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Bethany Bugle

Council Bugle Report

Meeting: Wednesday 20 May 2015

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WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, May 27
@7:00 pm

Worship with Keri
Cardinale, Brett Lar-
son & Andrew
Thompson

Rose City Kids Thea-
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*A love offering will
be taken to benefit
the ministry of Rose
City Kids*

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Attendees:

Elders : Albert Janssen, Jerry Kiers, Kevin Twomey, Pastor Colin Vander Ploeg, Tim VanHoffen, Ray VanHuizen, Richard VanLochem, Pete Wierenga

Deacons : Nate Anjema, John Enzlin, Don Terpstra

Absent with Notice : Rudy Boverhof, Peter Bulk, Zach Beldman, Louis Dam, George Gritter, Mark Vahrmeyer

• Chairman Tim VanHoffen opened with welcome and greetings. Scripture reading Job 38 where God describes his incomprehensible power and might. An allpowerful God orchestrating the events of our lives for his glory and purpose. Prayer of blessing, intercession and thanksgiving.

• Minutes from council meeting held 15 April 2015 received. Motion to accept as presented. 2nd. Carried.

• Matters arising from the council meeting minutes.

1. Council has asked all Ministry Teams to review their mandates and report back to council. Council entered into discussion regarding Team models where staffing is included and how recommendations come to council for discernment. Motion: "All recommendations to council to be submitted by the ministry teams" 2nd. Discussion. Carried.

2. Council discussed next steps relating to Children at Communion. Council will make plans to move forward with this by: a) Providing a letter of communication to the congregation on this matter. b) To facilitate appropriate education and awareness regarding children at communion.

c) Use preaching opportunities as well as parental resources to assist our congregation with the biblical understanding relating to children at communion.

• New Business.

1. Received a letter of request from our Worship Coordinator, Nicole VanHuizen for a leave of absence begin 1 July 2015 until 30 June 2016. Nicole has accepted a temporary teaching position with the Dunnville Christian School for this time frame. Council values Nicole's work as worship coordinator and understands her need to temporarily take on this new position. Motion: "To grant Nicole her request for a leave of absence." 2nd. Carried.

2. Council entered into a discussion on the method of which we elect office bearers. Council reviewed the guidelines of the church order, particularly Supplement, Article 4a (p13) relating to the casting of lots as a method of selection. Council feels that the current method that Bethany uses to elect office bearers, although not without pitfalls, best allows for discernment and involvement of the congregation in the process. There is a recognition that the nomination process itself requires more intentionality so as to present a strong slate of gifted Godly men equipped to serve the congregation well. Council is mindful that service within the church takes place in many ways and we do well to foster a culture of service within our church community at all levels.

3. Council entered into discussion on where membership matters are handled full council (elders and deacons) vs eldership. Motion: "Membership decisions to be the responsibility of the eldership" 2nd. Discussion. Carried.

• Deacons Report received for information. The Deacons have determined to support the CAP (Congregational Assistance Plan) program from Shalem Christian Counseling. The Deacons will be providing details of this program to the congregation at a future date.

• Membership

1. Transfer in: Braun, Timothy from Heritage Reformed Congregation of Jordan. Council extends a warm welcome to Timothy, Halee and their newborn daughter, Isla.

2. Request to lapse: Nauta, Peter and Nauta, Justin. Council wishes both these young men God's richest blessing in their new church home.

3. Discussion and relating action on a number of other membership matters.

• Adjournment 9:50 pm

• Closing prayer Deacon John Enzlin.

Youth Director Position Applications

Youth Director Position Now Open for Applications

Bethany CRC, is seeking a Youth director for our vibrant and growing congregation for 20-25 hours per week. This role will be focused on mentoring our youth, working with congregational leaders and providing discipleship opportunities. Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to Ray VanHuizen, email: vanhgrower@gmail.com Posting open for two weeks. Position to be filled for September 2015. Thank you!

School News

The Fundraising Committee of Smithville Christian High School invites you to a FAMILY FISH FRY on Saturday, May 30 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. All you can eat for \$20/adult, \$10 for children under age 10. Eat in or take out. Fried perch, french fries, coleslaw, beverage.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT Students from Smithville Christian High planning to go to Africa in March of 2016 are hosting a fundraising euchre tournament at the school on Saturday, May 30 at 7PM. Cost of \$20 per person includes snacks and an evening of fun! Come and join us, and thank you for supporting our trip. You can call the school at 905-957-3255 or just show up at the door - there will be room for you!

