



# BETHANY BUGLE



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Council wishes to remind the congregation that next weekend Pastor Colin VanderPloeg and his wife Anita will be joining us at Bethany. On Saturday, beginning at 3pm, we will be having an hour long question and answer period, followed by an hour or more of fellowship to meet with them both and to get to know each other in a casual setting. We encourage you all to attend and to meet Pastor Colin and Anita. On Sunday, he will be leading us in worship.

Council will be meeting the Monday following, to reflect on their visit and pray for pastor Colin, Bethany and the next steps for our church. *If after this council meeting we feel that the Lord is leading us to call Pastor Colin as Bethany's next shepherd, the elders will be contacting their districts during the week to inform each member. The plan then would be to have a congregational vote on Sunday, 24 November 2013 to decide on extending a call to Pastor VanderPloeg. Council has determined that an 85% favourable vote is required in order to extend this call.* Pastor VanderPloeg is also engaged in discussions with another church in the Ottawa area and wishes to give both congregations consideration and time for discerning God's leading on his ministry. It is our intention to time our vote and possible call to allow him the ability to prayerfully seek God's guidance in this discernment process, so that he is able to reply to both churches at the same time. The elders will be contacting their districts during the week as a reminder of the planned vote on Sunday, as well as giving the opportunity for any questions you might have for your elder. We also encourage you to listen to Pastor Colin's sermons online:

<http://bethanycrc.ca/sermons.html>

These sermons can be listened to online or can be downloaded to your computer by right-clicking on the individual sermon title, they then can be put on cd, iPod, or smartphone for listening at your convenience. It is our desire that we all take an interest and make an informed decision.

Dear Congregation



Once again in time for the festive season our Cadets will be offering for sale

Croquettes and Stroopwafels.  
Next summer there is another International Campo-

ree being planned for Alberta and we hope to offset some of the cost so that our men and boys might participate.

Look for order forms coming soon to your mailslots.



**SAMARITAN'S PURSE:** Only one more week for us to complete the Samaritans Purse boxes. The must be in no later than Nov. 17. There are still some boxes on

the table so please take one home and fill it and make a life changing experience for a child. Samaritan's Purse also provide each child with Bible material. Thanks for your participation. Contact Ann Van Lochem if you have any questions.

**THANK YOU!** A great big thank you to the deacons for organizing an evening of good conversation around Christian education last week. And a great big thank you to everyone who attended. The turnout was great and it spoke to a genuine interest in what God is making available through the Christian schools in this area. We appreciate the opportunity to work together in this way!

The NACE Board

## Other News



**Coffee Break:** We have been having or Bible studies for two months already, and are very blessed with the number of ladies who come out every week to join us. We are continuing our study of Romans. This week the groups led by Gail and by Jean will be studying Romans 15:1-13. Lesson 18 "Unity, Hope and Praise". In this chapter Paul urges us to stop being self-centered. For the first time in Romans, he holds up the examples of Christ. Jane's group will be studying Lesson 17. Refreshments will be ready for 9:15 and we start promptly at 9:30. Ladies we will see you Tuesday morning here at Grace CRC. Snacks: Anna.

### BETHANY WOMENS BIBLE

**STUDY** We completed the "Not a Fan" study this past Wednesday night. This study forced us to confront ourselves with the question "Are we a fan or a follower". One of the conclusions was until you really have surrendered anything and everything over to Jesus and truly put him above all else in your life, you will not know the joy and satisfaction that finally comes when you go all in. We plan on getting together December 4 at Jacqueline Slappendels' home for a Christmas celebration, starting at 7:30pm.

On December 16 we will once again serve goodies at the Friendship Christmas celebration at the Welland CRC, let Mary or Joyce know if you will be able to help out.

