

February 7, 2016

Bethany Christian Reformed Church
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Bethany Bugle

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Meal Program

The Congregational Care Team is looking for a person (s) to look after the meal program. If you would be interested in helping to organize occasional meals for people who may be in need, please call Joyce de Roo at 905 386 6719. This is a loving expression of God's care for his people, and you can be a part of it!

Family Day Skate on February 15, 2016



This years Family Day Hockey Game and Skate will be in Memory of Claire Braun and Arnold Dykstra. The funds that are raised that day will be split between Rose City Kids and Smithville Christian High School as requested by the families (Note: If you choose to pay by cheque to one of the specific causes, a tax receipt will be issued by that organization). The Hockey Game will take place from 1:30-2:30

and the Open Skate will be from 2:30-3:30 at Wainfleet Arena

As always we are counting on our church community to help supply all the baked goods and the Hot Chocolate and Coffee. If there are any questions feel free to talk to either Steven or Richard Van Lochem.

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Summer Camp—Job Opportunities

Bethany Summer Camp is looking for fun, energetic, outgoing leaders and volunteers for our summer camp program.



Summer Camp Co-ordinator

-18 years or older with some experience

-preparing the daily activities of summer camp, planning, organizing, registering the campers, leading the daily activities, stories and crafts, working with a budget and learning how to run a summer camp are some of the qualities we are looking for in a co-ordinator.

Leaders

-must be in their 16th year, or older or going into Grade 11 in the Fall.

-Fun, energetic and love to work with children

-you must be willing to share the love of Christ with these children daily.

-leading a group of children in songs, crafts, sports activities, Bible lessons, games and so much more are part of the everyday life at camp.

-leaders who will lead by example and who are willing to give of themselves each day and to make camp a fun and safe place to be.

Volunteers

-all ages

-fun, energetic and love to work with children

-willing to work alongside the leaders at camp

Is this Job for YOU?

We would love to have you be part of our Summer Day Camp Program.

Please fill out the forms that are on the back table by the mailboxes or find forms online: bethanycrc.ca go under MINISTRIES and then under DAYCAMP. There are forms for co-ordinator, for leaders and for volunteers.

The deadline to return these forms is February 29, 2016.



CONTACT INFORMATION
Phone: 905-528-0353 or
Toll-free 1-866-347-0041
www.shalemnetwork.org
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ally supported counselling.

FROM COUNCIL: On Monday Feb. 8 Council will be meeting with our Classis Church Visitors (a CRC pastor & Elder from a neighboring church appointed by Classis, regional church body, to visit a particular church) to review the ministry at Bethany, both struggles and joys, including the work of the Council and staff. This is one way that we as sister churches of Classis Niagara hold each other accountable to the calling we all share. A report of this meeting will be presented at the next available meeting of Classis. If there are members of Bethany who wish to discuss with the Church Visitors any aspect or concern about Bethany church and her ministry, you are required to bring this request to the Council first before meeting with the Visitors. That way if the topic to be discussed can be answered/resolved by the Council, this relieves the Church Visitors from having to deal with it. If it cannot be addressed adequately, you are welcome to request time to speak to the Church Visitors about it.



True Women Conference: On September 22-24, 2016 (Thursday-Saturday) there will be a women's conference at the *Indianapolis Convention Center* in Indianapolis, Indiana. Speakers include Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Mary Kassian. Keith and Kristyn Getty will be the worship leaders.

"There are 20 seats still available on the bus; they are going quickly. Cost for the bus is \$90CND return. Please make your cheque out to Bethany CRC and give to Lorraine Wierenga to reserve your seat. Registration for the conference is \$109US/person until May 2. A few H2H leaders will take care of registration in groups of 10 to obtain the lowest price. We plan to do this sometime between now and May 2, hoping the dollar will get a little better!! Hotel reservations are available as Feb 2 and can be booked personally online once they're available. You can cancel your room up to 24 before the conference if you need to. All this info is on the website. Go to www.truewoman16.com If you have any questions, talk to Wilma Vahrmeyer, Andrea Veldhuizen, or Lorraine Wierenga. We are so excited to take a bus load of Canadian women to this conference. Join us!! Your heart will be encouraged and challenged!!"



