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Bethany Bugle

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Council Bugle Report

Meeting: Wednesday 18 March 2015

Attendees:

Elders: Rudy Boverhof, Zach Beldman, Albert Janssen, Kevin Twomey, Mark Vahrmeyer, Pastor Colin Vander Ploeg, Tim VanHoffen, Ray VanHuizen, Richard VanLochem, Pete Wierenga

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

Absent: George Gritter, Alfred Kiers, Jerry Kiers, Don Terpstra

- Chairman Tim VanHoffen opened with welcome and greetings. Scripture reading 1 Timothy 1. A reflection and discussion on our past Sunday's brokenness service.
- Minutes from council meeting held 19 February 2015 received. Motion to accept as presented. 2nd. Carried.
- Matters arising from the council meeting minutes.

A. Preparation was made for the anticipated discussion on children at communion at the upcoming Spring Congregational meeting to be held Wednesday, 25 March 2015 @ 7:00 pm. Pastor Colin to prepare some resources to help guide the conversation.

B. A sample job description of the proposed Youth Ministry Coordinator staff position was presented by the Youth Ministry Team along with minutes of their meeting held 5 March 2015. A discussion was had regarding how feasible it would be to integrate the Children's Ministry Coordinator's position into the proposed Youth Ministry Coordinator's roles. It was felt that the skills needed for the Children's Ministry Coordinator position are much more along the lines of strong administrative and organizational skills vs the oversight and leadership requirements of the Youth Ministry Coordinator. In that context, item 6 (relating to this matter) of the Youth Ministry Team's recommendation was deferred back to them for further consideration. After much discussion on the merits of proposing a full-time vs part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator staff position, council considered the following motion: "That the Youth Ministry Coordinator staff position be examined as a possible full-time position" 2nd. Further discussion. Carried.

• In response to the pending staff vacancy left by Lindsay Janssen's departure, the council executive has recommended that Lorraine Wierenga assume the responsibilities of Children's Ministry Coordinator as of 1 April 2015. Council sees the need for a seamless transition to ensure adequate ministry oversight and organization. This appointment is made as an interim solution while council considers our overall staffing requirements. Motion: "To appoint Lorraine Wierenga as interim Children's Ministry Coordinator" 2nd. Carried.

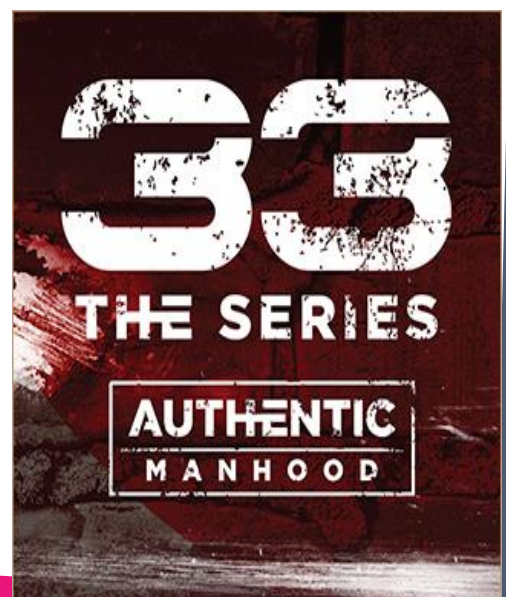
- Buildings and Grounds Team Report - received for information.
- Discipleship Team Report - received for information.
- Membership - Council approved the following membership transfer: Hoekstra, Darren, Evelyn and Ronan to 1st CRC, Guelph, Ontario. Council wishes God's richest blessings to this family in their new church home.
- New Business - Council spent time discerning eligible members for nomination for office bearers. The district elders will make contact with the nominees accordingly.
- Adjournment 10:45 pm
- Closing prayer Elder Pete Wierenga.

Last Sunday's Service

There have been a number of requests for a copy of last week Sunday's Brokenness Service for those who missed it. It will be an mp3 format that can play on a computer. If you would like to receive a copy of this, please contact Denise at the office at info@bethanycrc.ca or call 905-892-8980.

Also, reminder for anyone who wishes to sign up yet to work on the "Our Brokenness Stained Glass Window" project. The sign up sheet is on the table by the mail slots.

Coming March 24th



Conferences

Ladies Evening at Bethany CRC - Join us for an evening of learning, praise and fellowship on Friday evening, March 27 @ Bethany CRC in Fenwick. Coffee will be on for 6:30 PM and we will begin at 7 PM. We will watch two videos from a recent women's conference as well as spend some time singing and enjoying refreshments. **Joni Eareckson Tada**, a well-known speaker who became paralyzed from a diving accident, will be speaking about her long time prayer for the Lord to set her free from her confinement to a wheelchair. Instead of answering that prayer, He gave her a different kind of freedom. Joni will explain why your unanswered prayers may be the backdrop for a deeper healing and a new understanding of freedom in Christ.