**Evergreen Terrace: Fall Sale for Shalom Manor**—On November 16, 2013, from 8:00AM to noon the Residents of Evergreen Terrace at 275 Main St., E. Grimsby will be holding their annual fall sale for the benefit of Shalom Manor. We will have baked goods, knitted items including dressed dolls, greeting cards, arts and crafts, coffee shop and books and puzzles. There will be something for everyone. Please come out and socialize with friends and family on our premises. The seniors at Evergreen have been holding these sales for a number of years and it is with great anticipation that we welcome our many younger friends and families who are so willing to show their apprecia-

tion for our efforts. We hope to see you on the 16th of November.

### Shalom Manor & Gardens – November Sale – Saturday, November 30th

On Saturday, November 30th, you are invited to join us for our new and improved November Sale! From 10:00am-2:00pm (please note change in time), you are invited to Shalom (12 Bartlett Avenue in Grimsby) to take in some old and new attractants at the Sale. While we will have the old favourites such as croquettes, plant and flower sale, lucky draw, farm-fresh food items, cake and coffee and a huge vendor marketplace, we will also be offering new items such as a boerenkool lunch, pictures with Sinterklaas and an Honour Tree. Mark it on your calendar – a day for both traditional and new enjoyment! (Please be advised that additional parking at Mountainview CRC with shuttle bus service will be provided.)

### The Mattaniah Christian Male

**Choir** hopes to perform a concert at Vineland FRC, the Lord willing, on Friday, November 29 at 8:00pm. The choir, directed by Herman den Hollander and accompanied by André Knevel (Organ) and Joyce Postmus (Piano), will present an evening of song and praise. There will be a free-will offering in support of Word & Deed Ministries. For information, please call 905-628-1211, email [hdenhollander@yahoo.com](mailto:hdenhollander@yahoo.com), or visit <http://www.mattaniah.org/>

**CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT** for Grimsby Benevolent Fund Music @ Mountainview is pleased to present The Arcelor Mittal Dofosco Mal Chorus and ladies Choral Ensemble On Monday November 25 At Mountainview Christian Reformed Church 290 Main St. E Grimsby. at 7:30 pm. tickets are available at The Dutch Shop 52 Main St. E. as well as Grimsby Benevolent Fund 40 Elm St. Grimsby also at the door the night of the concert (\$15/ person children under 12 free=

**St. Catharines Right to Life Benefit Concert** : Featuring the Mantini Sisters and The Torchmen, Friday, November 29, at 7:30 p.m., Glenridge Bible Church, 310 Scott Street, St. Catharines. All are welcome. Refresh-

ments afterward. A freewill offering will be taken for St. Catharines Right to Life. For more information, visit [chooselife.ca](http://chooselife.ca), or call the office at 905-684-7505, email: [info@chooselife.ca](mailto:info@chooselife.ca).



The Robert Wood Singers under the direction of Andrew Carruthers are artistically presenting "The Child at Christmas" with just one concert on Sunday, December 8 at 2:30 PM at the Welland Centennial School on Thorold Rd. It promises to be variety of sacred music and a concert for the whole family. The Wood Kids are participating in a memorable concert of music. See the poster in the Fellowship Hall or visit [www.robertwoodsingers.com](http://www.robertwoodsingers.com) for details. The ticket price is \$ 15 for adults and \$ 8 for children 12 & under. Contact Andy Van Driel (289) 820-6836 or Frank Dam (905) 892-2140 for tickets.

"A God-glorifying, festive tradition, Arcady's acclaimed Baroque performance of Handel's Messiah is scheduled for 7:30 PM, Saturday, December 7 at the Vineland Free Reformed Church. Proceeds from this year's concert will support Gospel and development efforts in Guatemala. Tickets are \$25 each and family and student rates are available. For tickets or information, please call Michael or Victoria Zwiép at 905-892-9160 or email [mzwiép@edudeo.com](mailto:mzwiép@edudeo.com)."

### LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR CONCERT -

The new Libertas Male Choir under the direction of Martin Mans accompanied by Martin Zonnenberg and Andre Knevel is proud to announce its first series of concerts. The choir's goal is to recognize the sacrifices of our Canadian veterans and to celebrate the 70th anniversary in 2015, of the liberation of the Netherlands. Nov. 21, 8 p.m., Mountainview CRC, 290 Main St. East Grimsby; Nov. 22, 8 p.m. Georgetown CRC, 11611 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown; Nov. 23, 8 p.m., Alexandra Presbyterian Church, 410 Colborne St. East, Brantford. For tickets contact [info@libertasvoices.com](mailto:info@libertasvoices.com) or phone 905-522-0001 or Jim Visser at 905-459-5299.

## School News

### NACE

**CHRISTMAS URN WORKSHOP—BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**, NACE is again providing the popular Christmas Urn Workshop (\$50 for one, with the option of making a friend, call a neighbour and make it a fun night out!! All proceeds go to NACE!! We had so much positive feedback from last year, we brought it back again!!!

The Workshops will take place at Covenant Christian School on Friday evening, November 29 at 7:30pm. If you are interested in taking part in this awesome event; sign up by calling Wendy at 905-957-7796 or email her at [ccs@nace.ca](mailto:ccs@nace.ca). We will also have a sign-up sheet at the bazaar, but don't delay!! Space is limited!! SEE YOU THERE!!

#### NACE Fall Drive

Would you consider a year-end gift that will have real impact? We are launching our Fall Drive in support of Covenant and John Knox Christian Schools. Christian schools are important players in the lives of our students but also in our society, because education is a very powerful influence as young people shape their worldviews!

This week look for a letter in your church mailboxes explaining what this Fall Drive hopes to accomplish. Enclosed you'll see reply cards and envelopes that can be mailed directly to NACE or left in Ryan and Andrea Veldhuizen's mailslot. Next week, volunteers will begin their follow-up work, but if you want to save them the challenge of connecting with you, you can reply ahead of that, and we'll remove your name from the call list. We pray that many people will take this opportunity to show their support for local Christian Education and the families that it blesses!

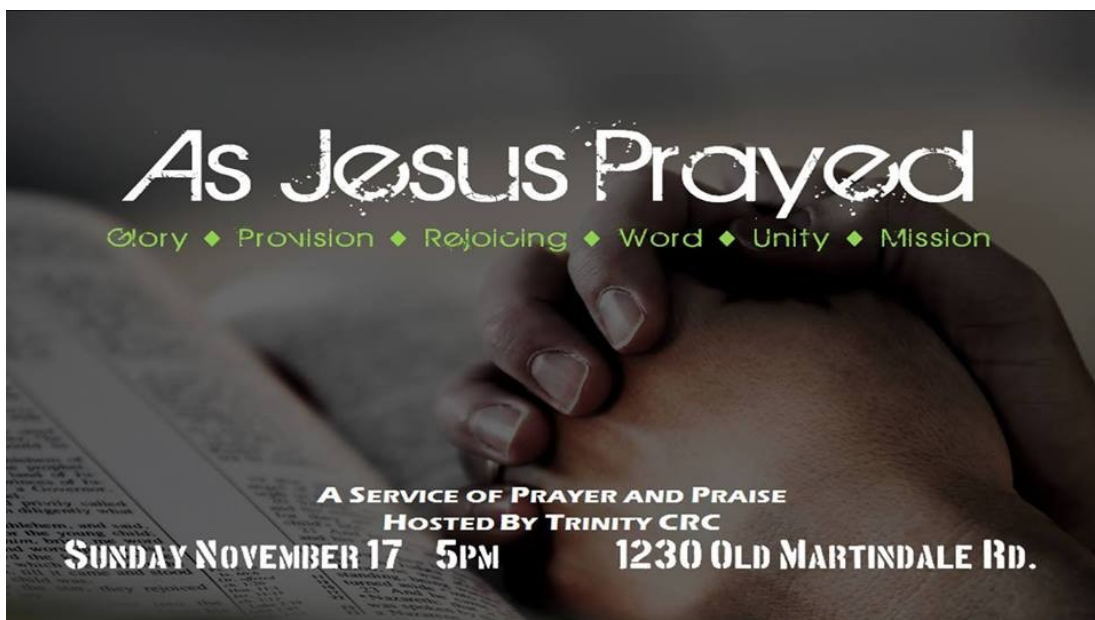
### SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**Dinner and Auction:** Please join us at Smithville Christian High in support of the 2014 South Africa trip team. Dinner starts at 6:30, on Friday November 22. Call the school to reserve your \$10 tickets; 905-957-3255. Amazing auction items and an evening of good food and entertainment. Please join us and support our trip.

