

September 20, 2015

Bethany Christian Reformed Church
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Bethany Bugle

Council Bugle Report

Meeting: Monday July 20, 2015

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Cadet Dates

September 24
First Regular Meeting
September 26
Soap Box Derby

Attendees:

Elders: 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, Don Terpstra, Frank Vraets

Absent with Notice: Zach Beldman

Chairman George DeRoo opened and welcome with greetings. Scripture reading Matthew 19: 23-30. Devotional focus was on first shall be last and last shall be first. Prayer of blessing, intercession and thanksgiving.

Minutes from council meeting held July 20th 2015 received. Motion to accept as presented. 2nd. Carried.

Matters arising from the council meeting minutes.

The updating on the content for letter of communication to the congregation regarding next steps to Children at Communion is in progress. Council will review when draft is complete and make the letter available to the congregation ASAP.

The Finance Team Mandate was reviewed and discussed with some minor change consideration for the team.

New Business.

Minutes to reflect that Council has previously approved Andrea Veldhuizen for the position of Youth Ministry Coordinator and Lorraine Wierenga for the position of Children's Ministry Coordinator for record purposes only.

Special Classis Meeting for the examination of Kevin Vanderveen for Pastor. Pastor Colin and Han's Dam will be delegates and George DeRoo as an Alternate.

Council meetings will be the second Monday of the month and Elders and Deacons meetings will be on the fourth Monday of the month.

Council approved that the letter – A response to the Ontario Government's revised sex education curriculum from some local Christian Schools be made available to our families.

The Church Order 2015 is available online.

Council approved the list of names as presented for the position of Cadet Counselor.

Council approved the list of names as presented for consideration for the position of Youth Ministry Team.

The following will teach Catechism.

- Grade 12 – Mark Vahrmeyer
- Grade 11 – Pastor Colin
- Grade 9 & 10 – TBD

Disabilities Awareness Week will be focused on in November.

Deacons Report - Received for information.

Caregiver Team – No report

Finance Team – Report reviewed for information

Fellowship Team – No report

Buildings and Grounds – The concept of the illuminated sign was approved. Council would like to see the CRC Logo beside Bethany. (Similar to our letterhead)

Safe Church Team – Verbal report only. Council would like the team to develop a policy regarding Bullying.

Discipleship Team – Report received prior to meeting. Council to review for next meeting. Council approved the list of names for consideration as Team Members.

Library – No report. George DeRoo as liaison is to work with the library team to have the room adjusted so as to facilitate it as a functional meeting room as well.

Correspondence received requesting for input from Churches regarding "Continuing Education for Pastors." Bethany currently has a policy in place and if a Council member feels inclined to provide input, they can feel to do so.

Next Council meeting is slated for October 5, 2015 as Thanksgiving Day falls on the second Monday.

MERGE

KICK OFF BONFIRE

GRADE 9-12

COME OUT AND ENJOY FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
AROUND THE FIRE. PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR.
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

SUN 27 SEPTEMBER

7-9 PM
DRESS FOR THE
WEATHER

VELDHUIZEN'S
HOUSE

41830 FORKS RD,
WAINFLEET, ON
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ANY QUESTIONS?

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Budget Requests 2016

It is that time of year again where the Finance team is busy preparing for the 2016 Budget year. All ministry team leaders & committee chairs please submit these requests by the deadline of September 30, 2015.

School News

SOUTH AFRICA BALL HOCKEY FUNDRAISER:

A team of students from Smithville Christian High School will be heading to South Africa in March of 2016. We have put together a Ball Hockey Tournament to raise funds for this trip.

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2015 – a.m. start

Place: 2733 S. Grimsby Road 6, Smithville, ON

The tournament will be played 4 on 4 with a goalie for each team. Each team can have up to 8 people.

The price is \$20/PERSON and must be paid in cash on the day of the tournament.

Send an email to Jake Zantingh (jacobzantingh@gmail.com) or Thomas Deklerk

(deklerk56thomas@gmail.com) or contact (289)-684-9365 to sign up a team. A schedule will be drawn up once all teams have been submitted and team captains will be notified of their start time.

If you can't make it to the tournament but would still like to support our team your donations are more than welcome!

