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School News

NACE INFORMATION EVENINGS/OPEN DOORS: Imagine...a school where your children explore God's amazing world. Imagine...a school where your children gain a top-notch education and find their place in God's world. Imagine...a school that wants your children to be world-changers. Imagine...a school that gives your children get a solid foundation and the encouragement of a hope-filled approach to life. Imagine... a school with dedicated, excellent teachers helping your children be all they can be.

Attend our "Open Doors" Information Evenings to see if our school is the right place for your child: Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., John Knox Christian School, 795 Hwy #8, Stoney Creek. Phone: 905-643-2460 or Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., Covenant Christian School, 6470 Regional Road 14, Smithville. Phone: 905-957-7796.

We also have an Open House every week starting in February. You may drop in - without an appointment - on Marvellous Mondays at John Knox Christian School (Stoney Creek) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or at Covenant Christian School (Smithville) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Can't make the February 4th or 5th dates? Call anytime for a tour of either school.

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Redeemer University College invites you to attend a book launch for John Terpstra's *The House with the Parapet Wall* on Thursday, February 5, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. The author will read from his new book and sign books. To RSVP, please email advancement@redeemer.ca or call 905-648-21319 x4246.

The Redeemer University College Art Gallery presents "The Owls of Kenojuk Ashevak." A Christian and a pioneer of modern Inuit art, Ashevak used owls as a symbol of God's presence, much like the dove is used in other cultures. There is an Opening Reception for the display at 7:30 pm on February 6, 2015, and her work will be on display to March 30, 2015. All are welcome to attend this free exhibit.



HELP! The Friendship Program has been put on hold due to lack of volunteers willing to lead the program. In order for this important ministry to continue, they are looking for 2 or 3 leaders. If interested, please contact Grace CRC in Welland at 905-732-9942

Family Day Fundraiser

The ice has been rented in Wainfleet for February 17 (Family Day) from 2-4pm. We will again be having a Oldtimers vs Youngsters game again from 2-3ish with an open skate from 3-4pm. There will be Coffee, Hot Chocolate, & Juice Available for the afternoon as well as baked goods.

There will be a sign up sheet beside the church mailboxes for the next few weeks. I would also like to encourage people to bring some baked goods, etc out to the event. Last year was another good turnout. This year we would like to show our support for our youth by supporting Devon Van Hoffen and his mission work in Africa. This will be a great afternoon for the members of Bethany to get together outside of the church while supporting another good cause. Let me know if you have any questions. If there's any questions talk to either Steven or Richard Van Lochem.



Other News

Coffee Break: Ladies you know you what Tuesday morning brings. A group of wonderful happy ladies will meet here at Grace CRC to meet for our weekly Bible study. So you don't want to miss it. Coffee and tea will be ready to warm you up and snacks enough to share. We will start promptly at 9:30 so be there or miss the music and laughter and sharing. Gail and Irene's group will be studying lesson #4 of our study "Decisions". Based on Proverbs 3:1-26 The book of Proverbs offers practical advice through poetry, short pithy sayings; and vivid comparisons. The main point of the book is that we should always seek the wisdom of God. Jeans group will continue with lesson 2 and Jane's group will continue with lesson 3. question 7, See you Tuesday.

Snacks: Grace VV., Tina VT., Ginette B.

Pancake Supper: Yes! Here we go again! Another year has gone and it is time for that most yummy evening of our Coffee Break season. It is Pancake supper time again. Our annual fundraising events helps u to support local charities, like Rose City Kids, Open Arms etc., What you the congregation can do to help is come out that night and support us by having your supper here at Grace CRC. You know it will be good food because we heard your wonderful comments. Don't miss it Feb 17, 2015, 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

ROSE CITY KIDS JOB OPENING:

Rose City Kids is currently accepting applications for Administrative Assistant/ Bookkeeper for 2 days a week. Please submit your resume and cover letter to sonya@rosecitykids.com . Position available immediately.

