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Mental Health Network

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www.shalemnetwork.org
Confidential congregation-
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Elisha House
Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

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Report of Classis Niagara Meeting, October 25, 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 continued reshaping the culture of Classis around its **mission statement** to encourage, equip, and empower churches and ministries to engage God's people in mission based on its **five values** of prayerful dependence, authentic community, covenantal relationships, leadership development, and disciples making new disciples.

Prayerful Dependence on God: Rev. Colin Vander Ploeg welcomed delegates and guests to Trinity CRC of St. Catharines. Ms. Hilda VanderKlippe then introduced the theme "Disciples making new disciples" for this session. She also introduced seminarian Terrance Schilstra who, working with the Village Church and attending Tyndale Seminary, led Classis in an opening devotion focused on our calling as God's missional people based on Genesis 1:26-28. Schilstra encouraged delegates to be God's image bearers who are spoken forth into the world as a dynamic presence bearing witness to the glory of God.

Authentic Community: Reports were shared by seven churches that answered questions regarding (1) What practical ways is your church equipping others to make disciples? (2) How does your church help followers of Jesus understand that all of life is missional? (3) What does your church do to intentionally train/equip leaders/members in doing this? (4) What has been the focus of your outreach as a church? And (5) how is your church discipling young people beyond programs? The stories shared spoke of God's faithfulness in both successes and difficulties, along with a renewed sense of urgency in this area of ministry. Following each report, prayers were offered for that church's ministry.

Disciples Making New Disciples: Hilda VanderKlippe reviewed the mandate of the Missions Development Team "to lead classis to empower and equip churches and individuals to multiply ministries that will reach their local communities so that not yet Christians may embrace Jesus as Lord" and then led an equipping session on "Disciple Making." A list of resources were made available to the delegates. Breaking out into small groups, Classis then discussed questions on "What does missional ministry look like in your context?" and "What are the next steps for your church?"

Covenantal relationships: Classis approved the use of the Bridge App for all its churches. In a surprise announcement, Dr. Roorda reported that because Classis Niagara has been in partnership with this project for the last year the cost for the first year involvement for Classis was free. Classis also approved support for "New Pastors to Canada Gathering" in January 2018, the Canadian Youth Ministry Champions Team meeting in January 2018, and the proposed 2018 budget. There were two motions approved regarding the Campus Ministry Review Task Force. First, that Classis adopt the principle that direction for Campus Ministry be rooted in a church or cohort of churches to define and lead Campus Ministry in partnership with Classis. Second, that each ministry of Classis will review with their leadership how they envision their support of and participation in campus ministry and report this to Classis in February 2018.

Leadership Development: The Classis Ministry Leadership Team was pleased to report that we are now supporting six students who are preparing for ministry in the Christian Reformed Church. Supporting these students involves each one of our core ministry values as God is using Classis Niagara, our churches, and ministries to ensure the next generation of leaders in his Church. Praise be to God!

Our next regular meeting is planned for February 21, 2018 at Bethany CRC. 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

Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update

Doing ministry together: September 2017

| | PLAN | ACTUAL |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bethany Income | \$ 344,464.83 | \$ 302,322.80 |
| Bethany Expenses | \$ 344,464.83 | \$ 330,006.38 |
| Collected for Classis | \$ 11,417.04 | \$ 11,417.04 |
| Collected for CRC | \$ 44,903.52 | \$ 47,248.52 |
| 2 nd Offering (September) | | |
| Shalom Manor..... | | \$1,873.00 |
| Deacons..... | | \$3,256.00 |
| Smithville Christian High..... | | \$552.00 |
| World Renew..... | | \$225.00 |

Other News

GIRL TALK - Come out for a night of fun with your friends as Sheila Wray Gregoire joins us for a night of straight talk about marriage and intimacy. She's a best selling author who will give us practical advice to help our marriages thrive and have us laughing at the same time. So grab your girlfriends, young or old, and come out on Thursday, November 16 at 7pm at Providence Church 4845 King St. Beamsville. Desserts will be served! Tickets are \$15 before November 1st and \$20 after or

at the door. They are available at the Providence church office or online at tickets.buzztix.com/event/Beamsville

MISSION TRIP TO HONDURAS. The Carpenteros and Friends in partnership with World Renew and Harvest Honduras invite you to be a part of a team headed for La Barranquilla in January 2018 D.V..

