



BETHANY BUGLE



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Council Bugle Report Bethany Christian Reformed Church Meeting: Thursday, 18 September 2014

Attendees:

Elders: Zach Beldman, Rudy Boverhof, Albert Janssen, Alfred Kiers, Jerry Kiers, Kevin Twomey, Tim VanHoffen, Richard VanLochem, Ray VanHuizen, Pete Wierenga

Deacons: Nate Anjema, Peter Bulk, Louis Dam, John Enzlin, Don Terpstra

Absent with Notice: George Gritter, Mark Vahrmeyer, Pastor Colin Vander Ploeg

- Chairman Tim VanHoffen opened with welcome and greetings. Scripture reading from 1 Peter 2: 1-16. Thoughts shared on what it means to crave "Spiritual Milk" - the need to desire God's word and it's transforming power in our lives. Time spent in prayers of praises, intercession and thanksgiving.
- Minutes from Council meeting held 21 August 2014 received. Motion to accept as presented. 2nd. Carried.
- Matters arising from the minutes. Council training and orientation details were finalized. This is to happen Sunday, 21 September 2014 following the worship service. Council member wives will be attending as well.
- Executive Report - received for information.
- Deacons Report - received for information. The deacons are promoting the upcoming "Day of Encouragement" to be held in Hamilton on Saturday, 18 October 2014. Registration fees for Bethany members to be covered by the Deacons.
- Finance Team Reports - received for information. Discussion on some of the steps we need to take to meet the legislative requirements expected of us as a charitable organization.
- Fellowship Team Report - received for information. Recent showing of film "God is not Dead" was well received and appreciated by many.
- Buildings and Grounds Team Report - received for information. Work will begin shortly on repairing/replacing a drain to the west end of the property. Other building improvements such as entrance doors and hardware replacement is scheduled.
- Safe Church Team Report - received for information. A secure place to store completed police clearances will be sought out.
- Discipleship Team Report - received for information. The team's finalized mandate will be presented to the congregation at the upcoming fall congregational meeting.
- Library Ministry Team Report - no report.
- Correspondence Report - received for information with appropriate action with incoming and outgoing correspondence.
- Adjournment 8:30 pm
- Closing prayer Deacon John Enzlin

All 2015 Budget requests must be made to the Finance committee by September 31st. Please email Denise at info@bethanycrc.ca with your budget requests.

Other News

FRIENDSHIP AT GRACE CRC

The Friendship ministry at Grace CRC of Welland needs your help. A few key leaders have had to step back for health reasons and we now earnestly need people to fill their shoes. We need people who are gifted at teaching simple Biblical truth to encourage our friends to experience the love of Jesus. Also, if you are gifted musically our musicians would welcome additional leaders. If interested please contact Cathy at office@gracecrc.ca or call her at 905-732-9942

COFFEE BREAK: Wow we had our first meeting this past week and it was wonderful to see the good turnout. We welcome back our returning ladies and also some new faces. Welcome back ladies. A good time of singing sharing and catching up with each other made it a great morning. Also the goodies were appreciated.

This coming week we will begin our study of "Integrity" The first study is Imitate Jesus based on Mark 10:32-45. Imitating Jesus has been a century-long goal of Christians pursuing Integrity. Christ himself issued the invitation.

Coffee will be ready at 9:15 and we will start promptly at 9:30. See you all on Tuesday!

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 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 VanStaaldunen at 905-562-3503 or Tamara at 905-562-7408 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

October 18, 2014

At Rose City Kids Theatre Starting at 7 pm

Praise and Worship evening

Silent Auction, Cafe is open at 6:30 next door with coffee, tea and treats to purchase fundraiser to support Devon Van Hoffen Devon will be returning to Africa in January 2015 for 3 years. Please come out and learn what he is doing in Africa and what Hands at Work is all about, and to praise our Lord together!! More details to follow...

What are our youth up to?

Do you know as a parent what our youth at Bethany is learning, how they are growing in the Lord, what they are studying as groups.

On Tuesday night at 7:30 the youth committee will be hosting an info night where you can ask questions, find out what our youth are studying, possible leadership opportunities to guide our youth and children where, as leadership we would like to see our youth grow. We would like to see our youth involved but more importantly we want to see them grow in the fear of the Lord. Hope to see many of you there. Youth Committee

Come Celebrate with Us! Saturday, September 27 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm

On September 15, Shalom Manor will be celebrating its 35th anniversary. Thirty-five years of following Christ's example in providing care to our aging Reformed Christian Dutch-Canadian community. On Saturday, September 27th, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm, we are inviting YOU as members of Shalom's supporting community to a special musical presentation by the Cantata Singers of St. Catharines, speeches and special presentation. This hour long service will be followed by a time of fellowship, and a time to connect with your partnering community of supporters. So, join us as we recognize our 35 years on this Christ-centered journey here at Shalom Manor!

