



BETHANY BUGLE



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BUDGET REQUESTS: It is that time of year again when the Finance Committee is putting together the 2014 Budget. I will need all budget requests in my hands by Friday, September 6th. Email me at info@bethanycrc.ca by then pls.

From Council & Search Committee

These past couple of weeks the Search Committee has been busy, and has made progress. The Search Committee has recommended Pastor Jim Poelman of Redeemer CRC in Sarnia to Council for call. Council unanimously endorses the decision to present him to the congregation for their approval. We are having an evening on Thursday, September 12th at 7:00pm to give the congregation the opportunity to get to know him and ask questions in a town hall type setting. Pastor Poelman's sermons are also available on-line for a listen at www.redeemercrc.com. We ask the congregation to continue to hold this process up in prayer, also including Pastor Poelman in prayer as he also seeks God's leading in his life.

Bugle Council Report

Bethany Christian Reformed Church Meeting: Wednesday, 21 August 2013

Attendees:

Elders: Rudy Boverhof, Alfred Kiers, Jerry Kiers, Kevin Twomey, Mark Vahrmeyer, Pete Wierenga

Deacons: Nate Anjema, Peter Bulk, George Gritter

Staff Liaison: Ed Roorda

Absent with Notice: Rob Bouwers, Kevin DeBoer, Ken Langendoen, Tim VanHoffen, Ray VanHuizen

- Vice-Chairman Mark Vahrmeyer opened with welcome and greetings. Scripture reading from Genesis 12:1-3 and a devotional instructing God's people to be agents of blessing. Initially receivers of grace and then instruments of grace. Prayer time of praises, intercession and thanksgiving.
- Minutes from Council meetings held 10 July 2013 and 24 July 2013 received. 2nd, Carried.
- Matters arising from the minutes. Report on "Hemorrhaging Faith", the analytical study of youth in our churches was tabled until the September council meeting.
- Deacon's Report received for information. The Deacons are planning an information evening with NACE for new and current families with school age or pre-school age children. Tentative date has been postponed until October because of Bethany's Philippians study.
- Finance Committee Report received for information. A short term ministry policy was prepared and presented to council for approval. Motion to accept draft policy. 2nd. Carried. This policy outlines the proper procedures and guidelines for funding of short term mission projects endorsed by Bethany's council.
- Six month financial reports and summaries were provided for information. Council is thankful for God's provision and faithful stewardship of his people.
- Fellowship Committee Report. Our annual church picnic is planned for Sunday, 8 September 2013 following our worship service.
- Safe Church Report received for information. Police clearance forms for volunteers continues to consume a lot of effort.
- Correspondence Report received for information with appropriate action with incoming and outgoing correspondence.
- Membership matters were dealt with.
- Transition Process Followup. Council has determined to study the analytical work of Pastor Peter Hogeterp and the summary report of the transition process on a regular basis. This meeting included a discussion on worship and our worship committee.
- Miscellaneous.
 1. Fall discipleship training for elders and deacons was discussed. There are a number of excellent training opportunities on the horizon for council members to enhance their skills. Council members were encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities that are made available. Other resources include reading material purchased at the recent worship conference.
 2. Publication of wedding banns for Teryl Kiers and David Dam. The wedding is planned for Saturday, 7 September 2013 at Bethany Church. Council wishes this young couple God's richest blessings as they begin their lives together.
- Next Meetings: Elders' Meeting 4 September 2013, Council Meeting 18 September 2013
- Adjournment 9:00
- Closing prayer: Elder Jerry Kiers

New Cadet season

Our new Cadet season is set to begin on Sept 19th at 7-9 pm with registration and kick-off at the church.

Our regular meetings will begin the following week on Thursday night.

We welcome all young men ages 9-13 to come on out and join us for this great boys ministry.



Concerts

Mountainview CRC is extending an invitation to all the churches in Classis Niagara to worship together on **Sunday, September 29 at 5:00pm** at Mountainview for praise & worship service led by **"The Psalm Project"**. They are a team of professional Dutch musicians on tour in Canada. They are accomplished musicians singing the Genevan Psalms with English texts reworked in fresh, contemporary arrangements.

Christian Festival Concert Roy Thomson Hall
 Mezzanine tickets and coach transportation from Niagara
 Join Ingrid Raakman from Brinkman Travel on Friday October 25, 2013
 Departure at 5 pm from Maranatha Chr. Ref. Church, 301 Scott Street, St. Catharines
 Extra stop at 5:15 pm at Tim Horton's in Beamsville (QEW & Ontario Street)
 Cost per person \$85 (same as last year). First come, first served!

