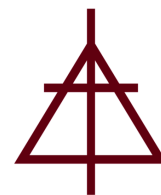




BETHANY BUGLE



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Council Bugle Report

Bethany Christian Reformed Church

Meeting: Wednesday, 19 February 2014

Attendees:

Elders: Kevin DeBoer, Alfred Kiers, Jerry Kiers, Kevin Twomey, Mark Vahrmeyer, Ray VanHuizen, Pete Wierenga
Deacons: Rob Bouwers, Peter Bulk, Staff Liaison: Ed Roorda

Absent with Notice: Nate Anjema, Rudy Boverhof, Louis Dam, George Gritter, Ken Langendoen, Tim VanHoffen

- Vice-Chairman Mark Vahrmeyer opened with welcome and greetings. Scripture reading from Luke 15 - The Parable of the Lost Son. A discussion and devotional time relating to the need to ask for forgiveness - failure to do so has us continuing to be distant from God. Time spent in prayers of praises, intercession and thanksgiving.

- Minutes from Council meeting held 15 January 2014 received. Motion to accept as presented. 2nd. Carried.

- Matters arising from the minutes. Council continues to work towards putting together an Outreach Ministry Team. Some additional names were presented and Elder Kevin Twomey will follow up on the development of this team and it's mandate. A draft job description has been prepared for the Youth Coordinator position. A few details will be worked out and the draft will be shared with the congregation at the upcoming Spring Congregational meeting slated for Wednesday, 9 April 2014.

- Deacons Report - received for information. World Renew is looking for an individual to become Bethany's "champion" for the ministry they do. A request will be prepared from the Deacons.

- Finance Team Report - received for information. Final year-end results will be prepared by the Finance Team and will be provided as a report to the congregation on 9 April 2014.

- Fellowship Team Report - received for information. Plans are in the works for Pastor Colin's Installation on Thursday, 27 March 2014, a "Meet and Greet" informal time on Saturday, 29 March 2014 as well as his first official service on Sunday, 30 March 2014 with refreshments following the service.

- Buildings and Grounds Team Report - received for information.

- Library Ministry Team Report - no report.

- Safe Church Team Report - received for information. Update on police clearances.

- Bethany Summer Day Camp Report - received for information.

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

- Membership. Folkerts, Katelynn transferred to Jubilee Christian Reformed Church, St. Catharines, Ontario. We wish Katelynn God's richest blessings in her new church home.

- Transition Process Followup. #5 Outreach - Council studied and discussed this portion of the final report with relating steps of action.

- Miscellaneous.

1. Nominations for office bearers. Council invites members of the congregation to submit names of individuals gifted to serve as either Elder or Deacon. Council is seeking 6 names for 3 Elder positions and 4 names for 2 Deacon positions. Please contact our clerk at clerk@bethanycrc.ca with any submissions you may have.

- Adjournment 9:25 pm

- Closing prayer: Elder Pete Wierenga

School News

N.A.C.E. Spring Dinner Details: This fine dining, live music, and great fellowship all happens on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at Smithville Christian High School, 6488 Smithville Road, Smithville. Amazing violinist, Trevor Dick, will entertain and engage us. The dinner is being coordinated by Desjardins Catering and will be served by the N.A.C.E. Board of Directors. Doors open at 6:00, dinner begins at 6:30. Please call Wendy Colyn at our Covenant Campus (905-957-7796) or email ccs@nace.ca to reserve a seat or a table. Call soon or you may miss out! J Only 128 seats are available - tables seat 8. A free will donation will be taken at the end of the evening. **Reservation Deadline - March 22, 2014**

N.A.C.E. Spring Dinner Sponsorship: On Saturday April 5, the Board of N.A.C.E. will be catering a fund-raising dinner event. Would you or your business consider being an event sponsor? Event sponsorship is available at \$200 - a tax receipt will be issued for your sponsorship if requested. Please call Wendy Colyn at our Covenant Campus (905-957-7796) or email ccs@nace.ca to offer your support.

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Made in Bangladesh: Lysanne Louter visits Redeemer to present her report, recently featured on The Fifth Estate, that exposes the Canadian connection to the Rana-Plaza garment factory collapse in Bangladesh. Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm. For details and to register go to www.Redeemer.ca/clear.

