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Bethany Bugle

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Council Bugle Report

Bethany Christian Reformed Church

Meeting: Monday, October 5th, 2015

Attendees:

Elders: Zach Beldman, Rudy Boverhof, Hans Dam, George DeRoo, Peter Glasbergen, Albert Janssen, Jerry Kiers, Ed Slappendel, Pastor Colin Vander Ploeg, Ray VanHuizen, Richard VanLochem, Peter Veldhuizen.

Deacons: Peter Bulk, Leo Devries, John Enzlin, George Gritter, Frank Vraets

Absent with Notice: Don Terpstra

Chairman George DeRoo opened and welcome with greetings. Focus was on Thanksgiving as Elders and Deacons shared what they were thank-full for. Some highlights of thanksgiving are the number of youth participating in various programs. 22 Young Adults gathered at Rudy and Deb's home for the season kick-off, while 17 of our youth (Grade 9-12) attended the Merge kick-off at Ryan and Andrea's home. What a blessing. This was followed with Scripture reading from various texts in Psalm 16, Philippians 4, and prayer of blessing, intercession and thanksgiving.

Minutes from council meeting held September 14th 2015 received. Motion to accept as presented. 2nd. Carried.

Matters arising from the council meeting minutes. None

New Business.

Transfer of membership received for Carrie Ann Sportel from Grace, Welland. Carrie will be in Rudy's district.

Classis will be held in Wellandport on October 28, 2015 for the regular session, followed with a joint Hamilton and Niagara session to discuss Shalom Manor Chaplaincy. Pastor Colin, George DeRoo and George Gritter are the delegates from Bethany.

Church staff has made a request to council for considering developing 2 private office spaces as currently the work space is open concept in the council room. Staff members do work evenings and will be having confidential discussions with individuals while at the same time the space is shared for other meetings. Council has passed this on to the Building and Grounds Team to consider establishing a Vision Team to consider how best to accommodate the request and consider the church space in its entirety to meet the future needs and ongoing functions of the Church. Council will discuss the latter for input at a high level at the next council meeting.

Darren Roorda and Carol Sybenga will be meeting with our Staff on October 20th as a resource to share what was presented at the Church Administrators' gathering. There are three areas of focus that have been identified with both the pastors of Classis Niagara as well as the Church Administrators. They are Volunteer Engagement, Leadership Development and Community Outreach. They will be sharing an electronic tool that has been developed specifically for this project – a web portal where we can access information pertaining to the three areas of focus, as well as a cell phone app specifically designed for the CRCNA and the local church.

A congregational meeting is set for November 25, 2015 at 7:30pm. The meeting will address the 2016 budget, Youth Ministry Report, Hands at Work Team Report, etc.

Deacons Report - received for information.

Caregiver Team – No report

Finance Team – A budget will be available for approval for the October 26th, 2105 council meeting.

Fellowship Team – No report

Buildings and Grounds – No report

Safe Church Team – No report

Discipleship Team – No report

Library – No report.

Correspondence – None

In the future, all above named teams should have their reports to the clerk by the second Wednesday of the month so that the reports can be forwarded to council members for review in advance of the meeting.

Time was spent reflecting on "Leading in Prayer" as council members are called on from time to time to lead the congregational prayer.

Next Council meeting is slated for October 26, 2015.

George Gritter closed in Prayer.

School News

NACE BAZAAR Saturday November 14

The committee is hard at work and so excited looking forward to the new 2015 FAMILY FUN FEST!! This year we as a committee are excited to say that the Family Fun Fest will be held at Smithville Christian High School, 6488 Smithville Road, Smithville. We are growing and see this as a very positive move! As we work through this transition together, please join us in our excitement and keep the committee in your prayers as we all venture into our annual "bazaar" with a fresh, new look!

Breakfast is buffet style beginning at 8:00 am. Kids Games, Bouncy Castles, Farmers Market, Book Shop, Christmas Shop, the traditional Dutch Products, Fantastic food and a new idea... Home Décor Shop, Silent Auction, Penny Sale and Live Auction. Rooms open 9:00 – 2:00pm.

The excitement of the community is always the highlight of the day and we couldn't do it without you. We are looking for your help in many areas, baking, donations for the auctions, volunteers to help run the day, clean up, and for those handy and very creative, we are looking for items that you know would be very well received!

If you have any questions please call Elaine Van Hoorn 905-562-8299 or email elaine@vanhoorns.ca.

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Come experience Redeemer University College's campus! Visiting the school in person is the best way to figure out that Redeemer is the right fit for you. Check out our website to register online for a Campus Visit Day or another visit date that works for you at www.redeemer.ca/visit. Our next Campus Visit Day is on Monday Oct. 19 with an overnight option on Oct. 18.

NEW HORIZONS – A day for the Young at Heart at Redeemer University College on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Learn how a new generation of faculty are using their areas of expertise in service to God's Kingdom through teaching and research. After a hot lunch, Redeemer students will present an afternoon of music. The registration deadline is October 13 and the cost per person is \$30. To register, visit www.redeemer.ca/new-horizons or contact Annetta Skelly by email at askelly@redeemer.ca, or by phone at 905-648-2131 ext 4246.