Contact Ingrid at 905-988-9100 ext 2 or email at in-grid@brinkmantravel.com

Concert by At Once, three tenors from Urk, trumpeter Melissa Venema and pianist Lennart Moree, all from the Netherlands. Sept 4 – Grimsby; Sept 6 – London; Sept 7 – Ancaster. Tickets are \$20 p.p. and \$10 for students. For info/locations visit www.onedayevents.nl/canadaconcerts, or reserve by emailing John at john_vdl@hotmail.com

Upcoming concerts Music @ Mountainview is pleased to present a concert by the Jubilant Choir from Melbourne Australia together with the Cantata Singers from St. Catharines. The Concert will take place at Mountainview Christian Reformed Church 290 Main St. E. Grimsby, Ontario on

Thursday September 26 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15/ person \$30/family (children under 13) and will be available at the door the night of the concert and The Dutch Shop Grimsby prior to .

FREEDOM SINGERS If you missed hearing this performance last year, no doubt you have heard how wonderful it was. Music @ Mountainview will again be hosting the Freedom Singers at Mountainview Christian Reformed Church 290 Main St. E. on Saturday October 12 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15/ person \$30/family (children under 13) and will be available the night of the concerts as well as The Dutch Shop Grimsby prior to. Check out there web at www.freedomsinger.com.

September 28, 2013
refresh and renew Redeemer's 6th Annual Worship Conference :
The place to be for planners, pastors, leaders, musicians, students and worshipers.
Time: 8:00 am – 3:45 pm
Cost: Regular Conference Rate: \$85+tax/person*
 Early Bird Rate: \$75+tax/person before August 31, 2013*
 Group Rate: \$65+tax/person for groups of 4 or more before August 31, 2013*
 Redeemer Student and High School Student Rate: \$25+tax/person*
 *lunch and refreshments included in the price. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended to ensure placement in the workshops of your choice. www.redeemer.ca/worship/

Gerry and Tena Evers invite you to join us as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. We thank God for His leading and daily presence in our lives. There will be Open House at our home from 1:30 to 4:30 P.M. on Sat. Sept 14th.
 Address: 52015 Regional Road 24, Wainfleet.

Bethany Family,

I want to thank you so much for the support that you have shown to me as I prepare for my trip to Africa. The prayers, the cards, the words of encouragement as well as your financial support have meant a lot to me. Thank you for coming out to our praise and worship fundraiser, it was a great evening. I leave for Africa on Wednesday, September 4th and I ask you to continue to support me with prayers and if you want to send me an email, it is DevonVan8@hotmail.com.

It is still not certain what my task will be for my time in Africa, I have 5 weeks of training first, but I know that I am in God's hands and I look forward to my time of service there.

I hope to keep you all updated as to what I am doing and sharing some of my stories with you. I hope to keep a blog updated as much as I can.

Again, thank you so much.

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:14-15

WORLD RENEW – DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICES

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LONG TERM RECONSTRUCTION SITES

The following sites are opening or re-opening this fall

LaPlace, Louisiana – Opening Sep 21 – Volunteers needed for Sep 21 – Oct 12, Oct 12 – Nov 2 – Nov 2, Nov 2 – 23, Nov 23 – Dec 14

Hyde County, North Carolina – Re-opening Sep 21 – Volunteers needed for Sep 21 – Oct 12, Oct 12 – Nov 2, Nov 2 – 23, Nov 12 – Dec 14

Manahawkin, New Jersey - Opening Sep 14, Volunteers needed for Sep 14 – Oct 5, Oct 5 – 26, Oct 26 – Nov 16, Nov 16 – Dec 7

Schoharie, New York – Aug 24 – Sep 7, Oct 19 – Nov 9, Nov 9 -23. Site closing on Nov 23.

If you have a heart for serving others, please consider helping folks that have been impacted by disasters.

WE NEED YOU!

Interested? Call Becky to sign up. 1-800-730-3490 bpurdom@crwrc.org

School News

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Preludio, an Orchestral Ensemble Training Class for woodwinds and strings, gives musicians a chance to develop skills in reading music and chamber experience. Classes run on Mondays from 5:30-6:30 pm, starting September 9 at Redeemer University College. Details and registration information at www.redeemer.ca/clear

Coffee Break

COFFEE BREAK: Sept. 10, will be our first morning meeting of this new season of Coffee Break, here at Grace CRC. We will be having a "Catch-Up" morning. Laughter and refreshments will part of the morning. So ladies come out to see old friends and make new ones. Then be ready the following to continue our new season "Becoming New in Christ" continuing study of Romans. ALL ladies are invited to join us. See you on the 10th. Coffee will be ready at 9:15 and we will start at 9:30 am.

Other News

Please join us on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the Zion Free Reformed Church in Fenwick for a talk about the challenges and purposes of Church-based education. In a time where North American society is becoming more and more biblically illiterate and when a common attitude is "What's the point in believing the Bible anyway?" Pastor Ken Herfst, Missionary Pastor for the Free Reformed Churches with speak for us under the theme of "And so, what's the point?: Challenges and Purposes of Church-based Education" We strongly encourage young and old to join us for this evening.