The wind and string sections of Redeemer's Sinfonia join the Flute and Guitar Ensembles for an evening of instrumental chamber music. The Ensembles Music Concert will include a new composition by graduating student Chris Brown. Tuesday, February 25 at 7:30 pm. Contact the Redeemer Box Office (905.648.2139 x4211) for tickets and more information.

Redeemer's Concert Choir returns from its tour to perform a diverse range of repertoire at its annual Home Concert. Friday, February 28 at 7:30 pm. Contact the Redeemer Box Office (905.648.2139 x4211) for tickets and more information.

BOOKSALE: Redeemer Campus Bookstore is having a massive booksale! During the week of March 3-7 2014, check out the great deals at 25-75% off selected titles! Questions? 905-648-9575 or books@redeemer.ca



Looking for a **summer job**? We have a great opportunity for you! This summer is your chance to be a part of **Bethany's Summer Day Camp**. We are looking for mature believers in Christ, who have a passion for children. Applicants must be able to make an 8 week commitment, be going into the 11th grade or higher by Sept. 2014, have lots of energy and be willing and ready to **serve the Lord**. Application forms can be found on the table by the mail slots. Deadline for application is **March 1, 2014**. You can hand your completed application to Kathleen Van Hoffen. If you are interested or would like more information talk to Lauren Dam or Kathleen Van Hoffen or e-mail summercamp@bethanycrc.ca.

Please keep this ministry in your prayers! ☺

Other News

Coffee Break: We are well into our study of "Hospitality" This coming Tuesday we will continue with lesson 5 "Fasting the Lord's Way." Read Isaiah 58 this week. to see where this lesson is taking us. How does your Christian community (church, small group, fellowship seek out God? Join us as we meet for fellowship, study, singing, and even laughter every week. We welcome all ladies to join us. Coffee and refreshments are ready by 9:15 and we start promptly at 9:30 when the bell rings. :) See you there.

LADIES of Coffee Break. This is an important reminder that the "PANCAKE SUPPER" will be on March 4th, Yes that is next week and we will need your many hands to help make it a success.

Please, please keep this evening in mind. Many hands make light work.

PANCAKE SUPPER: Yes here it is, one week away. Our annual Coffee Break Pancake Supper is next Tuesday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Keep March 4th in mind. Just think you won't have to cook that evening. What could be easier? Drive out here to Grace CRC and for \$6.00 for adults, and \$4.00 for children enjoy a great supper. If you've been here before you know good they taste. If you've not tried it before come out here and try it for the first time. See you here. :)

5th Annual HAMILTON PLACE CONCERT – April 12, 2014, DV

Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir

Tickets are now available for the annual combined Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert which will once again be held, the Lord willing, at Hamilton Place on Saturday, April 12 at 7:30pm. In addition to our regular line-up of musicians of John Vanderlaan (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), Joyce Postmus (Piano), Scott Harrison & Shawn Spicer (trumpets), the concert will also feature Corey Gemmell (Violin), and Marco Hoorn (Baritone from Urk, the Netherlands). Tickets are available at \$15 & \$25. To obtain your tickets, contact a choir member, or contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or email her at hdenhollander@yahoo.com. <http://www.hosanna-choir.org/>

Rose City Kids Fundraising Banquet

We are extending an invitation for you to attend our **6th Annual Rose City Kids Fundraising Banquet**. Tickets are \$30pp in advance. We will also be having a free will offering and a silent auction the evening of. The night promises to be an amazing one with great stories from our kids and volunteers as well as an excellent meal! Please let us know if you are interested in attending. We would love to see you there! Limited Seating thanks

When: March 22, 2014

Where: Riverstone Event Centre (Welland)

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$30 (plus free will offering the evening of)

Semi formal

*delicious meal*candy bar*silent auction*

contact cathy@rosecitykids.com or phone 905 788 9800 for ticket info



Who is God & What Difference does His truth make in my life?

