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Bethany Bugle

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Council report from October 16 meeting

Bethany Council (Elders, Deacons, Pastor) met this past Monday evening. 13 of the 18 members of Council were able to be present. The Chair, Elder George DeRoo led devotions focusing on John 15 (our ministry vision focus) along with Romans 12:9 with the question of how well do we love sincerely in different example situations. After a time of prayer the Council worked through its agenda items as follows.

Classis Niagara (regional church assembly) is scheduled to meet Wed, Oct 25th. Bethany delegates are Pastor Colin, Elder Harry Hielema, with Ed Roorda as alternate Elder delegate, Deacon delegate still to be determined. Pastor Colin will be chairing Classis this time round. Council reviewed and discussed Classis agenda including focus questions concerning how we as disciples of Jesus at Bethany work to make new disciples. Our answers will be shared at the Classis meeting. Bethany will be hosting the Feb 21, 2018 Classis meeting.

Due to very low numbers this year of high school youth available on week nights, Faith Formation Classes are suspended for this year only and some of the content of those classes are being incorporated in the Merge youth nights over the course of this church year.

Congregational meeting date was set for Wednesday November 29 at 7:30 pm. Agenda items are being prepared and will include presentation of the 2018 ministry budget as well as other ministry reports.

Deacons reported on our Pelham Syrian Refugee Initiative support now that the first ones have settled into Welland. A number of Bethany members are actively involved in this work. Deacons will wait with having another support collection until the second family has arrived. In the meantime financial support is being forwarded from the Deacons present funds.

Council discussed two of the causes we support formally or informally as a church. It was noted that Operation Christmas Child (Samaritans Purse) did not receive Synodical endorsement for church support because of some of the negative impact on the recipient communities that has come to light. Deacons noted that the shoe box campaign has been offered to Bethany privately by members of Bethany and not by the deacons. Redeemer University College sent an inquiry concerning Bethany's level of financial support. This is being reviewed.

The congregation will continue to be encouraged to take advantage of the pre-authorized giving option for stable ministry support at Bethany.

A few of the Council reps to the different ministry teams at Bethany gave brief updates

Deacon chair, Leo Devries closed the meeting in prayer.



Do you have a cell phone? Then read on... The Christian Reformed Church has designed a new phone app with a mission to connect church members and the community to your local church as well as to denominational resources and information. All this to be received in the palm of your hand! Watch/listen to sermons when not able to go to church; receive prayer requests and announcements specific to your congregation; stay engaged with your local church when away from your community; access the Bible and daily devotionals; easily access other Church members contact information (yes this is private!); stay connected with what's happening in the CRC and the world around you through blogs and articles; search for a church when traveling....and more (online giving to come in the future). Additionally the app can be used as an evangelistic tool with videos to answer questions about faith. All this right at your fingertips!! Got questions? Check with your church Admin Assistant. To download go to the App Store or Google Play. To learn more check out www.thebridgeapp.org



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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)

Other News

Croquettes, Croquettes, Croquettes,

This year once again the cadets will be selling this yummy dutch treat as a fundraiser to help support our program. Last year two of our cadets were able to attend the Cadet International in South Dakota with little cost because of your purchases last year. Thanks for your Support. Order forms will be in your mail slots in a few weeks.

Coffee Break: We continue our study of 1 Peter as we gather together here at Grace CRC on Peiham Rd., Looking forward to seeing you all again. Coffee and tea will be ready at 9:15 and we start promptly at 9:30. Gail and Irene's group are lesson 3 #7, Barb and Pauline's group Lesson 3 #6, Joyce and Carla lesson #3 #6, Wendy and Mary Lesson #3 #6 Leading: Tildy Kitchen Clean Up: Fran K., Mary M., Laney V. O., Babysitting: Alice., Eunice P., Hope to see you all

NEW WEBSITE

Family Outreach Ontario Christian Addiction Support Services (FOOCASS) has updated and modernized its website to better serve the community and provide more helpful information and articles. Our work serves the Reformed and greater Christian community, so having an easily accessible site will assist those looking for help. If your church website does not already include a link to our site, please add it to your "Resources" or "Helpful Links" page. This is the link: <http://www.familyoutreachontario.com/>. (Please forward this to your webmaster if you are not the right person to take care of this.)

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.

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

Ladies Night Social: "Serving God Where He Has You Right Now" Calling all women ages 15 + to join us on Thursday, October 26 for an evening of instruction, fellowship, prayer and dessert social with Kristen Clark and Bethany Baird from GirlDefined Ministries. It will be held in Jordan Christian School at 4171 15th Street, Jordan Station Ontario. \$20 per person. Please RSVP as soon as possible at @theprincessconference@hotmail.com. Check out our Facebook Event "Ladies Night Social" to stay updated!

The Princess Conference for Girls: We are calling all girls ages 8-14 to join us on Saturday, October 28 for a day filled with teaching, worship, prayer and fun! The Princess Conference is featuring Kristen Clark and Bethany Baird from GirlDefined Ministries. Cost is \$20 per princess and for more information, and/or to register please visit theprincessconference.ca. We are so excited to see you there! Check out the Facebook page "The Princess Conference" to stay updated.

NIAGARA CHRISTIAN GLEANERS UPDATE AND INVITATION: Niagara Christian Gleaners board and committees are pleased to be able to share with you that a property has been secured and we are now in the site plan and building plan stages. We invite everyone to join us at the new site on Saturday, October 28 from 10 am -12 am at the North East corner of Spring Creek Rd and Thompson Road in the industrial park of Smithville ON. Please join us for our site kick off to celebrate God's goodness, view the concept drawings, and enjoy some refreshments! Everyone is most welcome. "For truly I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward" Mark 9:41

School News

NACE FAMILY FUN FEST is just around the corner. November 11, 2017 is the date and will be located again at Smithville Christian High School. Breakfast begins at 7:30 – 9:30 all you can eat. Lunch 11:30 – 1:30. Snack shack 6:00 – 8:30. Rooms open 9:00 – 2:00. Live Auction begins at 7:00 pm.

Do you love to bake? The marketplace is seeking your help to fill up the bake tables. We ask that the baked goods are peanut free please.

URNS – will be available again this year. 65.00 for the 1st and 60.00 for additional ones. More details will be coming on how to order etc.

Donations: If you have donations and we haven't contacted you yet.... Please contact us, we love and value your support. JKCS: jkcs@nace.ca / 905.643.2460 or CCS: ccs@nace.ca / 905-957-7796 or Coordinator: Elaine at elaine@vanhoorns.ca.

Please pray for the committee and all it's planning that needs to be done. Please pray for all our volunteers to help wherever they can with this large fundraising community event, we can't do it without them!! If you have any questions please call Elaine Van Hoorn 905-562-8299 or email at elaine@vanhoorns.ca.



Smithville Christian High School

Grade 8 Students, You're Invited! Making the move to high school can seem like a big step, but at Smithville Christian High School we are committed to making that transition, and the four years that follow it, truly successful for every student – including you!

You are invited to Grade 8 Day on Nov. 1, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, where you will get to experience the friendly, caring atmosphere of the school and see the amazing extra-curricular options. Smithville Christian is a place where students truly Belong, Believe and Succeed.

But don't take our word for it: here's what one Grade 9 student had to say. "When I was in Grade 8, I was really scared about going to high school – it seemed so big and different. But when I came here I loved it! I love the people here, they are really awesome. The teachers give you a lot of help and everything is great!"

