



# BETHANY BUGLE



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## Council Bugle Report

Meeting: Wednesday, 16 April 2014

Attendees:

Elders: Rudy Boverhof, Kevin DeBoer, Alfred Kiers, Jerry Kiers, Mark Vahrmeyer, Pastor Colin VanderPloeg, Ray VanHuizen, Tim VanHoffen, Pete Wierenga

Deacons: Nate Anjema, Rob Bouwers, Peter Bulk, Louis Dam, George Gritter, Ken Langendoen

Absent with Notice: Kevin Twomey

- Chairman Tim VanHoffen opened with welcome and greetings. Scripture reading from Psalm 113 and devotional written by AW Tozer. Reflective thoughts on how our sinful nature desires to share in the glory that is rightfully God's alone. Time spent in prayers of praises, intercession and thanksgiving.

- Minutes from Council meeting held 19 March 2014 received. Motion to accept as presented. 2nd. Carried.

- Matters arising from the minutes. Election of office bearers is scheduled for 4 May 2014. Ballot counters are: Ken Langendoen, Ray VanHuizen, Pete Wierenga, Debbie Boverhof, Matt Dam & Elaine VanHoorn. Installation is planned for 1 June 2014.

- Minutes from Congregational meeting held 9 April 2014 received. Motion to accept as presented. 2nd. Carried.

- Deacons Report - received for information. Question of flexibility in the offering schedule as it relates to planned services. An updated benevolence policy will reflect what is permitted within current CRA guidelines and regulations.

- Finance Team Reports - received for information. Permission was granted to engage a lawyer to review/update our articles of incorporation.

- Fellowship Team Report - received for information. The movie "God is not Dead" will be available shortly and will be shown for Bethany members at the Rose City Kids theatre. More details to follow. Plans are in the works for the strawberry social.

- Buildings and Grounds Team Report - received for information. Guidelines were presented that show limitations as it relates to requests from others to rent our facilities. An emergency plan is being drafted. New signage is also a project the team is making work of.

- Safe Church Team Report - received for information. Discussed methods and guidelines that will protect individuals and personal information when items are printed in our bulletin and/or bugle. Essentially these are public documents available for anyone to read.

- Bethany Summer Day Camp Report - received for information. Final hiring has been completed.

- Correspondence Report - Request for Robert Wood Singers to use facilities for a fundraiser event for VanDriel's on Saturday, 20 September 2014. Granted

- Transition Process Followup. #7 Facilities - Council studied and discussed this portion of the final report. In addition to this portion of the final report from Pastor Hogeterp, council discussed an inquiry from the recent congregational meeting open forum. The question was raised if council is considering a facilities expansion that may include a gymnasium to meet our ministry needs? Council believes there is merit in exploring this further to determine what a next step may look like. Motion: "To establish a team to embark on a feasibility study relating to a possible facilities' expansion." 2nd. Discussion. An invitation is extended to any member who would like to be a part of this team to advise the clerk (clerk@bethanycrc.ca). This team will report their findings to council in the fall of 2014. Carried.

- Miscellaneous.

1. Presentation by representatives of Family Outreach Ontario - outlining the ministry they are engaged in. Opportunity for questions. Time spent in prayer and blessing.

Adjournment 9:52 pm

- Closing prayer: Deacon Ken Langendoen

# School News Covenant Christian School

Get Ready - Get Set - Read . . . is an introduction to literacy for children who will be of Junior Kindergarten age in September 2014. This program will run for approximately 2½ hours in the morning the first 4 Thursdays in May at John Knox Christian School in Stoney Creek and approximately 2 hours all the Tuesdays in May at Covenant Christian School in Smithville. The Thursday at John Knox are May 1, 8, 15, 22. The Tuesdays at Covenant are May 6, 13, 20 & 27. If you or a friend would like to enrol in this program or if you'd like more information, please call either school. Flyers/Registration forms are available in the school offices. JKCS – 905-643-2460 or CCS – 905-957-7796.

## SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGHSCHOOL

### Spring Membership Meeting

Smithville Christian High School invites you to its spring membership meeting on Thursday, April 24. Come for coffee and fellowship at 7:30; meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. Catch up with fellow Christian school supporters, spend some time at the school and learn about the many things currently happening here. We look forward to seeing you.