Thank You

Thank You from Family Outreach Ontario

Thank you for your recent donation to support Family Outreach Ontario Christian Addiction Support Services. The money is used to pay for expenses related to interventions and family meetings for those needing help; our (part-time) Executive Director who makes presentations across southern Ontario; the printing of brochures, flyers, and newsletters; and a 1-800 phone number. Our volunteer-run organization is small and we operate a tight budget, yet the challenge we face is huge – sometimes even daunting. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. Without it, we would not be able to continue helping Reformed Christians and their families who are struggling with drug or alcohol addictions.

Rose City Kids Says THANKS!!

A lot is happening at Rose City Kids and God continues to bless this ministry! Over \$20,000 raised at our Spring dinner and over \$3000 at our garage sale last week! Thanks to a lot of you that so faithfully support us! EXCITING NEWS: This Wednesday evening WDCX will be joining us at the theatre as we host Worship Wednesday! This will be an amazing evening and a love offering will be taken to help us begin a new "Youth program" a program geared for at-risk youth. Presently we have over 100 youth (11 and up) that need major investing. We need to pull these kids out of our Saturday program and create something new for them where we can intentionally invest in them in a much deeper way. Please come out to this event and support us if you can.

ROSE CITY KIDS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are dealing with so many troubled kids that just need so much investment. Rose city Kids is so much more than the Saturday program and tutoring....it's getting into the lives of many of our families much deeper than we ever imagined!

From removing children from bad living situations, to running out late at night to just hug a child, to sitting with kids over a cold drink at Tim Horton's reminding them that they do matter, and that somebody does love them and care, from kids involved in sexual abuse to kids whose parent don't care what time of day they arrive back home at the end of a day. All this is so real...and only 20 minutes from our doorsteps!

Rose City Kids Saturdays are hard! We are working with so many kids that have no structure and discipline. So it's very normal for a child to act out. Our volunteers go home exhausted but they know they are doing it for the kids. I know everyone's lives are busy in general....and it's probably hard to even think about how you could squeeze in an afternoon once or twice a month to help out. But you know once you're there and you see the difference you can make, you will soon learn that it's not that hard to sacrifice an afternoon when you see how pretty good our lives really are and how hard a lot of these kids live. Jesus calls us to love and witness. He calls us to be kind to all. We have so much mission work that needs to be done right here in our back yards. Please consider answering the call. Rose City Kids needs you!

Just want to challenge you all to please consider joining us this fall when we begin a new season! Help us carry this heavy load ! Get to know a child and possibly become a big brother or sister to them!

If you would like to learn more about how you can help out, please don't hesitate to contact Sonya @ 905 892 6978 or sonya@rosecitykids.com Thank you!

Concerts & Services

Dutch Service will be held in Ancaster Christian Reformed Church on **June 7, 2015** at 3:00 P.M. **Rev. Herman Praamsma** will be preaching.

To the King Male Chorus, conducted by Mendelt D. Hoekstra and accompanied by pianist Julie Hoff presents, "Sing in Spring with To the King" on the evening of May 29, 2015 at 7:30pm. This year, *To the King* will be joined by Toronto-based, Hungarian women's acappella chorus, *Harmonia Hungarica*, singing a wide variety of choral music from the renaissance, baroque and classical eras as well as more contemporary arrangements. Join us for an intimate concert in the old-world setting of one of Niagara's premiere acoustical venues, St. Thomas' Church, 99 Ontario Street, St. Catharines. \$15/person (13 years and older). Children 12 years old and under are free. Seating is limited, so these tickets will be only available online or in advance from a choir member. Visit www.totheking.ca for more details or email tickets@totheking.ca.

Classis

Report of Classis Niagara Meeting May 15, 2015

Classis Niagara, a group of 13 Christian Reformed Churches in the Niagara Region, send Pastor and elder delegates to meet as a Classis three times per year to deliberate church, ministry, and administrative matters held in common. This session of Classis was held at the Wilfrid Laurier University in a show of support and encouragement for the All Ontario Youth Convention. We praise God that Classis could meet to conduct its ministry work, and also for the opportunity to bless the leaders and those participating in the All Ontario Youth Convention.

