



NEWSLETTER

Deep Connecting
Lifelong Equipping
Compassionate Serving

September 8, 2024

Services/Events

Today - Church year kickoff (service outside, weather permitting) –bring your lawn chairs!
- Youth Talks take place at Bethany, starts at 5:30 pm with food, fellowship and worship

Sept 15th - Celebration of the **Lord's Supper**

Sept 29th - Safe Church Sunday

Collections

Today - World Renew

September 15th - Reframe Ministries

September 22nd - Niagara Christian Gleaners

September 29th - Shalom Manor



YOUTH TALKS SEASON KICK-OFF: Youth and Young Adults are invited to join together for the evening TONIGHT at Bethany CRC in Fenwick (1040 Balfour Street). Arrive between 5:30-7pm to enjoy fresh cut fries + ice cream, socializing, and lawn games. Outdoor 'Worship in the Tent' will begin at 7pm. Our speaker for the evening will be Pastor Dave Scholman from Covenant CRC, and Terry Posthumus will lead us in music. You don't want to miss this!

"CAST" (Christian Artists/StoryTellers) will meet on Wednesday Sept 11th from 7-9pm in the multi-use room on the main floor. If you are interested in joining this Artist bible study group, please speak with Tim Medhurst.

Sept 11th - Study time from 7-9pm

Sept 25th - Painting time: 2-4pm & 7-9pm

Oct. 9th - Study time from 7-9pm

Oct 23rd - Painting time: 2-4pm & 7-9pm

Nov 6th - Study time from 7-9pm

Nov 20th - Painting time: 2-4pm & 7-9pm

Dec 4th - Study time from 7-9pm

Dec 18th - Painting time: 2-4pm & 7-9pm

Coffee Break Welland - Our new Coffee Break season will be starting on Sept. 10 at 9:30 Looking forward to seeing everyone again. We have a great morning planned and are looking forward to seeing everyone again . See you at Grace CRC, 660 South Pelham Rd, Welland.

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays, Tuesday Sept 10, 2024 from 7pm-9pm at Zion Free Reformed Church, 1075 Boyle Road, Fenwick. This evening is for people grieving the loss of a loved one, whose holiday seasons can feel hurtful and sad. Whether your loss was recent or years ago, holidays can be painful reminders that your loved one is no longer here to celebrate . GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays will bring reassurance, practical advice, and a way forward through the season. GriefShare is a Christ-centered, biblically based support group. The GriefShare videos present experts, ministers, and Christian counselors discussing grief and recovery subjects helpful to people in grief. Real people share their stories of what has helped them deal with the pain of losing a family member or friend through death. For more information contact Frank and Joanne Fousert at 519-852-6574 or email at joannefousert@gmail.com or visit www.griefshare.org/holidays. For planning purposes, please let us know if you plan to attend. Thanks.

LIFE CHAIN: Annual Day of Public Witness for Children Killed by Abortion

Life Chain is held at over 320 locations across Canada each year. Please mark your calendar—the next Life Chain will be on Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 2-3 pm.

Here are some locations:

GRIMSBY* Main St E at Bartlett Ave 1-2 pm

GRIMSBY* Main St W at Christie St 1-2 pm

ST. CATHARINES Lake St at Carlton St 2:30-3:30 pm

STONEY CREEK Hwy 20 (Centennial Pkwy) at Hwy 8 (Queenston Rd E) 2:30-3:30 pm

STONEY CREEK Hwy 8 (Queenston Rd) at Gray Rd 2:30-3:30 pm

If you would like to join Jim & Laura Sebert at one of these locations, please contact Laura at hope_in_christ@yahoo.ca

Concert: Proclamation Quartet at Bethel CRC in Dunnville, Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 7 p.m. They are a gospel music quartet renowned for passionately spreading the good news through melodious harmonies. In a world that is hurting and in desperate need of answers, the Proclamation Quartet is a constant reminder of our Redeemer's promise: "...and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Come and join us.

Awake to Praise Choir: We are still looking to fill some spots in all sections for our Fall season. If you'd like to join us, please visit our website at www.awaketopraisechoir.com. We practice every Monday from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. at the Vineland Free Reformed church. Concert dates are Saturday, November 9, and Monday, November 11.

SAVE THE DATE! Mountainview Church in Grimsby is excited to announce Ken Medema in concert Saturday November 23rd. Mark your calendar and join us! Tickets on sale soon. www.mountainviewcrc.org/events

Open Arms Mission Items of the Month - Thanksgiving themed: instant mashed potatoes,, boxes of stuffing, cans of gravy and cranberries etc.

River's Edge Haven of Hope's Fall Fest & Vendor Show

Join us at River's Edge Haven of Hope (1 Haldimand County Road 17, Dunnville) Saturday, October 26th 11 am- 3 pm. for our 3rd Annual Fall Fest & Vendor Show! There will be a tasty variety of food to purchase and enjoy for lunch. Take the family for a day of animal demonstrations/presentations, browse the vendors, buy fresh flowers for your table, baked goods for Sunday, fresh produce and much more! All the proceeds from lunch, the Farmers Market, Bake Sale, and River's Edge Apparel, fund this Ministry. We appreciate your financial support! There are still a *few vendor spots* available, the deadline to apply is September 21 (email promotions@riversedge.ca). We are also always looking for *baked good donations* for the Bake Sale. Message or call Sandra Oosterhof 905-229-8616 or AnnMarie Sjaarda 905-745-6934 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance!



Clarity Pregnancy Options Annual Dessert Social is coming up Friday, September 20th at 6pm. There's no cost to attend but there will be a free-will offering and reservations are required, so book your seats or a table of ten! For more details and to RSVP go to www.clarityevents.ca or call 289-273-8806. Join us in celebrating how faithful the Lord has been in this ministry!

Come and See What God is Doing: CRC Gather! 2024, Monday, November 18, beginning with dinner at 5 pm, concluding at noon on Wednesday, November 20 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Niagara Falls We're bringing together Christian Reformed people from across North America for fellowship, encouragement and renewal. Fifteen people from Classis Niagara are welcome to attend. Through facilitated storytelling in small groups, participants will discuss ways God is bringing life to our congregations, how we can encourage greater participation and where God is leading us in the coming months and years. All expenses are covered through a generous grant. Contact Wendy de Jong statedclerkniagara@gmail.com to register by October 14. To learn more, visit crcna.org/Gather.

Need support, prayer or to talk to someone?

Contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 (call/text) or Joyce De Roo 905-327-6569 (call/text)

Bethany also offers members/attendees the following confidential congregationally supported counseling:

Insight Biblical Counselling

Book directly with them. Usage is confidential and available to all congregants with the first 6 sessions paid by Bethany. Mention you are a part of Bethany CRC. 905-734-4379 www.seekinsight.ca & info@seekinsight.ca

Congregational Assistance Plan (CAP)

Shalem Mental Health Network provides professional faith-based counseling services to our church through the Congregational Assistance Plan ... confidential and available to all congregants, at no cost for the first 6 sessions. Mention you are a part of Bethany CRC. To book an appt call Shalem directly at: 1-866-347-0041, or text 289-335-3543, or emailoffice@shalemnetwork.org

All other church contact info: 905-892-8980 info@bethanycrc.ca www.bethanycrc.ca