reserve your spot at our

Fundraising Banquet
raising money for

Rose City Kids

APRIL 2, 2016

DOORS & SILENT AUCTION BEGIN AT 5:30PM
DINNER AT 6:30PM

Semi formal

ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY COPPER & IRON
\$50 IN ADVANCE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT
or invite friends & reserve a table of 8 (\$400)
also there will be a free will offering (accepting cash, cheque, & visa)
testimonies, amazing silent auction, & candy bar

RIVERSTONE - 414 RIVER ROAD WELLAND

RSYP Barb 905 788 9800 office@rosecitykids.com

School News

NACE (Niagara Association for Christian Education) is Seeking an Executive Director

The Niagara Association for Christian Education is an inter-denominational Christian school system comprised of two sites which are located in Smithville and Stoney Creek. The schools provide a safe, positive atmosphere in which students can explore God's amazing world and develop their gifts and abilities.

The Executive Director is the Board's sole official connection to the operation through which it seeks to fulfill its vision to develop a vibrant community that understands the value of excellent Christ-centered education, which is available to an economically, ethnically and denominationally diverse membership. More information can be found at <http://www.nace.ca/executivedirectorsearch> www.nace.ca/news-and-info.

Other News

BETHANY LADIES BIBLE STUDY

"LIVING CRAZY LOVE" BY FRANCIS CHAN (10 week session)

BEGINNING: FEBRUARY 10TH, 7:30 P.M. AT CYNTHIA VERMEERS' HOME (698 SOUTH PELHAM, WELLAND)

"Love changes everything. It does more than make us feel happy in the midst of difficult situations. Love actually changes our approach to God. God's love for us means that we are called into a close relationship with our Creator. What a privilege."

"2Cor. 13:5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves"

"The thought of sitting down and examining myself is terrifying. In all honesty, I know there is sin in my life. I know there are areas of my life that I don't want to submit to God. " No doubt there are many aspects of our life that may need change, keep in mind these changes need to flow from the heart, and not because we need to be "good enough" Join us as we discover these biblical truths. Call Joyce DeRoo or Mary Bokma for more information.

Coffee Break: Yes here I am again to remind you of our Coffee Break Meeting this coming Tuesday. We are moving along in our study of Acts. We will be meeting at Grace CRC at our usual time. Refreshments will be ready by 9:15 and we start at 9:30 See you here on Tuesday morning. Snacks: Laney VO., Ina B. and Carla L. . It is also a special Tuesday for us. Time for your helping hands at our Annual Pancake Supper. We have people signed up for baked goods and helping but for those of you who have not been here we need as much help as possible to make everything run smoothly. Please come out and help if it is at all possible. We do appreciate it. JAne's group continues lesson 10 question #6, Gail and Irene's group continues lesson 11, question #8, Jean and Henny's group lesson 12 question #6. Thank you for ADDING THIS TO THE bulletin announcement.

PANCAKE SUPPER: Yes here it is!! Our Coffee Brak group is having it's annual Pancake Supper Tuesday night here at Grace CRC. We are looking forward to serving members and friends of Bethany CRC and Grace CRC. Please come out and support us to raise funds so that we can continue to help those in our community. Money raised is used to support and help places like Rose City Kids, Open Arms Mission. Our big event for our funds will be our 3rd annual Easter pancake breakfast for those at Open Arms. They really look forward to and appreciate our efforts when we come out for this. Hope to see many of you here Tuesday night

ORGAN CONCERT: Performing Arts @ Mountainview invites you to join them for an Organ Concert featuring Christopher Dawes. Numbered among Canada's leading concert organists, Christopher is a versatile and sought-after musician known for his signature interpretations of great masterpieces. The concert will take place on Saturday March 5th, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m. There will also be an opportunity for audience participation. Proceeds from the evening will benefit The Brain Wave Café, hosted by Rose Cottage Visiting Volunteers in conjunction with the Alzheimer Society. Concert will take place at Mountainview Church, 290 Main St. East in Grimsby. Tickets: \$15 each, or \$35 per family (w/children 15 & under.) Available at The Dutch Shop in Grimsby, or at the door on the evening of the concert.