Shalom Manor – Restore the Roof!

Shalom Manor is thankful to God to announce that we have raised a little over three-quarters of the funds needed to replace our current Mapleview roof along with the heating, ventilation and air conditioning for that home area. To date we have received \$380,000 of the \$500,000 needed. Please help us reach our goal by donating on-line at www.shalommanor.ca and using *Donate Now* or mailing a cheque to Shalom Manor. Please write *restore the roof* in the memo line. **Thank you** and many blessings for your support.

ROSE CITY KIDS has been reaching children in Welland for over 6 years!! Over 500 kids are provided a fun filled atmosphere that teaches positive attitudes and behaviours and these kids have a place where they can experience the love of God! Rose City Kids effectively builds hope, empowering children to make good choices, and follow the big dreams God holds for their lives through role modeling, practical teachings, songs and games!! Please help support this ministry by attending our upcoming Winter Fashion Show! We are also looking for many more volunteers for this new season. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: Saturday afternoon program, bus support, lunch prep, toddler care, tech department and Wednesday after school tutoring. If you are interested in helping us out please contact Sonya Wierenga (905 892 6978) We would love to have you join our team!

RCK 2014 Winter Fashion Show

Enjoy a fabulous fashion show and support Rose City Kids!

@ the Rose City Kids Park Theatre

on Saturday November 01

Tickets \$25 or \$75 for VIP

For tickets please stop by @

Heida's Fashions, Vermeer Greenhouses , Palazzo's Salon, Strut Shoes, Flowers Niagara or contact sonya@rosecitykids.com

Hors d'oeuvres. pastries, door prizes

Doors open at 6:00 pm-show begins @ 6:30 pm

Bridal. men & women's wear, children's wear

Purchase your tickets soon!! Limited seating.



Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes have arrived. Please feel to take some boxes

home with you and make sure to take a brochure with you. If we the boxes are gone feel free to use any shoe box just make sure they can be opened for inspection. They are once again asking us to enclose \$7:00 to cover the cost of shipping the boxes. Check the list of items that are not allowed in the box for example any liquids and soft candy are not allowed.

Nov. 16, is the last day to bring the shoeboxes to Bethany. Have some fun filling the boxes for those who are less fortunate and who will also have the opportunity to hear about Jesus. Any questions talk to Ann Van Lochem

School News

Christian School Construction Materials Store:

NACE is constantly exploring new ways to support our Christian schools and the families that want to attend them. One large initiative that you may have heard about is the launch of our New Again Construction Essentials Store. While this has been in the works for some time, we are now drawing close to the day when we will be opening our store at 5106 King St in Beamsville, right next to the Bibles for Missions Store!

How can you get involved? 1) Please keep this initiative in your prayers. It is new to us and that brings along some nerves, but we are encouraged by the doors God has opened up for us to this point. 2) If you are able to join a volunteer work team we will want to whip the place into shape so that it will quickly be ready for business! Once we are open we will need more volunteers to staff the store. You can contact Ken Vandermolen at 905 957 5594 or kcmolen@vaxxine.com to volunteer. 3) If you have suitable items to donate, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Jerry Gerritsen at 905 309 5271 or at jeraligerritsen@aol.com. 4) We need to hire just the right individual to be the key person in this endeavor. This will be a paid position requiring strengths in operating a retail operation, working well with volunteers, and sourcing inventory for our store. If you, or someone you know, might fit this bill, contact Ken Vandermolen (contact info above) for a more complete job description.

Our closing date is set for October 10th! We are excited to begin this new venture! We hope you will partner with us in one or more of the ways mentioned above. Board Members: Jerry Gerritsen, Roland Hultink, Steve Van Hoorn, Tony Kamphuis, Jay Payson, Ken Vandermolen, Isaac Van Geest Jr. (Chair), and Tash Wolaniuk.

