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Bethany Bugle

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Mental Health Network

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www.shalemnetwork.org
Confidential congregation-
ally supported counselling.



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Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 6, 2017 @ 7:30

Attendees:

Elders: George DeRoo (chaired), Hilbert Bokma, Peter Glasbergen, Harry Hielema, Ed Slappendel, Jim Slappendel, Ed Roorda, Kevin Twomey, Mark Vahrmeyer, Pastor Colin Vander Ploeg, Peter Veldhuizen (Clerk), Gerry Vermeer

Deacons: Leo Devries, JJ Keiser, Bert Nauta, Frank Vraets

Absent: Rob Bouwers, Brian Prins

Prayer and Opening Devotions – Lamentations 3, followed with a discussion on God is Great and Faithful even when we experience trials.

Presentation of Council Minutes, October 6th, 2017--reviewed and motion to approve: **carried**

Matters arising from Minutes:

Classis Niagara... October 25th, 2017... Harry Hielema reflected on the meeting. Primarily as there was discussion on Discipleship.

Up coming Fall Congregational meeting planned agenda is in place. Meeting will take place on November 29th, 2017.

New Business:

Planning for February 21st, 2018 Classis meeting at Bethany. Fellowship Team will take care of meals and refreshment plans. Pastor Colin will arrange for the remaining set-up requirements to be in place.

Executive report – None

Peter Veldhuizen

Deacons Reports –

Leo Devries

Deacons Syrian Refugees... \$2,500.00 financial support from Deaconate fund

Vision Implementation Team Report

Ed Roorda

Surveys are in. Next step is assessing results. Data base will be created based on the survey that will outline areas of ministry that people are interested in serving.

Job description will be created for the Vision Team point person.

There is a leadership workshop training session for any person in leadership.

Caregiver Team Report – none

George DeRoo

Finance Team Report

Ed Slappendel

2018 Financial budget was thoroughly discussed and with some modifications has been approved.

The chair will address the congregation to challenge all members to seriously assess if they have met their tithing obligations to date.

Fellowship Team Report – none

Gerry Vermeer

Buildings & Grounds Reports –

Bert Nauta

Parking lot repairs and sealing/painting complete

Sewer and toilet issues in basement fixed

Safe Church Team Report -

Peter Glasbergen

Pastor Colin met with the Team and provided guidance as there are several new members on the Team. Team will meet later this month.

Discipleship Team Report - none

Harry Hielema

Youth Committee Report – none

Peter Glasbergen

Library Report

George DeRoo

Reported that on weekly basis there are 15 – 20 books and videos taken out.

Correspondence and miscellaneous:

Prayer request letter from Redeemer. Provide request content in the Bugle.

Letter from CRC Communication regarding "The Bridge App". Looking for contact person within Bethany. Denise is currently taking this role.

Executive Team to meet with staff in the near future.

Next Meeting – December 4th, 2017

Closing Peter Glasbergen

Other News

Coffee Break: This week Tuesday we will again be meeting together for our weekly Coffee Break morning. Tea and Coffee will be ready for you. We start promptly at 9:30 for our morning devotions and singing in the fellowship hall.. As we go to our different rooms. we will continue our study of 1 Peter. Gail's group will be starting lesson

5, Barb's group will start with question 5 of lesson 5, Joyce's group will be start question 8 of lesson #5 Wendy's group start Lesson #6 "Christians At Risk" See you Tuesday!! Leading: Tildy S. Kitchen Clean-Up: Sylvia B., Elizabeth W., Sue. St A., Babysitters: Janet L., Nellie S., Remember the date Dec. 5 gift wrapping at Rose City Kids.

GIRL TALK - Come out for a night of fun with your friends as Sheila Wray Gregoire joins us for a night of straight talk about marriage and intimacy. She's a best selling author who will give us practical advice to help our marriages thrive and have us laughing at the same time. So grab your girlfriends, young or old, and come out on Thursday, November 16 at 7pm at Providence Church 4845 King St. Beamsville. Desserts will be served! Tickets are \$15 before November 1st and \$20 after or at the door. They are available at the Providence church office or online at tickets.buzztix.com/event/Beamsville

MISSION TRIP TO HONDURAS. The Carpenteros and Friends in partnership with World Renew and Harvest Honduras invite you to be a part of a team headed for La Barranquilla in January 2018 D.V..

The dates are approx. Jan 23 to Feb 2. The team will assist families with various home improvement projects such as concrete floors, pilas and roof repairs, and also participate in various community activities including worship services. While in Honduras, the group also visits other communities where the Carpenteros have sent support or teams. The cost for the trip will be approx. \$2,200 per person, which includes the flight, in country expenses and food. If interested, or if you would like more information, please contact Nick Groen asap at 519-647-3575 or nickalice@gmail.com. Gracias.

SHALOM MANOR & GARDENS JOB OPPORTUNITY – Presently, we have open positions available in the Dietary department at Shalom. If you are interested in applying to be part of the Dietary Team, then please submit your resume to payroll@shalommanor.ca. Thank you & we look forward to hearing from you!