### Smithville Christian High School proudly presents:

"Leaving Iowa!", a comedy about family vacations that is both laugh out loud and poignant. This is a play that we will all be able to enjoy, because we've all been there. 'Getting lost ... again', 'kids arguing in the back', and 'being endlessly stuck behind RVs' ... are just a few of the memories that this play presents with true hilarity, and at times, touching sensitivity. The heart of the play is a son coming to terms with memories of his father, and recognizing the values of family and love.

May 2 and 3 (Friday and Saturday), May 8, 9, and 10 (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday)

Tickets: \$12.50 in advance, \$15.00 at the door, All performances: 8 p.m.

For tickets: In Person: Office of Smithville Christian High School, Phone: 905-957-3255,

Email: office@smithvillechristian.ca

**Wheels for Van Driels**

**Fundraising  
Craft, Plant and Bake Sale**

**May 3, 2014  
9am-2pm**

**1040 Balfour Rd, Fenwick  
ON**

**Includes: Free Kids Fun Zone,  
30+ Craft Vendors, Outdoor Plant  
Area, Silent Auction, Quilt Raffle,  
and More!!!**

**Free Will Donations Welcome!!**

The Meals For Wheels Cookbook is here!! Buy as many as you want, for yourself, or buy a few and give or sell to your family and )  
Come find me any time for your cookbook! Or I can put your order in your mailslot if you prefer. Thanks, Sonya Van Driel.

### EASTER EGGS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. - JOHN 20:31 NIV

## Other News

**Coffee Break:** Open Arms Pancake Breakfast: April 22nd will be a special morning for our Coffee Break Ladies.. This is the morning we will be at Open Arms Mission serving a pancake breakfast for their special people. Those who will be cooking should be there at 7:30, All the others should be there by 8:30. Remember to meet for carpooling as parking is limited and street parking is only available on the right side only. If you are car pooling be at Grace CRC by 7:15 for the 7:30 crew and 8:15 for the 8:30 group. See you all at Open Arms. This is one way we can show what we have learned in our study of hospitality and put it to work, Pray for open hearts to see God's love through us.

**Wholehearted Men's Conference – Saturday, May 24 at Mountainview CRC:** It's not a men's retreat- it's an advance! Sons, brothers, fathers and husbands – are you experiencing all the life that Jesus has for you? Understand the epic adventure you've been called into. For further details and to register, go to [www.wholeheartedmen.com](http://www.wholeheartedmen.com).

**Sing Glory to Our Creator - Mass Choir Concert** -The date is set and you can now purchase your tickets! May 24th, 2014 will be an unforgettable evening of praise to our Creator God. One mass choir of over

300 voices will shake the ground at Hamilton Place, accompanied by organ, piano, trumpets, flutes and strings. Also making a special appearance is the Anchor Band and Choir. Ambassadors Christian School cordially invites you to join us! Tickets are now available for purchase at the FirstOntario Box office between 9am and 5pm (101 York Boulevard, Hamilton), by phone (905-546-4040) or online at [ticketmaster.ca](http://ticketmaster.ca) (search for Sing Glory to Our Creator).

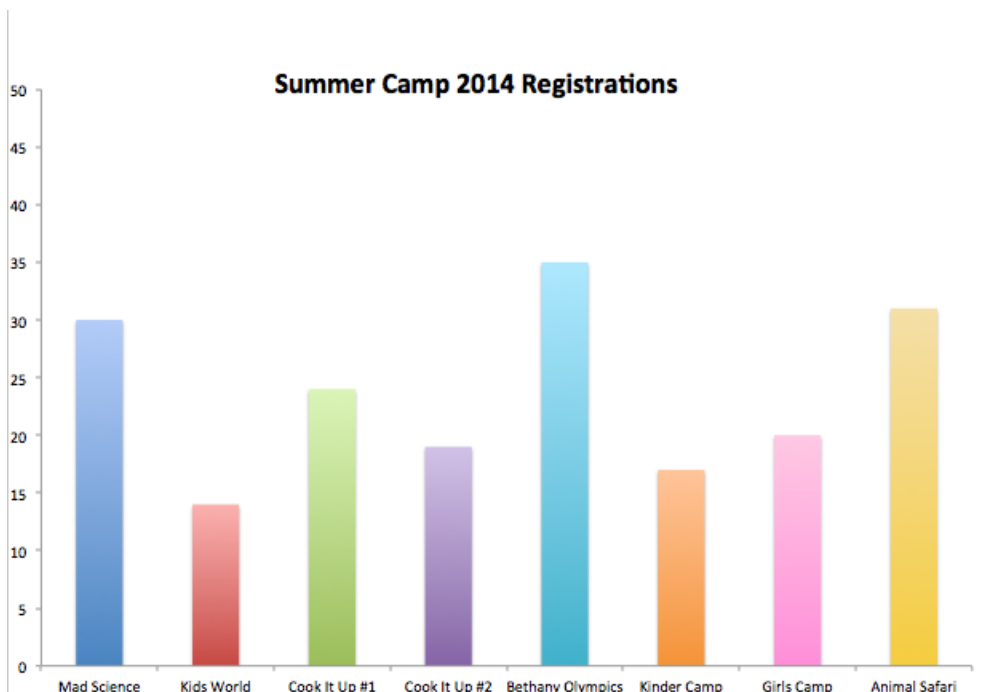
Proceeds of this event will benefit Anchor Association and Ambassadors Christian School in Ottawa. For questions, please contact Evelyn at 613-823-9141 or [ev.nieuwenhuis@gmail.com](mailto:ev.nieuwenhuis@gmail.com). We can't wait to see you there!