Mission Trip Fundraiser

ZAMBIA 2016

We are having a Harvest Dinner to raise money for our mission trip to Zambia, Africa., in 2016.

The dinner will be October 17, 2015 at the Fenwick Fire Hall, 766 Welland Avenue at 6:30 pm, \$15.00 per person to cover the cost of food, with a freewill offering that evening.

Join us for great food, entertainment and a relaxing evening.

We will be volunteering with Hands At Work (handsatwork.org) in Maranatha community in Zambia.

Hands at Work cares for the dying, the widows and the orphans in 8 countries throughout Africa. Come on out and learn more about what Hands at Work does, how we will be working alongside them and how you can help the most vulnerable orphans receive food, education and basic health care each month.

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality." Romans 12:13

If you would like tickets, or more information please contact members of our team from Bethany:

Tim, Kathleen Van Hoffen, Jenn, Cassidy Kiers

SAVE THE DATE!!

Do you want to do some grocery shopping, Christmas shopping, run errands, visit friends, go to a spa, hang Christmas lights, have a day out...all without your kids?

DECEMBER 5 we are having a KIDS day at Bethany!! From 9am to 5pm, you can drop your kids off at the church and we will take great care of them.

Games, singing, crafts, worship, snacks, movie, we have a great day planned for them.

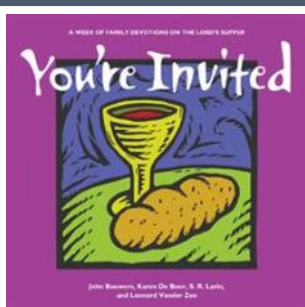
If you would like us to look after your children (any age) for an hour, for the morning, all day,

please contact: kathleenvanhoffen@hotmail.com

You will need to reserve a spot for your child(ren) so feel free to send an email any time.

Free-will donation for Zambia 2016 team.

More information to follow



Here is a CRC resource to help parents teach their children about the Lord's Supper.

This one-week devotional helps parents or caretakers explain what the Lord's Supper is all about, get children ready to participate, and encourage the whole family to respond in gratitude for this very special gift from God. Includes five

readings, plus sections titled "A Closer Look" that give more in-depth information for families with older children and teens. If you want a copy, sign up by mail slots or email the office at info@bethanycrc.ca and we will make sure you get one.



To the Parents of Gems and Cadets : I are going to order some more Gems and Cadet Bibles to be sold to any parent that may want their child to have one for each week at Cadets/Gems. If you are interested in ordering one for your child, please let me know before October 25th.

Cost:

Cadet Bible: \$43.00

Gems Bible: \$30.00

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me.

Thanks Lorraine Wierenga. Lorraine@bethanycrc.ca

New Addresses

NEW ADDRESS:

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Operation Christmas Child

Collection week is Nov. 16 -22. For anyone who doesn't have a shoebox feel free to use any shoe box just done wrap it so you can't open it. All boxes need to be inspected. If you have any questions, please contact Ann VanLochem

Other News

Coffee Break: Welcome to all of our wonderful ladies who come out to our Coffee Break every Tuesday morning. We will meeting this coming Tuesday at our regular time here at Grace CRC. All the groups are studying lesson 3. in the study guide. If you are not sure where you are in your group check with your group leaders. Wishing all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving Day celebration with your families as we give thanks for our many blessings. See you Tuesday morning at 9:30 sharp! Coffee and refreshments will be ready for you. Snacks: Anita, Henny, & Marg Happy Thanksgiving Day everyone.

CLASSIS NIAGARA REFORMATION SERVICE: Sunday November 8th at 5 p.m. the Christian Reformed churches of Classis Niagara will gather at Mountainview CRC in Grimsby for our Sixth Annual Reformation Service. At this time we will have the privilege to celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Rev. Jul Medenblik, President of Calvin Theological Seminary, will bring us the message based on Ephesians 2:1-10 entitled "Ladder Theology", God invites us to rest in the faith that He provides. May this be a blessed time of worship, reflection and spiritual feeding on God's Word and the sacrament of Holy Communion. An offering will be taken for Calvin Theological Seminary.

The Trillium Brass Quintet (trilliumbrass.com) along with pianist Joyce Postmus and Organist John VanderLaan present an evening of Thanksgiving and Praise. Music for brass, organ and piano duets as well as a number of combined pieces make this an evening you don't want to miss. Friday October 23, 7.45pm at the Ancaster CRC, 70 Garner Rd East in Ancaster. Tickets are \$20 p.p.; \$10-students; \$5-14 and under. Reserve now by calling 905-648-3170 or by email at john_vdl@hotmail.com

Pancake Breakfast- On Oct 24th, 7:30 -11 at Smithville Covenant Christian School, the Smithville Christian Reformed Church will be having a Pancake Breakfast hosted by our Cadets and GEMS. Enjoy pancakes with your favorite toppings, fellowship, and coffee for a free will donation going towards are Forward in Faith new building campaign. Invite your neighbours, friends and family for this fun event!