SHALOM MANOR & GARDENS NOVEMBER SALE

It is time again, for the November Sale which will take place from 10 am to 2pm on Saturday, November 25. We will have a vendor's market, plants, pictures with Sinterklaas and a warm boerenkool lunch. We hope to see you there!

Changing the world one child at a time

MULLY playing in RCK THEATRE November 18

"MULLY is a stunning and poignant microcosm of the Kingdom of God. In Him, we are transformed from orphans to sons and daughters, just as Charles Mully has transformed thousands of street-bound orphans into a vibrant, flourishing family. His story, brilliantly captured in this film, will move and encourage you. Run, don't walk, to see this film!"

MULLY - IN ROSE CITY KIDS THEATRE! PLAYING NOVEMBER 18 @ 7:00 pm, 99 East Main street, Welland (Free event-free parking on streets and across the road @ city hall/court house) Recommended ages: 10 and up (100 minutes)

Accountability Through Grace

Bethel CRC's committee to assist in the understanding of and resisting to involvement with pornography is hosting an information meeting on Wednesday November 22nd at Bethel CRC, 17 Robinson Rd. The meeting starts at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 7:00pm. All Areas community churches have also been invited. The evening will feature speakers Brent Thomas and Glen Slingerland, both committed Christians in the service of Elisha House (Welland). A resource table will be available. A Q & A session will deal with relevant questions. The possibility of a "Conqueror" Workshop series will be discussed. For additional information, contact George Eygenraam at gaeeygenraam@gmail.com

We are pleased to bring to you the 2nd annual Christmas Marketplace hosted by the Bridge Missional Community on Saturday, November 25th from 10am – 3 pm.

Come on out and do some Christmas shopping while supporting local artisans.

Live Edge Wood Work and furniture by Greg Hoekstra, Essential Oils, Pottery, Quality Handturned items in wood and acrylic specializing in pens and pencils, Handmade Gifts, Cuban Coffee, holiday decor, baked goods, jewelry & chili and soup bar are among the many unique vendors that will be on display.



This is a totally free event and everyone is welcome! The HUB on Queen, 4333 Queen St, Niagara Falls

Request for Volunteers to help the Alhamoud Family

(our Syrian sponsored family now living in Welland)

Now that the Alhamoud family begins to settle into their new home, we are in need of volunteers to help them.

DRIVERS- are needed to take family members to dentist or Dr. appointments . Volunteers must have a good driving record and we prefer that you have a current police check.

BABYSITTERS- because both parents are required to attend English as a Second language classes daily, there are times when the children need to be watched during the day. If you are available on specific days or evenings, that is fine. We also need individuals who could be available on an emergency/last minute basis. Any volunteer must be comfortable and experienced with dealing with young busy children. You will also need a current police check (your Bethany CRC police check is acceptable)

Please contact Wendy Vahrmeyer at [905 892 2426](tel:9058922426) if you can help us.



ELISHA HOUSE
PREGNANCY & FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE

Tues November 7
7-8:30pm
Christ Community Church
Welland

Join us in honouring
our new moms & their
babies

For more information please call
905-735-9934
Please RSVP
to anita@elishahouse.on.ca



Baby Shower

celebrating
a baby girl and a baby boy

Amelia due in
November
NEEDS:
Pre paid Visa Cards
Walmart gift card
No Cash please

*due to the unique nature of this baby's health,
financial gifts to assist with a prolonged hospital stay would be
appreciated

Lincoln due in
December
NEEDS:
Gift Cards(Groceries, Walmart,
Baby Stores)
Clothing
Diapers & Wipes
No Cash please

This is the Meal Train for Anne Van Lochem:

<https://mealtrain.com/l74ezw>

What is a meal train?

There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a Meal Train. Bethany will be utilizing this free app instead of calling the congregation (*unless you wish a phone call please let Becky Van Lochem know)

mealtrain.com is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful.

So please show hospitality to Anne as she has surgery and battles on this breast cancer journey. Click the link above to enter the site and sign up!

Thank you Bethany congregation.

Email Rosie Enzlin- rosieenzlin@gmail.com with any questions.



Prayer request from Redeemer University.

These are challenging times for Christian Universities. Redeemer holds the authority of Scripture as a central foundation in its Reformed Christian educational mission. In a rapidly secularized society, such a position is increasingly under suspicion. The Ontario government has recently decided to become an intervenor against Trinity Western University in the law school case going to the Supreme Court at the end of November. Broadly interpreted, our own province opposes the notion that the accredited law education can occur for Canadians where there are "impediments because of their religion, gender or sexual orientation." Implicitly the province's position is opposed to all accredited Christian University education, including professional education and undergraduate education, where any religious beliefs and/or conduct are required for entrance or continued study.