APPLE PIES!! – The annual NACE Apple Pie Fundraiser will take place Friday, October 10, 2014. We are looking forward to a great day of community building activity and need all kinds of help, both to *get* orders, and to *fill* the orders. This event has become a major fundraiser for our schools, but we can only make it happen if we have a lot of committed volunteers who are willing to put a little time in. Please watch for order/volunteer forms in your church mailboxes, or call the school, 905-643-2460, to order pies or volunteer. If you are available to come and help by making pie crust (Thursday, October 9, starting at 6:00 p.m.), or peeling apples and/or assembling pies, or cleaning up (Friday, October 10), please call Irene Huinink @ 905-945-6788 or John Knox Christian school office, 905-643-2460. We also accept donated baked goods (nut-free items) and/or soup, or funds for buns and cold cuts for "pie day" volunteers! The apple pie coordinators need *your* help. Last year we raised over \$5,000 for our schools – in ONE day! We had a lot of fun working together - let's do it again! Remember to inform your friends and your co-workers. This is a great way both to raise awareness for our schools and to find fundraising opportunities outside of our immediate school community. Many hands make light work!!

Library News: Come and check out some of the new books in the Library!

You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity

By: Francis Chan, Lisa Chan

In the same way Crazy Love changed the way we saw our personal relationship with God, You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity will radically shift the way we see one of the most important relationships in our life.

Jesus was right. We have it all backwards. The way to have a great marriage is by not focusing on marriage. Whether you are single, dating or married, You and Me Forever will help you discover the adventure that you were made for and learn how to thrive in it.

100% of the net profits from You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity will go towards providing food, shelter and rehabilitation for thousands of orphaned children and exploited women in partnership with global charities.

The Best Yes: Making Wise Decisions in the Midst of Endless Demands

By: Lysa TerKeurst

Having trouble deciding which situations deserve a "yay" and which a "nay?" Let Lysa TerKeurst help you discern the option that shapes all your other choices - the best yes! Offering Scripture-laced insights on effective decision-making, she encourages you to be honest, imaginative, focused, trusting, and humble as you discover the role God most wants you to play.

Angels Walking, Angels Walking Series #1

By: Karen Kingsbury

When former national baseball star Tyler Ames suffers a career-ending injury, all he can think about is putting his life back together the way it was before. He has lost everyone he loves on his way to the big leagues. Then just when things seem to be turning around, Tyler hits rock bottom. Across the country, Tyler's one true love Sami Dawson has moved on.

A series of small miracles leads Tyler to a maintenance job at a retirement home and a friendship with Virginia Hutcheson, an old woman with Alzheimer's who strangely might have the answers he so desperately seeks.

Heaven Sent Rain

By: Lauraine Snelling

Scientist and pharmaceutical CEO Dinah Taylor takes comfort in her orderly life, both professionally and within the walls of her luxury apartment. But the morning she buys breakfast for seven-year-old Jonah Morgan and his dog, "Mutt," her life changes in ways she could not have predicted. Breakfasts with Jonah are soon part of Dinah's daily routine, and she finds herself becoming the mysterious boy's main source of refuge. With no children of her own and harrowing memories of childhood, Dinah doubts her ability to help. However, to Jonah, Dinah is like a handpicked guardian angel he'll come to need more desperately than even he anticipates.

Dear fellow believers at Bethany,

Patti and I would like to say farewell to all of you as we have recently moved to Fergus and plan to make this our permanent home. We have enjoyed our time with all of you and we will miss worshipping with you. Personally, I have appreciated your friendship and support over the years as we have journeyed through many joys and trials. Thank you for your friendships! We say farewell to you all, but not good-bye, as we will certainly be returning often! We don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future! Sid and Patti

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Ordination Service Invitation: Jubilee Fellowship CRC warmly invites members of the churches in Classis Niagara to share our joy as we witness the ordination of Pastor Woodrow Dixon, which will take place on Friday evening, October 3, at 7 pm, at Jubilee Fellowship CRC, 13 Wilholme Drive, St. Catharines. We thank God for leading Pastor Woody and Jubilee together as we serve in faithful ministry in proclaiming God's Word and in service to our church, our classis and our community.

**Congregational Care team
(Pastoral Care)**

We are here to serve you . If you are in need of a visit, a meal, or any other kind of assistance please contact your elder or deacon who will pass it on to our team members.

Team members include; Mary Bokma, Karen Veldhuizen, Ans Roorda, Grace VanderVeen, and Joyce de Roo

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF BETHANY: A number of volunteers from Sunday School teachers and helpers, Babysit, and other leaders have not filled out the Code of Ethics forms. These forms are a requirement from the Insurance Company. We would suggest parents of the younger children that help out in nursery, etc. go over the forms and explain the forms to them so they understand what they are signing. Please take a moment and fill them out today and put them in Denise Glasbergen/Administrator's mailbox. A Big "Thank You" to all the volunteers.

The Safe Church Comm.

Niagara Church Directory

Christian Courier is once again working to produce the 2015 Directory. As with the 2014 directory, it will be in full colour. If you or someone you know would like to advertise in the directory, please contact ncd@christiancourier.ca or phone 905-937-3314 and we will provide the details.



