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# Bethany Bugle

## Council Bugle Report

### Meeting: Wednesday 15 April 2015

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#### Come and Celebrate!

What has God been doing through the Ministries at Bethany?

We want to reflect on what has happened in the past year at Bethany, for all the groups and ministries that have been going on and give thanks to God in Worship and in Fellowship together. We plan on having a service that celebrates all our ministry groups so if each group has someone who would share with the congregation (1-2 minutes) please email me and I can put this together into the service. This will be held on Sunday, May 31 during the morning service.

Attendees:

Elders: Rudy Boverhof, Zach Beldman, Albert Janssen, Jerry Kiers, Mark Vahrmeier, Pastor Colin Vander Ploeg, Tim VanHoffen, Ray VanHuizen, Richard VanLochem, Pete Wierenga

Deacons: Nate Anjema, Peter Bulk, Louis Dam, John Enzlin

Absent with Notice: Don Terpstra, Kevin Twomey

- Chairman Tim VanHoffen opened with welcome and greetings. Scripture reading Luke 9. The call to follow Christ includes a call to lead. Often the servant leadership that council members are tasked with include weighty matters requiring Godly discernment and prayer.

- Minutes from council meeting held 18 March 2015 received. Motion to accept as presented. 2nd. Carried.

- Matters arising from the council meeting minutes. The information package relating to the proposed Youth Ministry Coordinator staff position was finalized. The package will include the job description along with the salary considerations and financial impact for the membership.

Motion: "That council require 75% of the votes cast for endorsement of this proposal" 2nd. Discussion. Voting to be held by ballot following the worship service on Sunday, 10 May 2015. Carried.

- Minutes from congregational meeting held 25 March 2015 received. Motion to accept as presented. 2nd. Carried.

- Matters arising for the congregation meeting minutes. Council was appreciative of the input received from the membership relating to children at communion. There was a strong sense that Bethany needs to go forward and implement best practices for including children at communion. Much of the work ahead will involve expanding our understanding of the inclusion of covenantal children in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Council is also mindful of the importance of adult public profession of faith. Steps will be taken to solidify and clarify this faith formation milestone as entrance into full membership in the church with all its privileges and responsibilities. Motion: "That examination of profession of faith candidates be done with one or two council members who will report to council accordingly" 2nd. Discussion. This forum would be much less intimidating and the participants would be more at ease to speak their faith freely and give account of what they believe. Carried.

- Minutes from executive meeting held 27 March 2015 received for information. The executive recommends that all ministry teams review and update their mandates and report back to council if changes are needed. In addition, the executive recommends that the chairpersons of each ministry take time to connect with all other ministry leaders as a way of recognizing and highlighting the common ground shared in ministry. This to be done minimally once a year.

- Deacons Report received for information.

- Finance Team Report received for information. Fellowship Team Report no report.

- Buildings and Grounds Team Report received for information.

- Safe Church Team Report received for information.

- Discipleship Team Report received for information.

- Correspondence Report - received for information with appropriate action with incoming and outgoing correspondence.

- New Business. Bethany Youth Ministry Team mandate was presented for approval. Approved by consensus.

- Adjournment 9:35 pm

## Other News

**Coffee Break:** Well ladies this is it. This coming Tuesday will be the last Coffee Break meeting for this season. I think we can say it has been a good year for all us to grow in our faith and getting to know each other better. This coming week will be a morning to fellowship and enjoy pizza and snacks.. ( I hope you will be able to start on time with out me lol) coffee and snacks will be ready as usual. Enjoy your summer break with your family and friends. We hope to see all of you next September when we start an new season.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Niagara Falls Spring Community Clean Sweep**

Saturday, May 2, 2015 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Mick & Angelo's Eatery and Bar, Niagara Falls

The 'The Bridge' church plant is joining volunteers in cleaning up Niagara Falls for their Community Clean Sweep. We are planning to clean the area in our parish (Queen St and surrounding area). Come on out, work alongside us, and hear what is happening on "The Q!" A complimentary lunch will be provided for participants. Community service hours available for students. Please let us know if you are joining us so the organizers have enough equipment and food. Please contact Allen Kleine Deters at [allen@thebridgenf.ca](mailto:allen@thebridgenf.ca) (The Community Clean Sweep Day event brings volunteers together who collectively help to clean our City of debris. Twice each year, volunteers scatter throughout parks, trails, walkways and main street boulevards with recycling and garbage bags, collecting litter to enhance Niagara Falls' environment.)