The Ontario government's intervention and the Supreme Court case will have significant implications for Christian education in the province and for Redeemer, particularly in the area of religious freedom. We ask that your church pray that Redeemer will be strengthened to continue to be a faithful witness for Jesus Christ as it engages these challenges, and that the Lord would bless Redeemer's president search in ways that ensure the university remains faithful to its Reformed Christian mission. We do not know what the future holds, but we know that our mighty God is sovereign over all things and that He keeps us in His care.

Concerts

Handel's great work, THE MESSIAH, will be performed at Welland Centennial School Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3. CHORALIS CAMERATA, a Niagara Region chamber choir under the direction of DAVID BRAUN, will be performing this beautiful music, along with guest soloists, and orchestra.....also being presented on Dec. 2 at Knox Church, St.Catharines.

The Awake to Praise Choir - Save the date: We have chosen our dates for the upcoming Christmas performances. Our first concert is Friday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. and the following day Saturday, December 16 at 5:30 and 8:00. We welcome everyone to enjoy a night of praise and worship as we celebrate Christ's birth.

HOSANNA CHOIR- NOVEMBER 20TH

Grace CRC in Welland (660 South Pelham Rd) invites you to join us for an evening of music presented by the 140 voice Hosanna Choir under the direction of Herman den Hollander on Monday, November 20 at 8:00 P.M. Freewill offering will be held for Elisha house. For more info contact Elisha House or John den Hollander at 289-820-9335. We look forward to seeing you!

LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR, "SOUNDS OF THE SEASON" CHRISTMAS CONCERTS: Martin Mans director, Martin Zonnenberg, organ, Special guest - Tenor, Berand Wiltjer from the Urker Mans Formatie.

Wednesday Nov. 29 2017 @7:30pm - Knox Presbyterian Church 59 Riddell St. Woodstock

Thursday Nov 30 2017 @7:30pm - Georgetown Christian Reformed Church 11611 Trafalgar Rd. Georgetown

Friday December 1 2017 @7:30pm - St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 47 Owen St. Barrie

Saturday December 2 2017 @ 7:30pm - Redeemer University College 777 Garner Rd. E. Ancaster

Order tickets online www.libertasvoices.com or contact info@libertasvoices.com or call 905-522-0001 . Adult \$20, Youth \$10, Children under 10, Free.

CRC News

A VERY GOOD DAY - In this brand new episode Grandpa and Liz follow treasure hunt clues left behind by a childhood friend of Grandpa. What's the next clue? What's the treasure hidden somewhere in Terrene? Check out KC's Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and Devotional and invite your whole family to join you in giving daily gifts of kindness. www.kidscorner.net

CHOOSE THE ONE, TRUE GOD - Every day we encounter challenges from culture and other religions that force us to define and explain God. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Kings 18 to see how God answers these challenges and challenges us to stop compromising and choose the one, true God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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.

CHRISTMAS THEME BENEFIT CONCERT - Two men's choirs, Crescendo and Men of Note, are performing together and hosting a benefit concert for The Lighthouse, at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 735 Frontenac Crescent, Woodstock, on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 7:30 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of music with us! There will be a free will offering to support the work of The Lighthouse. For more information contact Rob Datema at 416-802-5943 or rob@lighthousecentre.ca.

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - February 12 – 23, 2018. Experience a renewal of your faith and a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour Israel with teaching host Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours. See many biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho and more), and gain spiritual and historical insights that will make the Bible come alive for you. For information, cost, and registration, go to toursofisrael.wordpress.com, call Peter Tuininga (289 877-8433), or e-mail peter.tuininga@gmail.com.

Blanket Exercise Extended Workshop - Join us November 27 from 9:45 am to 4 pm at the Woodland Cultural Centre (184 Mohawk St., Brantford, ON) for the Blanket Exercise Extended Workshop. This is a full day of learning about the history of relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada. You will have the chance to participate in the Blanket Exercise; hear stories from a survivor of the Mohawk Residential School, part of the Woodland Cultural Centre Survivor Series; and tour the Woodland Museum and Gallery. The cost of \$30 pp includes Survivor Series, museum entry, and refreshments. Register at bit.ly/BENov2017.

Widening the Circle Training - Join us November 20 from 9 am to 5 pm at The Vine (78 Vine St., Hamilton, ON) for Widening the Circle. This interactive faith-based workshop is designed to heighten awareness and facilitate dialogue about the causes and effects of racism in Canada. Participants will also explore steps to wholeness and action steps towards diversity and inclusion. The cost of \$25 pp includes refreshments and materials. Register at bit.ly/WTCNov2017. Questions? Call Bernadette Arthur 289-527-6345.

Free Disaster Response Workshop - Are you moved to help those affected by disasters around the world, but unsure how? Please join World Renew's International Disaster Response team at Clearview Christian Reformed Church in Oakville on Sunday, November 26 at 7:00 PM for a free workshop. You'll learn about how you can use your project management experience and volunteer with World Renew to help families in dozens of countries around the world as they recover from disasters! If you have any questions or plan to attend, please contact Jonathan Self at jself@worldrenew.net or 1-800-730-3490.