**Mountainview Performing Arts** presents the Uplifted Voices Choral Festival on Saturday, May 3, 7:30pm at Mountainview Christian Reformed Church in Grimsby. Come to the music performed by To the King Male Chorus, the Ambassadors, the Crusaders and special guests Momentum Choir! Only \$15/ person and children 12 and under are free. Proceeds to benefit Grimsby Life Centre, the OneDay Foundation and Monentum Choir. To reserve your tickets today, email [info@totheking.ca](mailto:info@totheking.ca).

**You're Invited . . .**Join Christian Reformed World Missions on May 3 as we celebrate 125 years of global ministry. Dinner and programme, including special presentations by Joel Hogan (International Director) and Playwright/Actor, Paige Louter. For more information and to RSVP, go to [www.crwmm.org/125](http://www.crwmm.org/125) (Burlington event), or call Trish at 1-800-730-3490. Registration closes April 23. Tickets \$25.

### March for Life – Thursday May 8th.

There is compassion. There is conviction. There is prayer. There is hope. The 17th annual National March for Life will take place in our Nation's Capital on May 7 to 9, 2014. This year's theme presents a double entendre: RU-4LIFE? A question we pose to all Canadians – with added emphasis on CLC's campaign to stop the deadly abortion pill RU-486 from coming into Canada. Last year over 25,000 people, along with political and religious leaders, participated in this impressive public witness, marching on the streets of Ottawa. Thousands of people, young & old, strong and the infirm, gather peacefully on Parliament Hill to listen to speakers express their plea for a better Canada, one that will respect all human life and uphold the dignity of all human beings. For more information about the March for Life please contact Campaign Life Coalition at [clc@campaignlifecoalition.com](mailto:clc@campaignlifecoalition.com) or call 416-204-9749 or 1-800-730-5358 or visit us at [www.campaignlifecoalition.com](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com)







# CRC Denomination

**GROUNDWORK** - The Resurrection: Long ago, Voltaire said, "It would be easy to start a new religion to compete with Christianity. All the founder would have to do is die and then be raised from the dead." Voltaire, a non-Christian, was being ironic, but he was also being perceptive. Jesus' resurrection is the foundation of our faith; Christian faith could be known as Easter faith. Join the Groundwork conversation – find a local radio station or listen online at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com).

**KIDS CORNER** - Miracle of Easter: Kids Corner presents the dramatic presentation of the resurrection of Christ. Go to [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) to hear this incredible miraculous story, and then check out the website for devotions, puzzles and more.

**DISABILITY CONCERNS** - At the "Turning Care Upside Down" conference on May 3, workshops on diaconal ministry, issues of aging, identifying resources, disability advocacy and more will help church leaders, teachers, and advocates minister more effectively. Dr. Tom Reynolds will keynote at the Perkins Centre in Hamilton. For more information, talk to your church's disability advocate, or visit [www.disabilityconference.org](http://www.disabilityconference.org) to register.

