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Bethany Bugle

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NIAGARA YOUNG ADULTS GET TOGETHER (Konnect 20)

The Welland CRC young adults are hosting the Niagara Young Adults Get Together February 5th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

The Wellandport C.R.C., Smithville C.R.C., Dunnville C.R.C., Fenwick C.R.C., Welland C.R.C.. young adults (age 18 and up) are planning to start with a bible based study to be followed by a social and fellowship time.

Join us for the evening and bring a friend. Please bring a snack to share.
Church address: 660 South Pelham St. Welland, Ontario

SAVE THE DATE:

Ladies Night: On Friday evening, February 3rd, Sarah Pot will be speaking at Bethany CRC, Balfour Street in Fenwick, ON. Sarah, who is from St. Catharines, is mom to two disabled girls and she will speak on how trials and difficulty can be doorways to joy and hope. Sarah's talk is based on Hosea 2:15. "There I will give back her vineyards to her and transform her Valley of Troubles into a Door of Hope. She will respond to me there, singing with joy as in days long ago in her youth after I had freed her from captivity in Egypt." Doors open at 7PM for coffee and dessert, praise and worship and be prepared to dig into scripture.



Authenticmanhood: Volume 4 "A man and His Work" Men's Bible Study will be starting this week Wednesday at 8:00pm. If you have any questions about it, please contact Ed Roorda. All men are invited. It doesn't matter if you have not previously attended. The volumes do not build on each other.



On D.V. Friday March 31, 2017 well known blogger, author, and book reviewer Tim Challies hopes to speak about "Sexual Purity" at Zion Free Reformed Church in Fenwick. Please mark this day on your calendar! More info will follow closer to the date.



Address Changes

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Other News

Coffee Break: Ladies, as usual we will meet at our regular time here at Grace CRC, Tea and coffee will be ready, As we continue our study of "Hope" Your Heart's Deepest Longings. Gail and Irene's group will start Lesson 3 "Investing in the Future" 1 Timothy 6 : 3-19. Jean's group will start question 6 of Lesson # 3. Jane's group will start Lesson 1 "Waiting for the Lord" Looking forward to seeing everyone again. Thanks to our group for making it so easy to lead while dealing with a cold. It made the morning must easier to handle ". Leading: Tildy, Kitchen: Mary D., Marg V., Alice Z., Snacks: Anna B., Nancy G., Henny S., Devotion: Hilda V.L. Babysitting: Anita W., Tildy S.

Dear Supporters, Elisha House is offering a 'new' Biblical Healing Group beginning in March, 2017. Redeeming Betrayal is to begin Thursday March 9th from 1:30-3:30pm. It will meet bi-weekly for 10 sessions (with a few date exceptions for 5 week months).

The dates would be: March 9, 23 and 30th; April 13 & 27th, May 11 & 18th; June 8, 22 & 29th.

Redeeming Betrayal Synopsis: Betrayal through sexual infidelity is life shattering. The life you've known has shifted beneath your feet – questions bombard and emotions roll. You are likely disoriented and uncertain how to move forward. This group is designed to come alongside wives seeking help to deal with sexual betrayal in marriage. We will use Brad Hambrick's True Betrayal seminars as we study, share, heal and pray together. For more information about this group go

to <http://www.elishahouse.on.ca/biblicalhealing.html> or review the PDF outline here. To sign up or for more info call 905-735-9934 or email info@elishahouse.on.ca. If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible for planning purposes.

School News

Bursary Bash: Save the date for Smithville Christian High School's first formal gala, the Bursary Bash. More details to follow soon but mark March 3, 2017, 6 p .m. on your calendars.

Concerts

**8th Annual HAMILTON PLACE CONCERT – April 15, 2017, DV
Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir**

Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert of the 130 voice Hosanna Choir & 40 voice Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert which will once again be held, the Lord willing, at Hamilton Place on Saturday, April 15 at 7:30pm. In addition to our regular line-up of musicians of Ryan Vandenberg (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), Naomi Van Manen (Piano), Scott Harrison & Shawn Spicer (trumpets), the concert will also feature Elizabeth Eccelston (Oboe), Jaco van Houselt (Tenor), and Liselotte Rokyta (Panflute). Tickets are available at \$17 & \$27, and can be obtained through a choir member, or contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or email her at hdenholander@yahoo.com or online at www.hosanna-choir.org

Momentum Choir is a highly disciplined, professionally facilitated performance choir comprised of adults who live with a disability. Momentum's passion for music is infectious. As soon as the music starts, disability takes a back seat. In their 10th season, Momentum has packed concert halls, experienced high accolades and has left audiences with a greater appreciation for the human spirit. For the third time, Momentum is thrilled to be collaborating with McMaster University Choirs under the direction of Dr. Rachel Rensink-Hoff.

This concert will take place on Saturday, February 11 at 7pm at Meadowlands Fellowship Church at 211 Stonehenge Drive in Ancaster. Tickets can be purchased at the door or on eventbrite.ca If you have any questions, please call 905.941.8280 or email info@momentumchoir.ca

Council Bugle Report

Meeting: Monday, January 23rd, 2016

Attendees:

Elders: Zach Beldman, Rob Bouwers, Hans Dam, George DeRoo, Peter Glasbergen, Harry Hielema, Ed Slappendel, Pastor Colin Vander Ploeg, Richard VanLochem, Peter Veldhuizen.