Rose City Kids Fundraising Banquet
March 21, 2015
Doors open at 6:00 pm
Riverstone Event Centre, Welland
Cost: \$30 pp (free will offering at event)
Testimonies, Silent auction, Candy bar
Semi Formal

If interested in purchasing tickets please contact Sonya at 905 892 6978



Bethany's Summer Camp Applications

It's that time of year again! Application forms are now available for the 2015 camp season. We are looking for high energy, positive thinking, God loving individuals to be a part of our team this year to ensure every child has the best experience here at Bethany Summer Day Camp. Camps will run from July 6 to August 22, of which we do expect our staff to be present for with some exception. In addition to these 7 weeks, there will be a mandatory training retreat from June 28th to July 1st of which our staff must attend. Applications are now being accepted through to February 28. If you think you have what it takes, pick up an application form located by the mail slots, or online at <http://www.bethanycrc.ca/camp.html>.



Upcoming Concerts

Dutch Service will be held in Ancaster Christian Reformed Church on February 15, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. Rev. John Klomps will be preaching.

Council Meeting Minutes Bethany Christian Reformed Church Meeting: Wednesday January 21, 2015

Attendees:

Elders: Tim Van Hoffen, Mark Vahrmeyer, Jerry Kiers, Rudy Boverhof, Albert Janssen, Kevin Twomey, Alfred Kiers, Ray VanHuizen, Pastor Colin Vander Ploeg

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

Absent with notice: Zach Beldman, Richard VanLochem, Peter Wierenga, George Gritter

Chairman Tim Van Hoffen opened the meeting with Scripture reading and prayer. Selective Scripture reading from John 5 highlighted Jesus' relationship with the Father. When we earnestly and diligently seek the will of the Father we can be confident that in His time He will reveal it to us. As a Council we also seek God's will by exercising mutual respect and meaningful communication with each other.

Minutes from Council Meeting held on October 15, 2014 received. Motion to accept as presented, seconded and carried. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Executive Report, November 07, 2014 – Motion to create a Personnel Review Team to conduct annual staff evaluations was seconded and carried. The Executive will flesh this out further and report back to Council.

New Business:

Children At Communion – Council has been discussing this matter and has endeavored to engage in continued and focused discussions on how to invite our children to the Lord's Table. As a Council we strive to be obedient to Scripture while considering other helpful materials, particularly those provided by the denomination. In due time Council will communicate its vision to the membership. We ask for prayerful support as we continue to seek God's will in this matter.

Youth Co-ordinator Staff Position – Council engaged in meaningful discussion, particularly in the context of the Minutes of the Youth Director Planning Team meeting held on October 29, 2014. There was much discussion on the scope and mandate of this position. There was also discussion on if and how this position could complement the current Staff Ministry positions and if an eight hour work week would add significant and effective value to our current Youth Ministry. Bethany's 2015 Budget includes funding for an eight hour per week Youth Director position; the Motion to increase the Youth Director position from eight hours to twenty hours per week was defeated. The Motion to form a permanent Youth Ministry Team was seconded and carried.

Mutual Censure – reading information received for information.

Deacons Reports (x2) – received for information. There was some discussion on a Shalom Manor Governance matter. Council was advised that the funding model for the Shalom Chaplaincy is under review in both supporting Classes (Hamilton & Niagara).

Caregiver Team – no report.

Finance Team Reports – received for information.

Fellowship Team Report – Bethany continues to be blessed by meaningful fellowship after its worship services. Discussion to accommodate increasing numbers in the Fellowship Hall was deferred.

Building and Grounds Reports – received for information.

Safe Church Team Report – Council supports regularly scheduled Abuse Prevention Information Session(s) for leaders and volunteers. Building and Grounds was asked to conduct an inspection of interior doors, particularly those used for youth related functions, to ensure compliance and consistency with Safe Church Policy. This inspection, and any necessary modifications, will be completed in conjunction with the Safe Church Team.

Discipleship Team Report – received for information. We are grateful for Evelyn Hoekstra's contributions to the Discipleship Team and we wish the Hoekstra family God's continued blessings in their new Church community.

Library Report – received for information.

Correspondence Report – received for information. Council reviewed Grace CRC's request for Bethany to entertain discussion on regularly combined PM services. Council elected not to engage in further discussion with Grace on this matter but will endeavor to discern God's will for teaching and learning opportunities at Bethany.