#### Smithville Christian High School Membership Meeting

The Fall Membership Meeting will be taking place on Monday, November 18 at Smithville Christian High School. There will be a reception and orientation for new families from 6:45 until 7:45, and time of fellowship for all members from 7:45 – 8:00 p.m. The business portion of the meeting begins at 8:00 p.m. Make sure you come out to hear how God is blessing our school and society.

The only way to stand firm in this world is to fall to our knees. Please join us for an evening of prayer and praise at Trinity CRC (1230 Old Martindale Rd., St. Catharines) on November 17 at 5pm. We are calling people to prayer and praise to give glory to God and pray for revival in our hearts and churches. Using John 17 we will be led to pray As Jesus Prayed in worship and Word. Join with us so that together we can join with God.







# CRC Denomination

**CALVIN COLLEGE - Continuing Education for Pastors:** The Emo F. J. Van Halsema Fellowship is a four-week stipendiary fellowship, available to pastors from the Reformed tradition, to allow pastors to pursue scholarly research in the field of John Calvin or the Reformation and early Calvinism. This award carries a stipend of a minimum of \$1,000 and work space in the Meeter Center. Applications should be submitted to the director of the Meeter Center no later than Jan. 1, 2014. For information visit <http://www.calvin.edu/meeter> and click on the Fellowships and Scholarships tab, contact the Meeter Center at [meet-er@calvin.edu](mailto:meet-er@calvin.edu) or 616-526-7081

**CALVIN SYMPOSIUM ON WORSHIP - Jan. 30-Feb. 1** at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. This year's theme is based on the book of Exodus. There are excellent rates for students and groups from churches. All worship services are free and open to the public. See [worship.calvin.edu/symposium/](http://worship.calvin.edu/symposium/) for complete information. Over the years, an overwhelming number of comments of appreciation from Worship Symposium attendees have been for the warm hospitality at Calvin. We are grateful for many volunteers who help us with this. If you would be interested in volunteering, please email [worshipsymposium@calvin.edu](mailto:worshipsymposium@calvin.edu) or phone 616-526-6088.

**WORLD MISSIONS - Volunteer with CRWM** in Nicaragua: Tesoros de Dios (God's Treasures), a partner of Christian Reformed World Missions in Nicaragua, serves children with developmental disabilities. The agency is seeking an Outreach Coordinator to provide awareness and inclusion community training for six

months. For more information, visit [www.crwmm.org/serve](http://www.crwmm.org/serve) or contact Lisa Sochacki at 616-224-0750.

**GROUNDWORK - No Unclean People:** Is the message of the gospel for everyone, or for just certain nationalities, groups or social classes? What does the Bible say about this? Find out on this week's Groundwork program based on Acts 10. Join the conversation; find a local station or listen online anytime at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com).

**KIDS CORNER - Tommy Twotoad:** Liz has been asked to be a friend to the new kid in school, but he is the most annoying lizard Liz has ever met. How can Liz help this obnoxious lizard? Find out on this week's Kids Corner. Listen at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Then contact Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R3Y8 or email [kids@kidscorner.net](mailto:kids@kidscorner.net) for great resources for kids and parents.