Mary Kassian will be working through scripture and how the apostle Paul gives a warning to the danger facing weak-willed women. Mary Kassian looks to Scripture to explore seven characteristics of weak women. She'll show you how to say "no" to foolish behavior and "yes" to godly wisdom and strength. Cost is \$10 at the door, \$5 for ages 13-18. There is no registration but if you plan to come, please email Wilma wvahrmeier@gmail.com

Relational Wisdom 360 Conference—April 17th & 18th

You are cordially invited to attend a conference at Vineland Free Reformed Church on "Relational Wisdom 360 - Building better relationships by taking every thought, emotion, word and action captive to Christ" planned for April 17 (7:30 pm) and April 18 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm). Sharen DeWaard and Arlene Veensta will be leading the conference with material based on the book "The Peace Maker" by Ken Sande. Both have extensive experience in biblical counselling and are certified Relational Wisdom Instructors. Early bird registration is \$30.00 for singles and \$50.00 per couple (\$35 and \$60 after April 13). Lunch will be provided on Saturday. Please register by April 13 at Relationalwisdomconference@gmail.com

Other News

Coffee Break: Ladies I hope you all had great week on Spring Break. We will be back here this coming Tuesday ready for our weekly Bible Study. Snacks and coffee will waiting for you. We meeting the fellowship hall ready to start at 9:30 SHARP!! :) Gail's group will be starting lesson #8.

"What If I Make the Wrong Decision?" A major barrier to making the wrong decision can be the fear of making the wrong choice. What experiences in your life have contributed to or relieved your fears? Why was it wrong? Read Genesis 16, see how Abram and Sarai made a choice. Jane's group starts with question 9 of Lesson 7. Jean's group finishes lesson 6 and start's lesson 7. SNACKS: Marg V., Mary V,DM., Alice Z., See you Tuesday. morning here Grace CRC\

Golf Tournament- You are invited to Smithville Christian Reformed Church's Forward in Faith new building fundraising golf tournament. Join us on July 18th, at Twenty Valley Golf and Country Club. This will be a fun day, filled with great fellowship, prizes and food. The cost per player is \$150, which includes a cart, 18 holes, free lunch and a delicious buffet dinner; if you would just like to come for just the dinner the cost is \$50 (limited spaces). To register a team, enquire about sponsorship opportunities or if you have any questions, Please contact Steph Brinkert (stephbrinkert@gmail.com or 905 359 8943) or Karen Huizinga (karen_haanstra@hotmail.com or 905 973 7737) Registration ends June 30, we look forward to hearing from you!

CRC Announcements

GOD'S RICH MERCY AND GREAT LOVE: - Today on Groundwork we'll study Ephesians 2:1-5 to see how Paul moves us from the paralysis of being spiritually dead to something most glorious indeed. Join the conversation each week: subscribe for free weekly email notifications at Listen-ToGroundwork.com or visit GroundworkOnline.com to find a local radio station or listen now.

HEART OF GRACE: - What's wrong with Chamy? Why is she crying? Lucille finds out and learns a lesson about being a friend. Also, a new KC song premieres! Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Be sure to download this special song, "Leap of Faith," at 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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

FREE WEBINAR - Join Rev. Martin Vellekoop on March 25 for "Disagreeing Agreeably: Practicing Grace Instead of Exerting Control". This free, one-hour webinar is designed for any Christian who desires to grow in their own capacity to be a grace-filled presence in the middle of

a challenging exchange. For more details, registration, and webinar handouts visit crcna.org/webinars.

Prayer Summit 2015 | Register Now! - Prayer Summit 2015 will be held April 13-15 at All Nations Christian Reformed Church in Lake View Terrace, CA. Join fellow CRC pastors, church and ministry leaders, prayer leaders, and intercessors in a binational event to pray for the CRC and its North American and worldwide missions. Prayer Summit 2015 will provide opportunities to learn how to pray, discuss building a prayer ministry in your ministry, and partner in prayer with other organizations and congregations in your region. For more information and to register, visit JoinPrayerSummit.org.

Attention education graduates - As the college days draw to an end, schools located around the globe are looking for teachers for the 2015/16 school year. CRWM partners with these schools to help fill these positions. If you are interested in working internationally in Asia, Africa, Central America, or Europe, check crwm.org/teaching to find the opportunity of a lifetime!

VBS IN ASIA - 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.crwm.org or volunteer@crcna.org.
PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS? - Are you also interested in gender issues, sexual abuse prevention, trauma healing and

food security? Come alongside WORLD RENEW staff for 18 months in Mali and see your BA degree come alive with hands-on experience as you bless others. Details on this partially funded volunteer position can be found at www.worldrenew.net or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

SERVE Projects for those with Special Needs - FAITH FORMATION, FUN, FRIENDSHIPS AND SERVING OTHERS - that's the scoop on SERVE projects geared especially for those with special needs (14 - 26yrs). Do you know someone who would just love to participate in one of these projects this summer? There are still openings in Ottawa, Fruitland and Winnipeg where host teams and mentors would welcome your friends and provide them a most memorable week. For further information contact ServiceLink 800-730-3490 or volunteer@crcna.org
Cycle to end poverty! - Join other cyclists this summer for a 10th anniversary ride with Sea to Sea and raise money to fight poverty. You can choose to participate in a 6-day ride in Ontario or a 10-day ride in Alberta. Proceeds from your ride will be used to fund ministry by World Renew, Partners Worldwide, International Justice Mission, and local poverty initiatives. Volunteers are also urgently needed to assist with both rides. For more information or to register, visit sea-tosea.org. The Alberta ride is nearly full. Register today to avoid disappointment.

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