Deacons: John Enzlin, Bert Nauta, Jim Slappendel, Frank Vraets

Absent: Hilbert Bokma, Albert Janssen, Leo Devries, Don Terpstra,

Chairman George DeRoo opened and welcome with greetings. This was followed with Scripture reading from James 1, 19+ followed with a prayer of blessing, intercession and thanksgiving.

Minutes from council meeting held December 12th, 2016 received and approved.

Matters arising from the council meeting minutes.

New Business:

Council has started the nomination process for office bearers. Currently there are 3 Elders (Zack Beldman, Al Janssen & Richard VanLochem) and 2 Deacons (John Enzlin & Don Terpstra) whose term is complete in 2017. In 2018 there will be 5 Elders whose term is up. Therefore, council decided

to have 4 Elders installed this year. This will level out the yearly turnover to 4, 4, 3, versus the current 3, 5, 3. Peter Veldhuizen (2018) volunteered to step down as Elder but continue on as clerk for Council for the next few years. Nomination Sunday will be February 26, 2017. Prior to nomination Sunday, the criteria for the office of Elder and Deacon will be made available to the congregation.

Bethany's delegates for Classis Niagara session on February 15, 2017 at the Bridge are Pastor Colin, Hans Dam, and Hilbert Bokma as alternate.

Congregational meeting minutes were approved.

Deacons Report – None

Caregiver Team – None

Finance Team – 2016 financial position has a Budget Income Shortfall of \$31, 307.23. The Finance Team proposed that with a 2016 Net Income remaining of \$19,267.11 be used to payout in full Christian Education and Classis Niagara Shares and the remaining applied to Denominational Shares. Denominational Shares will be at 86% of Budget. Carried

Fellowship Team – None

Buildings and Grounds – Reported that a new dishwasher has been installed.

Safe Church Team – None.

Discipleship Team – None

Youth Ministry Team – None

Worship Ministry Team – Proposed that the last Sunday of the year be used to replace the current New Year's Eve service. Defeated. In 2017, New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday. Council approved that the New Year's Eve service can be part of the Sunday Morning service.

Library – None

Correspondence - None

Next Council meeting is slated for February 27th, 2017.

Rob Bouwers closed in Prayer.

Congregational Meeting Minutes Bethany Christian Reformed Church Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Attendees: 60 members present.

Chairman George DeRoo opened with welcome and greetings. Scripture reading from Isaiah 9 with a focus on "God is at Work".

Time spent in prayer.

Motion to approve minutes of the fall congregational meeting held Wednesday, June, 1 2016. 2nd and carried.

Matters arising from the minutes. None

The finance team presented the 2017 Budget. Motion to accept the Budget was 2nd and carried.

Deacons presented the 2017 Offering Schedule. Schedule was 2nd and carried. Congregants were encouraged to express causes that they would like an offering for.

Vision Team – Hilbert Bokma provided an update. Highlights as follows:

They will meet January 16, 2017 to start vetting the list of +/- 60 courageous proposals. As a church we need to cover them in our prayers.

Council presented a motion for a new procedure for the Election of Office-bearer's.

Motion: We recommend to the congregation that we amend our procedure to elect Elders and Deacons in the following manner:

Starting early in the New Year, we solicit and collect nominations for the position of Elders and Deacons at a worship services by the Congregants.

Council vets all nominations prayerfully and publishes the names of those willing to serve. (Ordinarily at least two names for each position are to be filled.)

The congregation is given the opportunity to affirm each name presented at a worship service via ballot.

Those names who receive solid affirmation will be drawn at a subsequent worship service.

Motion was 2nd and carried

Consider having a picture and narrative of the nominated Office-bearer at step 3 of the procedure.

Would allow for overlap of Office-bearer's allowing for training and mentorship.

Council is targeting having the Election process complete by April.

Lorraine and Andrea presented a very insightful update of their respective Ministries. Obviously God is working in Bethany and we give God all the Glory for his good work.

Open Forum

Question regarding 2016 budget/contribution status. Will have year-end complete in a few more weeks.

Comment regarding the phrase used in the Budget "The Joy of Ministry" illustrates that it is a privilege to give for Kingdom work.

Closing prayer by Tim Medhurst

Adjournment.

CRC News

ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER - Join members of the Christian Reformed Church nearby and around the world in prayer on Wednesday, March 8, the denominational Annual Day of Prayer. Gather with your church family or pray individually, asking God's blessing upon the world, our nations, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

Available Free in the Digital Library - "Our Faith: Ecumenical Creeds, Reformed Confessions, and Other Resources" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library (crcna.org/Library). This resource brings together, for the first time, all the confessional standards and other official doctrinal statements of the Christian Reformed Church in North America and the Reformed Church in America.

Pray for Inspire 2017 - Inspire 2017 is a conference to connect people from across the 1000+ churches in the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. As we plan and prepare for this event, happening August 3-5 in Detroit, Mich., please join us in praying for the event and all who will attend. Registration opened last week; please pray for those organizing and taking in registrations, and for those registering or thinking about it.



We're on the web!
www.bethanycrc.ca

WHEN FEAR KNOCKS...



He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
- MARK 4:40 NIV