CRC Denomination

POSITION OPENING - INTERNATIONAL -

The Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) has a position opening for a full-time Transformation Network Coordinator in West Africa with Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM). This position will seek to foster relationships and develop trust between leaders, grow networks of indigenous organizations and intercultural missional clusters. This work will also include intentionally identifying, connecting, equipping and encouraging key Nigerian leaders. For a detailed position description or to apply visit www.crcna.org/jobs by Sept. 13.

WORLD MISSIONS - Thinking about a short-term missions trip? Be part of Christian Reformed World Missions' Asia Vacation Bible School Team next summer. The team will teach elementary school-aged children in two cities from July 9-27, 2014. For more information, contact Lisa Sochacki at lsochacki@crcna.org.

INSTALLATION SERVICE - With much thankfulness, Maranatha Christian Reformed Church is pleased to extend an invitation to join us for the Installation Service of Pastor Daryl Meijer. The service will take place, God willing, on Sunday, September 8 at 6:30 pm and we are located at 735 Frontenac Crescent, in Woodstock. Please join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness.

INTERMISSION SILENT RETREAT - Give a precious gift...time away with God. Bless your pastor or ministry leader with a prayer retreat designed just for them! The Pastors' InterMission Silent Retreat is scheduled for Monday

Oct 28 - Wednesday Oct 30, 2013 at Kingfisher Bay Retreat House on beautiful Stony Lake in the Kawarthas. Registration \$325.00 before Sept 30, 2013 or \$350.00 after. Contact Tracey-Ann Van Brenk for more info: guidepostsministries@gmail.com or 705-927-1154 www.intermissionsilentretreat.com

GROUNDWORK - Dual Citizenship: As Christians, our hearts are in heaven, but our lives are lived out on earth. This week on Groundwork we explore the paradox of our life as citizens of two kingdoms. Join the Groundwork conversation based on 1 Peter 1:3-12. Find a local station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - The Price of a Cure: Saving Cole's life is the main priority on this week's Kids Corner. There is only one way to do it, but will there be enough time? Listen to Part 3 of this great series on Kids Corner! Listen at www.kidscorner.net. Then contact Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R3Y8 or email kids@kidscorner.net for your very own Bible study.

ATTENDING WESTERN UNIVERSITY? - The Kuyper Centre is the CRC campus ministry on campus. A place to hang out and have fun with friends. A place of worship and discipleship. And a Christian study centre to equip you to be a student leader. You can reach us at www.kuypercentre.ca or email kuypercentre@uwo.ca. Like us on Facebook to keep up to date on our activities: www.facebook.com/kuypercentre. We're in the University Community Centre, room 256.

OTTAWA CRC CAMPUS CHAPLAINCY - Coming to University or College in Ottawa? The Ottawa

Christian Reformed Campus Chaplaincy (OCRCC) would love to welcome you and invite you to participate in their campus ministry. If you or someone you know is planning on attending the University of Ottawa, Carleton University or Algonquin College you are encouraged to let us know (ocrccampuschaplaincy@gmail.com or 613-277-0037). Let us buy you a free drink and then we'd like to hear how we can serve you and encourage your faith life while studying in Ottawa.

CAMPUS MINISTRY - Coming to Waterloo in the Fall? If you are a new or returning university or college student coming to the Waterloo area, please join us at Waterloo CRC on Sept. 8 for Student Welcome Sunday. You, your parents and your friends are welcome to join us for lunch after the service. Get to know the people in our church, our pastor, and our campus minister, Brian Bork. The service will be held at Waterloo CRC, 209 Bearinger Avenue in Waterloo at 10:30 am. We hope to see you there!

DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT -- October 19 - Labour Day is seen as the last of summer -- are you ready for the new season? The Annual Day of Encouragement at HDCH in Ancaster has over 50 workshops and service sites to train and encourage you in your area of ministry. Whatever your involvement, there is something designed especially for you! Check out the new brochure (ask your Secretary of Deacons), or go online: www.diaconalministries.com. Questions? Email jadema@crcna.org. See you there!

RESEARCH VOLUNTEER NEEDED IMMEDIATELY! - World Renew requires a volunteer to research church-based development organizations and departments. This involves reviewing annual reports for the past 10 years of these organizations, with work being done from your own home or at the Burlington World Renew office. For further information and details please contact Iona Buisman ibuisman@worldrenew.net or 800-730-3490.

CAN YOU IMAGINE? - Yes, can you imagine giving hope and joy to a Dominican community because they now have a place to worship on Sundays and to gather as a community? You can contribute to such celebrations by working alongside community people in Dominican bayous as they build their church. Christian Reformed World Missions is looking for church groups interested and available this fall and winter to assist in these construction projects. For further information and/or to book your team, please contact Lisa Sochacki lsochacki@crcna.org.

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