The dates are approx. Jan 23 to Feb 2. The team will assist families with various home improvement projects such as concrete floors, pilas and roof repairs, and also participate in various community activities including worship services. While in Honduras, the group also visits other communities where the Carpenteros have sent support or teams. The cost for the trip will be approx. \$2,200 per person, which includes the flight, in country expenses and food. If interested, or if you would like more information, please contact Nick Groen asap at 519-647-3575 or nickalice@gmail.com. Gracias.

SHALOM MANOR & GARDENS JOB OPPORTUNITY – Presently, we have open positions available in the Dietary department at Shalom. If you are interested in applying to be part of the Dietary Team, then please submit your resume to payroll@shalommanor.ca. Thank you & we look forward to hearing from you!

SHALOM MANOR & GARDENS NOVEMBER SALE

It is time again, for the November Sale which will take place from 10 am to 2pm on Saturday, November 25. We will have a vendor's market, plants, pictures with Sinterklaas and a warm boerenkool lunch. We hope to see you there!

Changing the world one child at a time

MULLY playing in RCK THEATRE November 18

"MULLY is a stunning and poignant microcosm of the Kingdom of God. In Him, we are transformed from orphans to sons and daughters, just as Charles Mully has transformed thousands of street-bound orphans into a vibrant, flourishing family. His story, brilliantly captured in this film, will move and encourage you. Run, don't walk, to see this film!"

MULLY - IN ROSE CITY KIDS THEATRE! PLAYING NOVEMBER 18 @ 7:00 pm, 99 East Main street, Welland (Free event-free parking on streets and across the road @ city hall/court house) Recommended ages: 10 and up (100 minutes)

Rose City Kids Needs More Volunteers

As Dr Wes Stafford wrote:

If God stands a child before you, for even just a minute, it is a divine appointment. You have the chance to launch a life, if you will. You never know when you are making a memory.

With each child you encounter, you have the power and opportunity to build up...or, tragically, to tear down. A life can be greatly influenced with as little as a single word, an uplifting comment, a well-timed hug, a tender prayer, a compliment, the holding of a frightened hand or the gentle wiping of a tear-all in just one minute!

And all of us, with no training, are qualified to do it. No one can say, Well children are not my thing- I don't "get" them. I don't know how to handle them, act around them, or relate to them." The truth is, you deserve an honorary doctorate in "childhood". If you're an adult you have done 18 years of "field research" in this complex subject. Having been a child yourself, you've experienced firsthand all there is to know about childhood—you may know what it feels like done right, or sadly, what it feels like done horribly wrong. You are who you are and act the way you do because of those years spent as a child.

On that note, RCK has 500 children placed in our care- every single one of them is precious! Every one of our children would love to be built up or influenced by someone positive.

Rose City Kids is expanding! A new space is presently being renovated for youth 12 to 16 yrs old. With that comes opportunities for new programs from drop in evenings to organized girls and guys programs over and above the program we are presently offering them on Saturday afternoons.

If you feel God calling you to serve please consider helping us out! Imagine if all 500 of the children attending the programs were greatly influenced by some pretty amazing adults, what difference that could make. Please prayerfully consider joining our team! Together we can continue reaching more children! If interested please email us @ sonya@rosecitykids.com thanks!!



Those of you who have filled boxes for Operation Christmas Child, the last day that you can bring them to church will be November 12th. If you don't bring them by that date, you will need to bring them directly to Wellspring Community Church, 370 South Pelham Street in Welland no later than November 19th

Request for Volunteers to help the Alhamoud Family

(our Syrian sponsored family now living in Welland)

Now that the Alhamoud family begins to settle into their new home, we are in need of volunteers to help them.

DRIVERS- are needed to take family members to dentist or Dr. appointments. Volunteers must have a good driving record and we prefer that you have a current police check.

BABYSITTERS- because both parents are required to attend English as a Second language classes daily, there are times when the children need to be watched during the day. If you are available on specific days or evenings, that is fine. We also need individuals who could be available on an emergency/last minute basis. Any volunteer must be comfortable and experienced with dealing with young busy children. You will also need a current police check (your Bethany CRC police check is acceptable)

Please contact Wendy Vahrmeyer at [905 892 2426](tel:9058922426) if you can help us.