1. Rev. Sid Couperus, Chair of Classis, welcomed delegates and led in devotions reading 1 John 3:1-3, the basis for the All Ontario Youth Convention's theme "Imago Dei—Our Identity as God's Image-bearers." Our attention was drawn to "how great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God" and how this meeting of classis provides delegates an opportunity to interact with the leaders of the All Ontario Youth Convention to witness the work of God's Spirit in the lives of these young people. Part of the purpose for Classis meeting on the Wilfrid Laurier University campus is to bless, encourage, support, and pray for the leaders and teenagers who are attending the convention. This meeting allowed delegates to put into practice two of the core values and guiding principles to which classis has committed itself, namely leadership development and covenantal relationships. Rev. Couperus then led in a time of prayer.
2. Rev. Dr. Darren Roorda, Director of Canadian Ministries, presented a pilot project that will help strengthen the ministry of the local church and possibly serve as a model for other Classis. The pilot project is made up of two components: a human component that will provide assistance for churches in accessing resources available from the denomination for a church's particular ministry, and an electronic component that will set up an integrated digital informational platform to be tailored to the individual needs of the church and her members. Delegates expressed excitement and approval of this project.
3. Shalom Manor Chaplaincy Committee reported that Rev. Fred VanderBerg has taken a call to serve as Pastor of Congregational Life at Mountainview CRC and is now seeking an interim pastor to help provide pastoral care and preaching at Shalom Gardens.
4. Representative of World Missions, Rev. Gelyense reported on the proposal requesting the Board of Trustees to create a new unified mission agency that brings the unique strengths and mission strategies of World Missions and Home Missions together for a greater impact within the CRCNA and the global church.
5. Brock Campus Ministry reported that a house has been purchased for ministry use that will serve as a part time off-campus ministry centre for various Bible studies, group discussions, and social events/activities that will not be subject to restrictions by the university. The house will also house students who are committed to providing leadership to this ministry.
6. Classis concurred with the decision of Mountainview CRC and Commissioned Pastor Rick Roeda with regards to the conclusion of Pastor Roeda's ministry at Mountainview CRC.
7. Church Planters, Pastor Mike Colins of the Village Church and Pastor Allen Deters of the Bridge Church, reported on the many blessings God is pouring out upon their ministries.
8. Classis approved the overture of Covenant CRC to appoint a Task Force to develop a mandate for a Classis Youth Ministry.

For further information about the above report, please contact your pastor and/or elder delegate to this meeting of Classis Niagara, or go to the Classical website at classisniagara.ca.

Fundraising



Join us for our annual golf tournament the Champs Classic! Held on Saturday June 13 at Sparrow Lakes Golf course in Welland. Registration is 11:30-12:30, shotgun start at 1:00. Cost is \$100/ golfer, includes 18 holes, power cart and dinner! Please sign up by June 2 by contacting Scott Van Driel at to-by_1980@yahoo.com or by calling 905-328-5661, hope to see you there!



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"When people ask where our congregation was trained to endure disasters, we always point to your 40-week sermon series on the first chapter of Leviticus."

Other News

The Bridge Missional Community is excited to be participating in Springlicious 2015. Springlicious is a Food-Fun-Music Festival that will be happening on Queen Street in Niagara Falls on May 29, 30 and 31. The street is closed off to vehicular traffic allowing businesses and vendors to offer culinary delights, exceptional beers and wines, and all kinds of entertainment.

Here is where you come in!! We need some volunteers to help man our booth which will be interactive allowing children and adults to plant a tomato seedling in a pot (decorated with stickers) allowing us to mingle with those attending this event. Last year, over 30,000 people attended!!

We also need LOTS of fun foam stickers to decorate the pots with, so if you're willing to donate stickers or volunteer, please contact Allen Kleine-Deters at allen@thebridgenf.ca or phone 289-687-0169.

We invite you to join us this summer as we **RE-FOCUS on the MINISTRY of JESUS!** An 8-part evening teaching series by Pastor John Veenstra, at Mountainview CRC, Grimsby. Coffee @ 4:45 pm, service begins @ 5 pm. Dates: July 5, 12, 19, 26 & August 9, 16, 23, 30. Please prepare by reading any two of the Gospels.