**POSITION OPENING** - World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), has a full time opening for a Staff Developer. The position will be located in either Grand Rapids, Mich-

igan or Burlington, Ontario. The position is responsible for the development and management of all World Renew's learning systems and processes that enhance program and partner consultants' work with partners and communities. Visit [www.worldrenew.net/careers](http://www.worldrenew.net/careers) for more information; to apply, send your resume and a cover letter to [Ichiarot@worldrenew.net](mailto:Ichiarot@worldrenew.net) or submit online at [www.worldrenew.net/careers](http://www.worldrenew.net/careers). Application deadline is April 21.

**FREE WEBINAR** - Join us for "Transformational Leadership through Prayer" at 12:00 p.m. EDT on April 30. This webinar, presented by Mary Sterenberg, will challenge pastors, church leaders, and prayer coordinators to work together to move our churches toward becoming houses of prayer. For more details and registration for this free, one-hour event visit [crcna.org/webinars](http://crcna.org/webinars).

**SILENT RETREAT** - Silence is Golden. Come and meet with God. InterMission Silent Retreat - May 23-25, 2014, Kingfisher Bay Retreat House on Stony Lake ([www.kingfisherbay.ca](http://www.kingfisherbay.ca)). Registration: \$325.00 before May 1, \$350.00 after. Includes: Private accommodations, all linens, 5 meals, individual times with a certified Spiritual Director, a stunning setting in the Kawarthas. Contact Tracey-Ann Van Brenk [guidepostsministries@gmail.com](mailto:guidepostsministries@gmail.com).

**WORLD MISSIONS** - You're Invited! Join Christian Reformed World Missions on May 3 as we celebrate 125 years of global ministry. Dinner and programme, including special presentations by Joel Hogan (International Director) and Playwright/Actor, Paige Louter. For more information and to RSVP, go to [www.crcna.org/125](http://www.crcna.org/125) (Burlington event), or call Trish at 1-800-730-3490. Registration closes April 23. Tickets \$25. Space is limited.

**GENDER ISSUES**, - Biblical justice, food security, HIV/AIDS care and prevention, trauma healing, environmental issues - Work alongside WORLD RENEW staff for 18 months in Niger, Mali or Senegal and see your BA degree come alive with hands-on experience as you bless others. Details on each volunteer position can be found at

[www.worldrenew.net](http://www.worldrenew.net) or contact [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

**TEACH AND MENTOR** - new Timothy Leadership Training students in the Dominican Republic and see how your involvement impacts the local CRCs in that country. Be part of a dynamic ministry team as you serve from one to four months and be an encouragement to local Christians. Ability to speak Spanish is required. For further information see [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org) or contact [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org)

**GOT PLANS FOR THE SUMMER?** - Are you a young adult still looking for a unique opportunity to serve somewhere this summer? ServiceLink has some great ideas for you including a camp bus driver, camp lifeguard, cabin leader, family retreat camp volunteer, Urban Agriculture Coordinator and Ministry Center host. Check our website [www.crcna.org/servicelink](http://www.crcna.org/servicelink) or contact us at [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org) for further details.

**BEGINNINGS** - High Tea Fundraiser – Just a few more weeks to get your tickets for Teacups of Blessing: An Afternoon High Tea to be held at Rehoboth United Reformed Church in Ancaster on May 10th at 1:30 p.m. Treat your grandmother, mother, daughter or other special friend to a lovely outing on Mother's Day weekend. Hats, gloves & pearls welcome! Tickets are \$30 or \$15 for ages 12 & under. For tickets or to reserve a table, please call 905-528-6665 or email [info@beginnings.ca](mailto:info@beginnings.ca). All proceeds support the family-building work of Beginnings Family Services.

**BEGINNINGS** - Silent Auction – Donations Needed – Beginnings Family Services needs donations of items, gift certificates and services for our Silent Auction being held at our Teacups of Blessing: An Afternoon High Tea on May 10. If you have something to donate, please call 905-528-6665 or email [info@beginnings.ca](mailto:info@beginnings.ca). Thank you!

**ALL ONTARIO YOUTH CONVENTION** - The AOYC is live-streaming again this year! Visit [allontario.com](http://allontario.com) on Fri, May 16 - 8:30 pm, Sat, May 17 - 9:00 am, Sun, May 18 - 9:00am and 8:30pm, and Mon, May 19 - 10:00am. EXPERIENCE God with over 900 teens and leaders. Also, it isn't too late to register!

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