### **Shalom Manor & Gardens May Sale – Saturday, May 30th**

It's that time of year again – Annual May Sale time at Shalom Manor & Gardens! You are invited to our Annual May Sale on Saturday, May the 30th from 8:00am-12:00. In great tradition, we will be having a full pancake breakfast; HUGE outdoor plant sale; cut flower sales; food market complete with raisin buns, eggs and croquettes; and marketplace full of interesting vendors! There is sure to be something for everyone! Save the date – Saturday, May 30th! Proceeds of the sale will support recreational programs and services. (Additional parking available at Mountainview CRC with a shuttle bus service)

## School News

**Smithville Christian High School proudly presents "Love is Murder!"** – a comedy/murder mystery. This play will keep you on the edge of your seat as you try to figure out 'Whodunnit?,' laughing all the while. It promises to be a terrific night out—don't miss it! May 1, 2 (Friday, Saturday), May 7, 8, and 9 (Thursday, Friday, 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](mailto:office@smithvillechristian.ca)

## CRC Announcements

**UNDERSTANDING TEMPTATION:** - Join us as we study James 1 to learn what James has to say about temptation and its origin. Then we'll look at his choice to end the chapter discussing the relationship between faith and actions. Subscribe for free weekly email notifications at [ListenToGroundwork.com](http://ListenToGroundwork.com) or visit [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) to find a local radio station or listen now.

**A HERO STANDS BY - HEROES 3:** - Liz, Lucille, Chamy, Morrie and Mr. Lacerta are finally on their way to Caiman City. When they arrive they meet Shizzle, a rap-talking leader in the relief effort. They are assigned to pack the boats with relief supplies, but Liz wishes they could be on the boats. Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Be sure to download this special song, "Leap of Faith," at [kidscorner.net/offer](http://kidscorner.net/offer).

**FAMILY FIRE** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**FREE WEBINAR** - Join us May 13 for

"Spiritual Care for Alcoholics, Addicts and Their Families" presented by Tom Kragt, Minister of Congregational Life & Recovery at Evergreen Ministries. This webinar will explore various aspects of addiction, recovery, and how the church can be a place of healing for individuals and families impacted by alcoholism and addiction. For details and registration for this free, one-hour event visit [crcna.org/webinars](http://crcna.org/webinars)

The All Ontario Youth Convention - is coming soon - it isn't too late to register! Visit [allontario.com/register](http://allontario.com/register) to sign up. This amazing event helps teens to grow in their faith and discover their identity as image-bearers of God. Can't afford registration? Email [sponsorship@allontario.com](mailto:sponsorship@allontario.com) for financial help.

An Essential Part of Hospitality - Disability Concerns and our network of hundreds of advocates are eager to help your church grow in hospitality with people who have disabilities. Got questions? Talk with your own church's disability advocate, or contact us at [disabilityconcerns@crcna.org](mailto:disabilityconcerns@crcna.org) or 888-463-0272.

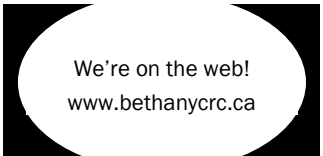
**VBS IN THE ORIENT** - Millions of children in Asia have not heard yet that Jesus loves them. Will you go and share the good news? If you love kids and VBS, this 5 week volunteer opportunity from July 2-August 9, 2015 is perfect for you! More information is available at [www.crwmm.org](http://www.crwmm.org) or volun-

[teer@crcna.org](mailto:teer@crcna.org) for the final spot on the team.

**ETHIOPIA FOOD STUDY TOUR** - Are you involved in youth ministry, teaching, or educating children or youth? Join World Renew's partner, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank as we travel to Ethiopia in July, 2015 on an International Food Security Learning Tour for Educators! Gain a better understanding of issues in international development, global citizenship, food security and small-scale farming, and return with resources to engage youth on these issues. Find further information at [www.worldrenew.net](http://www.worldrenew.net) or contact [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

**Philosophy vacancy** - The King's University, Edmonton, Alberta, is seeking applications and nominations for a tenure-track Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in philosophy. The chair-holder will be part of a dynamic Christian university committed to undergraduate education in the liberal arts tradition. For information, see [www.kingsu.ca/about-us/careers](http://www.kingsu.ca/about-us/careers).

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