Promise Keepers November 13-14, 2015

Toronto, Ontario

Church on the Queensway
(1536 The Queensway)
Toronto, ON

Every man wants to know his life counts for something. He wants to know that there is a greater purpose and plan than the everyday routines and trials he experiences. The world teaches that a greater life is experienced through what you own, achieve, and experience. God teaches that greatness begins and ends with Him, and that by His grace, He invites and empowers us to a "Greater" life.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9

From the Pastor

"This week Pastor Colin will be using his second of two Council approved continuing education weeks (Oct. 13th - 19th) which will include attending the Christian Counselling and Education Foundation conference in Virginia Beach (along with several members of Bethany who are also attending!). During his time away, if you have a pastoral need please contact one of the elders or the church office."

Buildings & Grounds

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is looking for some volunteers to help fill parking lot cracks on Saturday October 17th. Call or text Dan if you can help out. 905-328-3247



Men's Bible Study will start this Tuesday, October 13/15 at 8:00pm at church. We will be studying Volume 2 from the series Authenticmanhood. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Roorda at 905-892-1362

VOLUME 2
A MAN AND HIS STORY

CRC Announcements

From Back to God Ministries International

7 DEADLY SINS BIBLE STUDY - Pride. Envy. Anger. Sloth. Greed. Gluttony. Lust. What makes these seven sins so "deadly"? Groundwork brings you an in-depth, audio Bible teaching series examining this list of infamous vices. Great for personal or group study. Free with study guide when you subscribe to the weekly email update at GroundworkOnline.com/7Sins.

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.

THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH - Nestled in the middle of Habakkuk's gloomy judgment declarations, we find 2 well-known biblical sayings - one of which is even quoted by Paul in the New Testament. Today let's dig into Habakkuk 2 to discover their theological significance. Tune in and join us each week: subscribe for free weekly email notifications at ListenToGroundwork.com or visit GroundworkOnline.com to find a local radio station or listen now.

WALK THE WAY - Scooter can get Liz's band an audition for the town fair. But there is one condition—that Scooter gets to play in the band. Too bad Scooter is such a bad musician. What will Liz decide to do? 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.

From Calvin Theological Seminary

Missional Living of Scripture Conference at Calvin Seminary - What does it look like to align your ministry with God's creative and redemptive work in your city? This is the question at the heart of the Missional Living of Scripture Conference at Calvin Seminary. Join pastors and scholars from around the world as we discuss practical tools for contextualizing ministry in light of the Biblical story of God's ongoing mission in the world. The conference is November 18-19. For more information, visit: calvin-seminary.edu/missional.

From Christian Reformed Home Missions

REFORMATION SUNDAY - On October 25, Reformation Sunday, Christian Reformed Churches across North America will offer up their gifts and prayers in support of Home Missions. Eleven new ministries across US and Canada have been started this year. God is on the move ahead of us asking us to join him on mission. Please pray for our local churches (new and old), that each of us may discern God's leading and follow him into our neighborhoods and communities. Learn more about ministries in your area at www.crhm.org.

From Christian Reformed World Missions

JOIN THE PRAYER SAFARI IN KENYA - The Global Prayer Safari in Kenya is a great way to see part of the vibrant, growing church in East Africa. Meet with ministry leaders, develop a relationship with them, and see how prayer is a vital part of the ongoing ministry in Kenya. Visit crwm.org/safari to sign up or to begin your application.

URBANA 2015 TRAVEL GRANT - Will you be attending InterVarsity's Urbana 2015 - Student Missions Conference December 27-31? If so, Christian Reformed World Missions would like to help. We have limited funds available to subsidize travel costs for qualified applicants. To apply: www.crwm.org/urbana. For more information you can call Trish De Jong (Canada) at 905-336-2920 or Nalini Van Den Bosch (USA) at 616-224-0703. You may also email Urbana15@crcna.org.** Applicants must be members or regular attendees of a CRCNA congregation, be high school seniors or above, and must show proof of Urbana registration. Deadline for applications is October 30, 2015.

From CRC Communications

FREE WEBINAR - Join us October 28 for "Children & Worship: Helping Them to Experience God" presented by Olivia Stewart, Director of Young Children and Worship. This webinar will contain key information on the Children & Worship program and why it is so effective in the spiritual development of young children. For more details and registration for this free, one-hour event visit crcna.org/webinars.

From Diaconal Ministries Canada

DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT - Coming THIS SATURDAY! Everyone can still register for the annual Day of Encouragement being held this Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Hamilton District Christian High School in Ancaster. If you are 30 or under this year, register for the low price of \$30! The smorgasbord of workshops, service sites and chatrooms provides opportunities for growth, the worship will encourage you, and the fellowship is inspiring. Snacks and lunch are included. For information, ask your pastor, a deacon or your church administrator. You can register online at dayofencouragement.ca/. Come and be encouraged to GO!

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