**FREE WEBINAR - Join us on November 13** for "Navigating the Challenges of Church Renewal" presented by Jack Tacoma. The journey of renewal is like the ancient journey of the Hebrews, there are river crossings and rebellions, celebrations and ceremonies, mountains and wilderness. What does this all look like at the congregational level, and what should leaders, including pastors, expect? For details and registration for this free, one-hour event visit [crcna.org/webinars](http://crcna.org/webinars).

**WEBINAR BY 'SPACT' - On November 19 and 22** a two-part webinar Discerning God's Mission Together will explore the changing cultural dynamics inside and outside the CRC, and the effect they have on the churches we attend. The CRC's Strategic Planning & Adaptive Change Team (SPACT) is hosting a number of gatherings across the US and Canada to explore these issues and these webinars will be the 'online gathering' for those not able to attend one of those events. For complete details and registration for these free, one-hour events visit [crcna.org/webinars](http://crcna.org/webinars).

**TIMOTHY LEADERSHIP TRAINING - will be held in Houston Texas Jan. 20-24, 2014.** If you are passionate about out-bound mission settings and are linguistically, physically, and

culturally adaptable, consider this opportunity. Become a Master Trainer and travel to out-bound locations to train indigenous pastors and lay leaders who are unable to attend formal seminaries. Learn more about Timothy Leadership Training Institute's worldwide mission and register online [www.tlti.org](http://www.tlti.org) or call the home office in Grand Rapids Mich. 616-957-6094.

**WORLD RENEW & All Ontario Youth Convention - are partnering** on another cross cultural journey open to teens in active leadership roles and with a heart to cultivate a mission minded worldview. This trip to Nicaragua in the Spring of 2014 will allow students to engage culture in a very experiential way and get a deeper sense of what it means to be part of the global church. If you have questions or would like to apply, please contact Iona Busiman [ibuisman@worldrenew.net](mailto:ibuisman@worldrenew.net).

**PRAYING ONSITE WITH INSIGHT - World Missions** invites you to join them on a prayer safari to East and South Africa from February 6 - 17, 2014 as you visit, pray for and encourage partner ministries and missionaries of World Missions. Led by Pastor John Algera of Paterson, NJ, and hosted by Rev. Mwaya and Munyiva Wa Kitavi of Nairobi, Kenya, your prayers will strengthen, encourage and refresh many as they serve in various mission settings. For additional information or to sign up, please contact Lisa Sochacki [isochacki@crcna.org](mailto:isochacki@crcna.org).

**ARE YOU 16 - 24YRS OLD? - Have you been thinking** about opportunities to serve globally and looking for something that would provide a deeper understanding of how to appropriately encounter and respond to poverty issues and their root causes? World Renew's SWAP program in Honduras is then something you will want to consider for the summer of 2014. Not only will you gain a new understanding of issues related to poverty, but you'll also develop practical skills by working with World Renew Honduras team. Sounds intriguing right? To find out more contact [globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net](mailto:globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net)

**THE TOUR OF A LIFETIME! - March 13-24:** Visit places you've heard about in church since you were little: Herod's palace at Caesarea and Elijah's Mount Carmel; Galilee, the foundations of the house where Peter hosted Jesus and the synagogue where our Lord taught. See Roman ruins, the Pool of Bethesda, the old City and the Wailing Wall. In Jordan travel the highway Moses led the people of Israel on, and mount Nebo. The hotels are excellent; the bus modern; the guide and driver experienced and secure. The fellowship will be great. Pastor John Veenstra, interim pastor, Hope CRC Thunder Bay, will do Biblical teaching. The tour is limited to 44 participants- the deadline to register Dec. 1. Arrangements through Verstraete Travel. Call Pastor John at 807-473-0726 or email him at [cnorten-wheeler41@gmail.com](mailto:cnorten-wheeler41@gmail.com).

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