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FROM SAFE CHURCH TEAM:

As summer is here we remind all members that a safe church is a community effort. We are very blessed to worship in a safe community, but we do want to remind everyone that if you observe a safety concern please do not hesitate to bring it forward to an Usher, an Elder, a Safe Church Team member or the Pastor. We do remind everyone that all doors other than the main entrance are locked at the beginning of the service. It is also good practice to conceal valuables and lock vehicle doors as church parking lots would be an easy target for thieves. Most importantly, with the nice weather here please remind your children not to play in the parking area. In addition to this we ask that everyone watch for children and use extra caution when driving in the parking lot.
SAFE CHURCH TEAM



Request for Summer Day Camp Support Person

There is a special request for a "friendly buddy" volunteer to come along side of a 6 year old boy who will be participating in the Welland Summer Day Camp Program.

Sebastian is in need of some gentle support to help keep him on track, and to help him transition activities throughout the day.

We are looking for a mature high school student who has their own transportation, is interested in working with kids and is also in need of community volunteer hours. We will gladly provide a letter of recommendation to assist in applications to post secondary education programs.

The camp program runs daily 9am- 5pm for the months of July and August.

Ideally we would love to work with 2 or 3 volunteers as we appreciate this would be a big time commitment for 1 person.

If you are interested or know of anyone else interested in this opportunity, please contact Sandra Stam @ cell # 905-658-6073

Other News

Sexual Purity/Addiction:

Dear Congregation Member: Greetings. You are no doubt aware of the subtle and stealthy manner in which social media is influencing our decisions and values. Even those of us who

by prayerful and constant use of God's instructions, try to live a life of sexual purity, can be drawn into the sexual battle against pornography.

You are invited to spend a couple hours with Brent Thomas, Executive Director of Elisha House in Welland and his colleague, Glen Slingerland to hear more about pornography and sexual purity. In the battle for sexual purity, we learn that what starts off as a moral problem, quickly becomes a brain problem.

All are welcome. Youngsters under 16 are welcome at the discretion of their parents. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, 17 Robinson Rd., Dunnville. For additional information, email: George Eygenraam at gaeygenraam@gmail.com or phone Hank Hultink at [905-701-4386](tel:905-701-4386). There will be a freewill offering for Elisha House."

In His Service,
The Spiritual Health Outreach Team

Dear Supporters,

Elisha House is offering a Biblical Healing Group in June, 2017. Uprooting Anger on Thursdays from 7-9pm, starting June 20th and ending September 7th. Uprooting Anger: Everyone experiences anger, but few of us handle it in a Christ-centered way. In his book Uprooting Anger, Robert Jones focuses on changing the underlying motivations and beliefs of the heart that drive angry behavior. This course is designed to offer a biblically-based, practical guide to having our self-centered hearts transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, as opposed to simply learning to manage our anger. By uprooting these heart problems, participants will learn to express righteous anger in a God-glorifying way and see the fruit of thorough and lasting change in their lives.

For more information about this group go to <http://www.elishahouse.on.ca/biblical-healing-groups/6305>

To sign up or for more info call 905-735-9934 or email counselors@elishahouse.on.ca. If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible for planning purposes.



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Mental Health Network

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Elisha House

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Come and see how you can join us in our fight against poverty on Saturday, June 3
Open House 1:00 to 4:00pm, Croatian Hall, 6 Broadway, Welland. Celebrate 30 years of serving our community. Explore over 25 displays showcasing all the ways we are fighting poverty. Hear the truth about poverty in Welland. See how food sustainability is possible. Hear how training opportunities can break the chains of poverty. Catch a vision for the future.

Performances by local musicians: Emily Yochim, Andrew Thompson and Heather Glabb. Refreshments will be served. Invite a friend! All are welcome

Bible League Canada an evening of inspiration: Bible League Canada is inviting you to come out to a dessert evening of information and inspiration. You will have an opportunity to hear about the exciting work that God is doing in India. Bible League representatives Ashley Sherbino and Norm Cheng will be hosting this special evening. Bill and Hilda Vander Klippe will share from their recent Bible League trip to India; thousands of lives are being transformed through the various ministries that Bible League Canada supports in India. You will be inspired as you hear about courageous Church Planters, communities being transformed through the work of Adult Bible-based Literacy classes, and Children's Bible Clubs.