Membership Matters – Motion to transfer the membership of Alex VanOenen to Bethel CRC, Dunnville, was seconded and moved. We wish Alex God's continued blessings in his new Church community. Council also moved to lapse some memberships. Heidi VanderVeen is currently attending the Portage Alliance Church in Manitoba. Jordan and Sarah Stuive have moved to Hamilton and are currently attending the New City Fellowship, Hamilton. Lloyd VanOenen is faithfully attending a Christian Church in Brantford. We also wish God's continued blessings and presence in the lives of Heidi, Jordan, Sarah, and Lloyd. We are grateful for the contributions they have made to Bethany and trust that God will continue to use them for His service in their new surroundings.

Miscellaneous – Council was provided with a Classis Niagara Report and are mindful of recent listening discussions on Pastoral responses to the issue of homosexuality in the CRC Denomination. Pastor Colin plans to attend the Classis Niagara Retreat in Lewiston, New York; an additional delegate is being sought.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM. Elder Mark Vahrmeyer closed in prayer.

CRC Announcements

POSITION OPENING - Program Consultant, Tanzania: World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), has a full time opening for a Program Consultant in Tanzania. We require someone who has a proven track record in partner consultations on program quality, implementation and management, as well as organizational governance and resource development experience. Visit

www.worldrenew.net/careers for more information; to apply, submit your current resume, a cover letter indicating your relevant skills and experience and your response to the downloadable follow-up questions to Ichia-rot@worldrenew.net. Application deadline is Feb. 2.

POSITION OPENING - World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), has a full time opening for a Country Consultant (Country Director) in Haiti. We require someone who has a proven track record in delivering program results while also building organizational and community capacity. This position will be based in Haiti and provide leadership in the development of World Renew's strategy in-country and will provide leadership to the overall strategy and policies of the Ministry Team. Visit

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Cycle to End Poverty! - Registration is now open for the 10th anniversary ride of the Sea to Sea Bicycle Tour. Join other cyclists this summer for a 6-day ride in Ontario or a 10-day ride in Alberta, and raise money for the fight against poverty. Proceeds will fund ministry by World Renew, Partners Worldwide, International Justice Mission, and local poverty initiatives in communities along the route. Volunteers are also urgently needed to assist with both rides. For information or to register, visit seatosea.org.

FREE WEBINAR - Join us on February 4 when Mike Hogeterp and Mark Charles will present "Icebergs in History-The Doctrine of Discovery". They will examine how the DoD may have shaped our relationships with Indigenous Peoples and address key questions: "What is the DoD?" "Why is it important?" and "What does it have to do with ministry today?" For details and registration for this free, one-hour event, visit crcna.org/webinars.

STUDY & MEMORIZATION: - Join us as we discuss Psalm 119 and other Bible passages that show us how spending time in Scripture through study, memorization, and meditation nurtures our relationship with God. Subscribe for free weekly email notifications at Listen-ToGroundwork.com or visit GroundworkOnline.com to find a local radio station or listen now.

MEET GERALD GRIPPAN: - Liz and Lucille try to befriend the new kid at school, but he seems to prefer the iguanas. But when Gerald gets caught

throwing eggs at Grandpa's house, he is forced to rethink his choice of friends. Follow the Kids Corner adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Find more great resources for kids and parents at kidscorner.net. **Serve Hand-in-Hand with Youth in the Dominican Republic** - This summer you can meet college-age students from the Dominican Republic and serve with them to reach out to local children. From July 22-August 3, you will present drama, music, sports, and other outreach programs. Visit crwm.org/volunteer for more information.

SERVE & LEARN IN EGYPT - This unique spring time opportunity to come alongside World Missions' staff in Cairo, Egypt awaits you from April 27 - May 7/15. You'll help build a rooftop gazebo at a seminary, meet with and encourage pastors and also visit some amazing churches. Additional details can be found at www.crwm.org or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

SWAP for YAYAs - Serve With A Purpose in Uganda or Honduras for 4 weeks this summer. SWAP is more than just a mission trip! It's a program for youth and young adults (YAYAs age 14 - 24) who are looking to plan, learn, grow and serve both globally and locally. Do More, Be More with SWAP! See details at www.worldrenew.net or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

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