on the training fee. For more information and to register for the training, visit: <http://shalemnetwork.org/workshop/faithcare-training-2/> or call 905.528.0353 or toll free 866.347.0041

Looking to grow in your relationship? Join us for a Couples Weekend Workshop, to learn proven strategies to strengthen your relationship. Hold Me Tight is a weekend workshop designed around seven conversations, all of which have been shown to be essential to successful relationships. Consider attending if you want to connect more deeply, or want to get "unstuck" from your patterns, or if you are in established or new relationships. The workshop is offered through Shalem Mental Health Network and will be in Ancaster, ON on April 15 - 17, 2016. For more information and to register for the training, visit: <http://shalemnetwork.org/workshop/holdmetight/> or call 905.528.0353 or toll free 866.347.0041