7th Annual HAMILTON PLACE CONCERT – March 26, 2016, DV

Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir

Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert of the 140 voice Hosanna Choir & 40 voice Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert which will once again be held, the Lord willing, at Hamilton Place on Saturday, March 26 at 7:30pm. In addition to our regular line-up of musicians of Ryan Vandenberg (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), Naomi VanManen (Piano), Scott Harrison & Shawn Spicer (trumpets), the concert will also feature Corey Gemmell (Violin), and Jacob Kramer (Baritone from Urk, the Netherlands). Tickets are available at \$17 & \$27. To obtain your tickets, contact a choir member, or contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or email her at hdenhollander@yahoo.com or online at <http://www.hosanna-choir.org/>



"If you will fill out your temperature preference card and drop it in the offering plate, we will average them, and adjust the thermostat accordingly."

CRC News

From Back to God Ministries International

GOD IS FAITHFUL - It can be difficult to imagine how life can continue in any positive manner when we lose something or someone important to us. Join Groundwork as we study Deuteronomy 32 and 34 and discover God's faithfulness through the story of the Israelites and the death of their great leader, Moses. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

IN THE BEGINNING PART 2 - For Chamy, Spike and the gang, the science fair day will be a day full of wonder! With a surprise guest, enlightening displays, and a big surprise pop for everyone, the day is not what they expected. But the biggest surprise comes at the end of the episode for Chamy! Follow the 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. This month's offer includes 4 Kids Corner Valentine cards.

From Christian Reformed World Missions

Mexi-Connection Young Adult Team - Dave and Blanca Gifford, missionaries in Mexico City, are hosting a team of young adults to experience the culture, sights, and community of college-age students in Mexico from July 9-18, 2016. If you are interested in this short-term cultural immersion experience, visit crwm.org/Mexi-connection to learn more or apply.

From Diaconal Ministries Canada

DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADA - is seeking applicants for the full-time position of NATIONAL DIRECTOR. Located in Burlington, the National Director will be responsible for ensuring that Diaconal Ministries Canada fulfills its mandate of partnering with diaconates, churches and parachurch organizations across Canada to demonstrate God's love in the community. For more information please visit our website at www.diaconalministries.com.

From Other

RETREAT - Wishing you could get away with God for a while? Come join us in the Kawarthas for a weekend of guided, silent reflection that will feed your soul on April 1-3, 2016 at Kingfisher Bay Retreat House (www.kingfisherbay.ca). Cost: \$325.00 - includes private accommodations, all linens, 5 meals, 3 sessions with a certified Spiritual Director and use of the facilities in a stunningly beautiful setting. Contact: Tracey-Ann Van Brenk at guidepostsministries@gmail.com or 705-927-1154 FMI: www.intermissionsilentretreat.com

Special Needs SERVE July 8 -14, 2016 – OTTAWA, ON - Mentors Needed - We are seeking youth and young adults who would like to walk alongside a participant who has a special need. Your help is needed to encourage the participants in all areas of their journey. We look forward to some great work sites, worship, and sight seeing! Please contact Ron Hosmar at youthpastor@calvincrc.ca or 613-225-2889 ext. 3 for more information.

Special Needs SERVE July 9 - 14, 2016 – OTTAWA, ON - A 5-day life-changing spiritual journey for youth aged 14 - 26. This unique SERVE project is especially for young people with special needs who can not be accommodated on a traditional SERVE program. Participants will spend time serving God through work projects, worship, and prayer. The events of SERVE are tailored to the ability of the individual so that each person can experience the joy that comes from serving God. For information, please contact Joanna Janssen (jo_janssen_8@hotmail.com) or Pastor Ron Hosmar (youthpastor@calvincrc.ca or 613-255-7834 ext. #3). www.ronhosmar.blogspot.ca/2015/07/special-needs-serve-2015-day-1friday.html and look in the July 2015 entries.

Western University Campus Ministry - Did you attend university at Western and/or participate in the CRC campus ministry there? We're preparing for our upcoming 50th anniversary and would love to be in touch with you about what's happening on campus these days. Please send your contact info to us at alum@kuypercentre.ca

Work for Statistics Canada - The next census will take place in May 2016, and Statistics Canada will be hiring approximately 35 000 people across the country to assist in the collection of the census, from early March to the end of July (assignment dates vary). For more information, please go to www.census.gc.ca/jobs.

From ServiceLink

LOVE TEACHING AND WRITING? - Come support World Renew's Cambodia staff by helping them learn better English and to creatively share stories of transformation. This exciting volunteer opportunity includes visits to ministry sites within Cambodia to meet WR partners. More information available at www.worldrenew.net or volunteer@crcna.org.