Other News

Elections Canada is actively seeking applicants to work at the upcoming election on Monday, October 19, 2015. If you are interested in working, please apply online at www.elections.ca. Click on Employment tab, enter your postal code in the "Apply Now" field. Your application will be directed to the appropriate Electoral District or contact us at 905 957 5611 or 1 866 256 8238

The Council of Rehoboth CRC wishes to announce to the churches of Classis Niagara a name change. Please place the following announcement for a couple of weeks in your bulletin: Exciting News: Friends within the Rehoboth congregation in Niagara Falls have reached the decision to adopt a new name. As of October 1, 2015, the congregation will be known as Faith Fellowship Christian Reformed Church. The mailing address, email address, and telephone number will remain the unchanged. The congregation is eager that, going forward, this new name will enable them to exert a greater impact on their surrounding neighbourhood and the wider community.

Konnect 20 is starting up again! If you are a young adult, have recently graduated from high-school, or are just looking to connect with others from Bethany, then you are invited to join our life group! We will be meeting once a month and studying "Ten Men of the Bible - How God used Imperfect People to Change the World" by Max Lucado. We are so excited to start our new season and would love for you to join us!! We will be having a kick off on Sunday, September 27. We will meet at Slappendels at 4:00pm for a hike, followed by a BBQ at Rudy and Debbie Boverhof's. If you have any questions please contact Andria Slappendel (andriaslappendel@gmail.com)

Coffee Break: Hi ladies, We had our first meeting on Tuesday this past week. Lots of laughter, times of sharing and getting re-connected with friends we haven't seen for awhile. A great morning. Starting this Tuesday we will be getting into our weekly Bible discussions. This year the study will be on the book of Acts. "Seeing God's Power in Action". Lesson one will be on Acts chapter one. "You will be my witnesses". In this study we will consider the task of building the church of Jesus Christ and his promise to equip us for that task. We look forward to seeing every one Tuesday morning here at Grace CRC. Coffee will be ready at 9:15 and we start promptly at 9:30 am,

Dutch Service will be held in Ancaster Christian Reformed Church on September 27, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. Rev. Ralph Koops will be preaching. It is with deep regret to announce that we will be discontinuing the Dutch Services in Ancaster Christian Reformed Church at the end of 2015. Attendance has been declining over the last few years, understandingly the need is not there anymore. Our last Dutch Service will be held on November 15, 2015.

Thanksgiving Concert: Performing Arts @ Mountainview invites you to join them for A Concert of Praise and Thanksgiving. Performing will be concert organist Ian Sadler, who will be joined by his wife, Catherine, a soprano and soloist. There will also be an opportunity for audience participation. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the work of the Grimsby Benevolent Fund. Concert will take place at Mountainview Church, 290 Main St. East in Grimsby. Tickets: \$15 each, or \$25 per family (w/ children 15 & under.) Available at The Dutch Shop in Grimsby, or at the door on the evening of the concert.

FROM TOM & DEB DERUITER

Greetings to you all!

We are in our last week on the field. We are gearing up for a yard/departing sale this Saturday. We will move out of our house Saturday afternoon and stay with our colleague Evy for the last few days. When we came to the field 18 years ago we started out in Evy's house so it's like coming full circle to stay in that house once again.

We were able to visit with two of our closest friends from our ministry work out in the village. Aliu and Pierre came down to the capital last week and were with us for 2 days. The goodbyes were not easy but because they are followers of Jesus, we know we will see them again someday. So many of the Fulani will be in our hearts forever.

We are looking forward to seeing our family and to connecting with many of you during the next few months. For those of you in the Ottawa area, don't forget our Open House at Calvary CRC (Russell Road, Ottawa) on Saturday, October 3rd!

We will try to get out more news once we are in Hamilton. We should arrive next Thursday, September 24th, DV.

Thank you for your prayers and support! Tom and Deb de Ruiter

Bereavement Support Groups: Have you or has someone you know, lost a loved one and are in need of support and encouragement in the grief journey. The Niagara Coping Centre in Jordan Station will be starting its next support sessions beginning in early October. We offer groups based on need, for people who have lost their spouse, parents who have lost a child, children who have lost a loved one and anyone else who may be grieving the death of someone close. Group run for 8 – 9 weeks and deal with multiple aspects of the grief journey. Please feel free to call Liz VanStaalduinen at 905-562-3503 for more information.

Griefshare a video small group opportunity will be offered at Smithville Christian Reformed Church 6518 Smithville Road, Smithville beginning on Monday October 19 at 7 pm. It provides a relaxed place for open discussion and Christ-centered support for those who are navigating through the grieving process. Contact Rose Brinkert 905-957-7862 for more info or if you like to be a part of the group.