Shalom Manor & Gardens May Sale – Saturday, May 30th

It's that time of year again – Annual May Sale time at Shalom Manor & Gardens! You are invited to our Annual May Sale on Saturday, May the 30th from 8:00am-12:00. In great tradition, we will be having a full pancake breakfast; HUGE outdoor plant sale; cut flower sales; food market complete with raisin buns, eggs and croquettes; and marketplace full of interesting vendors! There is sure to be something for everyone! Save the date – Saturday, May 30th! Proceeds of the sale will support recreational programs and services. (Additional parking available at Mountainview CRC with a shuttle bus service)

Open House for Pastor Fred VanderBerg: Shalom Manor

With sadness, we announce that Pastor Fred has resigned from his position as the Chaplain of Shalom Manor and Gardens, effective June 15. He has accepted a position with Mountainview Christian Reformed Church as the Pastor of Community Life. All residents, families, volunteers, staff and community members are invited to attend an open house to celebrate the contributions he has made to Shalom over the past 8 years. Please come and express your thankfulness to Pastor Fred and wish him well as he prepares to serve his new church.

Saturday, June the 6th from 10:00am-12:00pm, Shalom Manor & Gardens Auditorium

Shalom Gardens Retirement Apartments

Are you looking for assistance with day-to-day living but want to maintain independence? We invite you to consider Shalom Gardens! Our one-bedroom suites come with a kitchenette, private balcony, secure entry, recreation programs, mid-day and evening meal dining services and 24-hour nursing support. As a tenant, you have access to a Chaplain, weekly worship and amenities such as the Hair Salon, General Store, Breezes Café, and spacious courtyard. To indicate your interest and book a tour, call Bernice at 905-945-9631, ext. 1152.

CRC Announcements

WISDOM AND WORLDLINESS: -

Join us as we study James 3 to discover the source and definition of real wisdom. Then we'll look at the advice James gives for how we can live in the world but resist embracing the empty wisdom of the world. Subscribe for free weekly email notifications at ListenToGround-work.com or visit GroundworkOnline.com to find a local radio station or listen now.

Back to God Ministries International - From Rev. Kurt Selles, BTGMI Director: We are so grateful for your faithful support of Back to God Ministries International. Your gifts make it possible to proclaim the Gospel, disciple believers and strengthen the church worldwide through media ministries. May I bring you thanks from Kumsar, a former Hindu who lives in central India: "I grew up worshipping idols. Then I started listening to your Christian programs where I learned about the living God. My family and I thank you for such soulful programs which enlighten us."

LIZ'S PROGRESS: - Liz has a dream where he walks the Road of Life and meets each of the deadly sins. 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.

Make this summer a memorable one - In July and August, cyclists will take to the roads to raise awareness about global poverty and encourage Christians to become part of the response. Will you join them? Volunteers are urgently needed to make the 10th anniversary Sea to Sea ride in Southern Ontario from June 29-July 4 possible. For more information about how you can get involved, call 1-888-272-BIKE or visit seatosea.org.

Nepal Earthquake Response: - World Renew is responding to the catastrophic earthquake that took the lives of over 8,000 people in Nepal and injured thousands more in the worst disaster to strike the country in 80 years. World Renew is already working with Christian Reformed World Missions as well as two local partners to provide safe water (water purification tablets and water filtration systems), emergency food, fuel to cook food, and tents to earthquake survivors. They also hope to be involved in longer-term programs with other partners as funding allows. Gifts received from Canadians by May 25 will qualify for a 1:1 match from the Canadian government. Please join us. Call 1-800-730-3490, visit www.worldrenew.net/donate or mail your gift marked, "World Renew Nepal Earthquake," to World Renew, 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8. God of

love and justice, open our hearts and prompt us to action.

TEACH ENGLISH IN KYRGYZSTAN

- Model a Christ-like life to young students coming from nominal Muslim backgrounds as you teach English and lead various school projects and extra-curricular activities in this south Asian country. Details for this partially funded volunteer position which begins in August 2015 can be found at www.crcna.org or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

ARE YOU A GREAT STORY

TELLER/WRITER? - Come support World Renew's Cambodia Country Consultant (who has limited English language writing skills) by creatively writing or editing proposals, reports, newsletters and stories of transformation into proper and creative English. 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.

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