CRC Denomination

GROUNDWORK - Your Questions Answered (Part 2): On Groundwork we believe that biblical inquiry strengthens our faith, and we're glad you've joined our conversation. We will be digging into more of God's Word by way of some of the questions you've asked this year. Tune in and join the Groundwork conversation - find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Epic Story (Part 1): The Kids Corner crew is in awe of the mystery dome that's now in Terrene. Cole and Spike are so excited to find themselves inside this dome, but then they can't find themselves out! Go to www.kidscorner.net to hear this incredible story, and then check out the website for devotions, puzzles and more.

BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES - Did you know ReFrame Media is the English outreach of Back to God Ministries International? That means the producer of the Today Devotional, Kids Corner, Groundwork, and more is your media missionary, bringing the Good News of Jesus to the vital mission field of your own backyard. Visit MeetReFrame.com to see how ReFrame serves your mission fields: at home and in your community.

ANNUAL DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT - Involved in Ministry? This is for you! Registration is open, and with workshops being filled on a first come, first served basis the time to register is now! The Day of Encouragement offers worship, workshops, and learning experiences geared to equip and encourage anyone involved in ministry. Registration brochures are available - ask your pastor, chair of deacons,

or your church administrator for more information. Have questions? Check out www.diaconalministries.com or email nsinclair@crcna.org.

AMBASSADORS MALE CHORUS - The Ambassadors Christian Male Chorus singing together with former Ambassadors invite you to the special 45th anniversary concert and afterglow at Mt. Hamilton CRC on 1411 Upper Wellington on Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets at \$20.- from choir members, or director De Haan (905-389-2104) or Rev. Van Eek (905-689-5266) or Kleis at email kleis.hensen@gmail.com.

DISABILITY CONCERNS - Greetings from Disability Concerns! Thanks to the Classis Niagara churches for their involvement with and support for people with disabilities. We are looking for a person to become the Regional Disability Advocate for your classis. Regional Advocates assist in engaging people with disabilities in all aspects of church life, keep in contact with current Church Advocates, and find new advocates for churches that do not have one. Need more information? Is God calling you to advocate with persons who have disabilities? Contact Mark Stephenson at mstephenson@crcna.org

FREE WEBINAR - Join us on October 1 when CRC Safe Church director Bonnie Nicholas presents "Domestic Violence and the Role of the Church." This webinar will help us understand this problem, so we can recognize it and respond in practical and effective ways. For more details, registration and handouts for this free, one-hour event visit crcna.org/webinars

POSITION OPENING - World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North

America (CRCNA), has a full time opening for a Grants Program Manager. The position will be located in Burlington, Ontario, Canada or Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA. Please visit www.worldrenew.net/careers or www.crcna.org/jobs for more information. To apply, submit your current resume and a cover letter clearly indicating your relevant skills and experience based on the position description, to dhoogvliets@worldrenew.net. Application deadline is Sept. 23.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - World Renew Disaster Response Services urgently needs volunteers to help families clean up their homes after August 11 flooding in southeast Michigan. The work is concentrated in Dearborn, MI, accommodations are available at Dearborn CRC, and meals are provided. Please consider helping for a day or two this week, September 22-27. Contact World Renew at 800-848-5818 or aopperwall@worldrenew.net for more information.

POSITION OPENING - World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), has a full time opening for a Program Consultant in Mozambique*. *The position incumbent will operate out of the regional office in Malawi with travel to Mozambique. We require someone with a proven track record in partner consultations on program quality, implementation and management, as well as organizational governance and resource development experience. This position will also contribute to World Renew's constituency development priorities including reporting and communicating with donors. Visit www.worldrenew.net/careers for more information; to apply, submit your resume, a cover letter indicating skills and experience and your response to the follow-up questions to Ichia-rot@worldrenew.net. Application deadline is Oct. 13.

OFFICE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE - Join Worldwide Prayer for Faithful Leadership on Climate: On Sept. 23, global leaders will be gathering in New York City to discuss the effects of climate disruption in their communities and how best to work together to address them. On Sunday, Sept. 21, churches around the world are coming together to call on God for wisdom for our leaders and for faithful action to protect God's creation and those most affected by its degradation. Join churches across the world in prayer on September 21. For worship resources, please visit www.crcjustice.org.

FRIENDLY MADAGASCAR - There are 600 Christian schools run by The Church of Jesus Christ on the beautiful and friendly island of Madagascar off the coast of Africa. Join World Missions in teaching English in the country's capital of Antananarivo City. More information on this one to two year volunteer opportunity is available at www.crwmm.org or volunteer@crcna.org.

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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