Are you looking for a Bible Study Group? This group will be meeting once a month in a Potluck Dinner/Bible Study type setting where children are welcome to come along. We will meet Sunday evening starting at 4:00pm until 7:30pm (March 2nd is the start date). We will all share a meal together and afterwards the adults will take part in a Bible study while the younger children are cared for by the older ones. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pete/Denise Glasbergen at 905-892-2350.

Calling All Cooks!

I'm looking for your "family favourites" recipes to feature in my cookbook! You know, those yummy dishes that your family NEVER complains about when supper's ready! All recipe categories are welcome (soup, salad, mains, vegetarian, etc). I'm inviting all families to submit their recipes, either in my mail slot or email me at sonyavandriel@gmail.com. Remember to put your name on it and which category it belongs in (ie. appetizer) and hand it in by the end of February/early March. 100% of the proceeds from my cookbook will go to the "Wheels for VanDriels" fundraising campaign, an effort to raise funds for a wheelchair accessible van for Dylan! Thank you for your support! Sonya Van Driel.





CRC Denomination

GROUNDWORK - Jonah, Part 1: The book of Jonah is one of the shorter Old Testament books; yet it's packed with drama and powerful lessons. This week we'll discuss how this book informs our faith by digging into Jonah 1-3. Join the Groundwork conversation – find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Three Toes Willy: On this week's Kids Corner, Liz discovers a superhero in a most unlikely place. Can you guess who he is? Find out at www.kidscorner.net. Then contact Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R3Y8 or email kids@kidscorner.net for great resources for kids and parents.

ALL ONTARIO YOUTH CONVENTION - Registration is OPEN! Join nearly one thousand youth and leaders from across the province on May 16-19, 2014! The early registration price ends March 1st, so visit allontario.com to register yourself or your teen. Come for fun, come for fellowship, and most of all, come to EXPERIENCE God - Matthew 7:7.

FREE WEBINAR - Join us on March 5 for "Youth Ministry in Transition" presented by Darwin Glassford and Lynn Barger Elliott. This webinar will explore the current youth ministry landscape and the challenges of developing a contextual approach to discipleship that is good for the local church. For more details and registration for this free, one-hour event please visit crcna.org/webinars

WORLD MISSIONS - It's Poster Time! Christian Reformed World Missions' 2014 poster contest has begun. Create a poster with a missions theme and send it in to CRWM by April 11. Themes, guidelines, and submission forms are available at www.crwmm.org/postercontest.

Next week is **CANADIAN FOOD-GRAINS BANK SUNDAY!** - While many people know that World Renew works through CFGB to provide food and assistance following natural disasters, perhaps less known is its response to conflicts, violence and civil unrest. Human-caused disasters result in an overwhelming loss of life every year and force millions to flee for their lives. Contributions to CFGB enable World Renew to respond.

Gifts regularly receive a 4:1 match from the Canadian government and are further leveraged by the support of other CFGB member organizations. On March 2, please give generously so that World Renew can continue replenish its CFGB account and continue to serve wherever there is need.

SENEGAL, NIGER, MALI - These three countries have 18 month volunteer opportunities to work alongside WORLD RE-NEW staff, helping to implement their programs

and learning from practical involvement. Candidates would be eligible for financial grants with some fund raising necessary. Details on each position can be found at www.worldrenew.net or contact volunteer@crcna.org

BE PART OF A PEACE MOVEMENT! - Christian Reformed World Missions invites young adults to join their HOPE Equals program this summer to Israel and Palestine. Along with opportunities to visit historical sites, team members will be part of conversations with leaders at the forefront of peace and reconciliation efforts for both sides. There will also be visits with organizations that are working hard on peace efforts as well as an opportunity to be actively involved in a project. For further information see www.crwmm.org or contact volunteer@crcna.org

BEGINNINGS - Fundraiser & Silent Auction – Mark your calendar for an event you won't want to miss! Beginnings Family Services presents Teacups of Blessing: An Afternoon High Tea on Saturday, May 10th. Tickets available soon – but in the meantime, we need your donation of items or services for our Silent Auction. We also need 100 prizes valued at \$20 - \$30 for our Balloon Pop fundraising feature – we welcome donations of product, gift cards or cash which will allow us to purchase prizes. All proceeds support the family-building work of Beginnings. Please call 905-528-6665 or email info@beginnings.ca.

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