ELISHA HOUSE
PREGNANCY & FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE

Tues November 7
7-8:30pm
Christ Community Church
Welland

Join us in honouring
our new moms & their
babies

For more information please call
905-735-9934
Please RSVP
to anita@elishahouse.on.ca

Baby Shower

celebrating
a baby girl and a baby boy

Amelia due in
November

NEEDS:

Pre paid Visa Cards
Walmart gift card
No Cash please

*due to the unique nature of this baby's health,
financial gifts to assist with a prolonged hospital stay would be
appreciated

Lincoln due in
December

NEEDS:

Gift Cards(Groceries, Walmart,
Baby Stores)
Clothing
Diapers & Wipes
No Cash please

This is the Meal Train for Anne Van Lochem:

<https://mealtrain.com/l74ezw>

What is a meal train?

There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a Meal Train. Bethany will be utilizing this free app instead of calling the congregation (*unless you wish a phone call please let Becky Van Lochem know)

mealtrain.com is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful.

So please show hospitality to Anne as she has surgery and battles on this breast cancer journey. Click the link above to enter the site and sign up!

Thank you Bethany congregation.

Email Rosie Enzlin- rosieenzlin@gmail.com with any questions.



Coffee Break: Looks like everyone is enjoying and getting into our study of 1 Peter. There have been some great discussions. This coming week we again meet here at Grace CRC to continue this study. Coffee and tea will be ready for you at 9:15 and we start promptly at 9:30. Gail's group start question 6 of lesson 4, Barb's group is also at question 6 of lesson 4. Joyce's group and Wendy's group both start Lesson #5 "If I'm Living Right, Then Why Do I Hurt So Much?". Hope to see all of you here. Leading: Gail, Kitchen Clean-Up: Jennifer R., Sue DeW, Theresa V.O., Babysitting: Janet F., Karen V.V.

School News

FAMILY FUN FEST

6 more days till our annual school community family fun event. Located at Smithville Christian Highschool 6488 Townline Road, Smithville Ontario. We can't wait to see

you all there!

Come and meet Paw Patrol from 10-12

All you can eat breakfast begins at 7:30 – 9:30. bacon, eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast.

Lunch 11:30 – 1:30 French fries, poutine, boerenkoel (kale & potatoes with sausage), croquettes, onion rings, chicken caesar wraps, chicken caesar salad, pork on a bun, chilli & bun, pea soup, chicken fingers, pizza

Snack Shak 6:00 – 8:30 mini pizza, boerenkoel, croquettes, fish and chips, beef on a bun, nachos and cheese, veggies and dip

Rooms open at 9:00 – 2:00 Marketplace, Kids Zone, Home Décor, Plants, Christmas, Silent Auction, Penny Sale, Milkshakes, Desserts, Bouncy Castles, Cotton Candy, Popcorn balloons, and much much more.....

Live auction begins at 7:00 pm.

Can you help? Please take a look at the volunteer chart, is there spaces you would be willing to help out in? We would love to see you there! <http://signup.com/go/mXiSjx>

Urns are available to preorder this year. \$65.00 for the first and \$60.00 for each thereafter. Red, Gold and Natural. To preorder please call Wendy at CCS 905-957-7796.

We are in need of all the bakers out there! If this is something that you enjoy doing? Everyone loves fresh baked goods.

If you have any questions please contact Elaine Van Hoorn 905-562-8299 or email @ elaine@vanhoorns.ca.

Hello Everyone!

For my schools South Africa 2018 trip, I will be selling croquettes and bitterballen to help fundraise for my trip to Theo Centric Christian School!

Croquette Small Box is \$45.00 (36)

Croquette Large Box is \$85.00 (72)

Bitterballen Small Box is \$42.00 (72)

Bitterballen Large Box is \$76.00 (144)

Orders have to be in by November 24, and they will be delivered early December!

Contact Tawnya Van Hoorn if you would like any at: (text) 905-321-9995 or email me at tawnya.vanhoorn@gmail.com



Concerts

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 - Save the date: We have chosen our dates for the upcoming Christmas performances. Our first concert is Friday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. and the following day Saturday, December 16 at 5:30 and 8:00. We welcome everyone to enjoy a night of praise and worship as we celebrate Christ's birth.

HOSANNA CHOIR- NOVEMBER 20TH

Grace CRC in Welland (660 South Pelham Rd) invites you to join us for an evening of music presented by the 140 voice Hosanna Choir under the direction of Herman den Hollander on Monday, November 20 at 8:00 P.M. Freewill offering will be held for Elisha house. For more info contact Elisha House or John den Hollander at 289-820-9335. We look forward to seeing you!



We're on the web!
www.bethanycrc.ca