Date: Monday, June 12th, 2017 | 7 pm - 8:30 pm, Location: Covenant Christian Reformed Church, 278 Parnell Rd. St. Catharines, ON. RSVP: 905-397-0502, or email: hildavk@gmail.com or ncheng@bibleleague.ca

NIAGARA CHRISTIAN GLEANERS STRAWBERRY SOCIAL:

You are warmly invited to attend the Niagara Christian Gleaners strawberry social, to be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 2 pm to 5 pm at the Overbeeke farm, 1353 Balfour St., Fenwick, ON. We are excited and pleased to be able to share with you, how the Lord is leading and opening doors to begin a new Gleaners location, modeled after the Ontario Christian Gleaners in Cambridge. Please join us for strawberries, ice cream, fellowship, games, hay rides etc. and enjoy a presentation highlighting the current plans. This is a free family event, your donations to Niagara Christian Gleaners will be tax receipted as per CRA guidelines. You will learn how the Gleaners assists mission organizations and how you can help by financially supporting this work. We hope to engage all ages, teenagers to seniors, volunteering in bringing a meal to those who are hungry! "For truly I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward" Mark 9:41

Loving Your Neighbor

Ever been engaged in a conversation and you wanted to say something about what you believe about God but didn't know what to say? Have you ever tried to express your faith to someone and given up in frustration? Ever wish you were better prepared in expressing your faith to your friends and neighbors? Do you live in the tension of wanting to make disciples but don't know where to start? You're not alone. While these are great questions to wonder about there is a first step to "Always being prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" 1 Peter 3:15

We are inviting you to a one evening workshop where you will receive practical guidance to help you move towards engaging people with a different world view and encouraging them to consider God, who created us, loves us and wants us to know him.

Date: Tuesday Evening June 20th from 7pm till 9pm

Place: Providence Church Main Auditorium 4845 King St East Beamsville

Presenters: Mike Collins the Community Pastor for the Town of Lincoln and Nicole Wikkerink Providence Church Small Group Director.

Report of Classis Niagara Meeting, May 17, 2017

Classis Niagara is a group of 12 Christian Reformed Churches (CRC) and 2 emerging churches located in the Niagara Region. Delegates from these churches composed of ministers, elders, and deacons gather as a Classis three times per year to encourage, equip, and empower one another in ministry to engage God's people in mission.

This meeting of Classis involved a significant shift in reshaping the culture of Classis around its mission statement to encourage, equip, and empower churches and ministries to engage God's people in mission, and its five values of prayerful dependence, authentic community, covenantal relationships, leadership development, and disciples making disciples.

Prayerful Dependence on God: Rev. Couperus chaired the meeting and welcomed delegates and guests to Mountainview CRC. The meeting began with a time of worship as Pastor Elly Boersma led Classis with singing and Rev. Couperus gave a meditation on John 21 where Jesus encouraged, equipped, and empowered his disciples to engage in God's mission. The meeting then opened with prayer.

Authentic Community: Reports were received from seven churches that answered questions regarding (1) how has God been answering prayers in your church, (2) how has the work of your leadership strengthened fellowship in your church, (3) how has your congregation intentionally reached into your community with God's mission, (4) what books, seminars, conferences and training have your leaders used, and (5) how is your church being encouraged, equipped, and empowered by Classis Niagara and the CRC. The various stories the churches shared was moving and inspiring testifying to how God's Spirit is at work among us. Following each church report, Classis spent time uplifting the church in prayer.

Covenantal relationships: Classis approved the use of published yearbook numbers of confessing members less inactive members and members under age 18 to determine ministry shares for each of the churches. Classis also approved two overtures from Covenant CRC asking the CRCNA to establish a compensation survey for Commissioned Pastors and a defined contribution pension fund for Commissioned Pastors that will be sent to Synod.

Leadership Development: Classis approved a revised Ministry Leadership Team funding policy and a revised mandate for assisting students financially, emotionally, and spiritually who are preparing for full time ministry in the CRC. Also after sustaining an examination involving preaching and knowledge of Scripture and doctrine, Mr. Peter Beimers was approved for licensure to exhort in Classis Niagara and is available for churches to use for pulpit supply.

Disciples Making Disciples: Rev. Kleine Deters reported on the Bridge church plant of Niagara Falls and the impact they are making on the downtown community. Ms. Hilda VanderKlippe reported on the Village Church and blessings God is providing during this time of seeking a new pastor. Dr. André Basson reported on the chaplaincy work at Brock University and the opportunities he has for ministering to students. Mention was also made about churches conducting summer camps and the benefits these camps provide for reaching into the community. Elder Rick Moloen of Faith Fellowship CRC challenged the churches of Classis to use the 150th anniversary of Canada as an opportunity to reach out into the community to celebrate the blessings of God on this nation. Churches were also reminded about commemorating of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Our next regular meeting is planned for October 18, 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