2016 Niagara Church Directory

Christian Courier is beginning work on the Church Directory which is given out to 2200 homes and businesses in the Niagara area. The pages are in full colour.

If you own a business, belong to an organization, or know of one that you think would benefit from advertising in the directory, send an email to ncd@christiancourier.ca or phone Ineke at 905-937-3314.

CRC Announcements

From Back to God Ministries International

A ROCKY ROAD - Everyone is expecting Liz to repeat his accidental skateboarding feat for a TV commercial. Can he do it? 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.

WHAT YOU'RE WONDERING (PART 1) - Throughout the year you've contacted Groundwork for help digging into Scripture to answer your questions. Today we dig into Scripture to discuss topics like what Scripture doesn't tell us, prophecy, and sound doctrine. Subscribe for free weekly email notifications at ListenToGroundwork.com or visit GroundworkOnline.com to find a local radio station or listen now.

From Calvin College

LEGACY AWARD - Calvin College is pleased to announce a new \$4000 Legacy Award to support new students who have a historical connection to the college. The Legacy Award will be provided automatically to Fall 2016 incoming students who are members of a Christian Reformed Church and/or are children of alumni and will continue for up to five years. The Legacy Award combines the Denominational Grant-in-Aid and the Alumni Legacy Scholarship awards into one program for new students. For further details, please contact the Calvin College admissions or financial aid office (www.calvin.edu).

From Calvin Theological Seminary

Meet President Jul Medenblik - Pastor Ken Ritsema and Rev. Allen Lik-

kel warmly invite you to join them for refreshments and fellowship TODAY, Sunday, Sept. 20, from 3-5 pm at Living Hope CRC -- 34631 Old Calyburn Rd, Abbotsford, BC V2S 4H5. This will be a time to meet and greet Calvin Seminary President, Jul Medenblik and to hear his vision for the seminary.

From Centre for Public Dialogue

ELECTION CHALLENGE - Spiritual disciplines and voting for our neighbours' good both require patience and more than a little trust that God will use our little faithful mustard seeds for a good greater than ourselves. Do you have 15 minutes to spare per week? Will you join the Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue in a 5-week election spirituality challenge? See more at crcna.org/vote2015

From Christian Reformed World Missions

Meet some of Kenya's greatest ministry leaders - CRWM missionary in Kenya, Mwaya Kitavi, is looking for anyone in North America to join a team of ministry leaders in Kenya from February 4-15, 2015 on the Global Prayer Safari. As a joint team, you will pray for ministries all over Nairobi and surrounding areas and see how God is already at work there.

From CRC Communications

FREE WEBINAR - Join us Sept. 30 for "Introduction to Spiritual Warfare - Part 2" presented by Jeff Stam author of the book "Straight Talk about Spiritual Warfare: What the Bible Teaches, What You Need to Know". This webinar addresses theological and practical questions about spiritual warfare, such as: Can a believer be demonically oppressed? Should the Church be proactively involved in spiritual warfare? For more de-

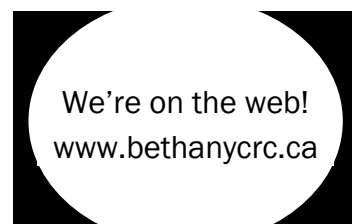
tails and registration visit crcna.org/webinars.

From Diaconal Ministries Canada

DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT REGISTER NOW! - In just under a month, on October 17, 2015, hundreds will gather in Ancaster for the DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT. It's a full day: worship with keynote speaker, Rob Hoogendoorn, choose from over 40 workshops, take in our tour of displays, learn "how to" in a service site or join a chatroom geared to specific ministries. For more information, talk to your church administrator, or check out our website: dayofencouragement.ca. Stay connected by following us on facebook: www.facebook.com/Ancasterdayofencouragement. Questions? Email doecoordinator@crcna.org. Register early for best workshop selections.

RIDE FOR REFUGE - Ride or walk with International Needs Canada on October 3, 2015 in the Ride for Refuge. The RIDE is a fun, family-friendly event that supports our efforts in Nepal where we are restoring lives and rebuilding homes that were decimated by the earthquake in April. Ride, walk, or donate. For more information go to Rideforrefuge.org – or internationalneeds.ca, call our office at 905-637-9411 or email Corrie Mulder at corrie@internationalneeds.ca.

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