

# September Newsletter

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## Church Council Highlights

Council met on Wednesday September 16 and the following items were discussed:

1. It was reported that Council Executive will meet on the third Wednesday of each month prior to the Elders and Deacons meetings.
2. Various committee reports were heard. Committees are encouraged to meet regularly and submit reports to Council in a more timely manner.
3. Updated District lists will be printed in the new Church directory which will be published towards the end of the month.
4. Classis Chatham meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 26. This meeting will be held at Destination Church in St. Thomas. Classis delegates are Pastor Aaron Thompson and Hans Haverkamp.

## Attention Crafters

We are planning to include a Craft Table and are asking those who craft to donate Christmas crafts and gifts. Looking for wood workers, knitters, crocheters, quilters' etc. to help us expand our venue. For more information see Rita.

## Thank You So Much Congregation,

For your continued support and your prayers on behalf of the Gospel-sharing work of Back to God Ministries International. As the gospel media arm of the Christian Reformed Church, we share God's great redemption story, along with your local church, to our neighbourhoods, and to people all around the world. Find out how your ministry is bringing many lives to Christ in 10 global languages by checking out [www.backtogod.net](http://www.backtogod.net). Please pray that hearts are opened to the gift of salvation through Jesus!

## October Food Drive

The deacons would love your help with the upcoming food drive to benefit the Essex Food Bank in October. Each week will have a theme to make it fun!

Please place items in the corner at the church office where notices will be posted.



October 1<sup>st</sup> – “Share the Bounty!” Please bring in food items for

Thanksgiving



October 8<sup>th</sup> – “It’s a SOUPER Day!” Please bring in non-expired canned, bagged soups



October 15<sup>th</sup> – “Spread the word! Helping is sweet!” Please bring in jams, jellies, spreads



October 22<sup>nd</sup> – “See what you CAN give!” Please bring in non-expired cans

October 29<sup>th</sup> – “Socktober!” Please bring in socks as the weather is turning colder



## Movie Night

Make plans to come out for Movie Night, Friday September 29. Doors open at 6:00pm. We will be featuring Smurfs – the Lost Village. Invite your friends and neighbours. This is a great opportunity to meet our community neighbours.

## The Mat'ters

The Mat'ters group will be taking a break for the month of September. We will start again Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We also are in need of some volunteers. So ladies if you are looking for something to do on Monday mornings come and join us. We were able to deliver some of the completed mats to Chatham last week and they were very grateful for them. The Mat'ters

## Upstairs Bathroom Project

Our new upstairs bathroom is still coming. Digging and laying pipe beside the church will begin soon, and the project will hopefully be completed before the end of winter. Donations can still be made to the project. If you wish to donate to this project, on top of your regular giving, please write ‘Bathroom fund’ on the bottom of your cheque. If you have any questions ask a member of Council or the Board of Administration.

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### **Chew on This!**

Join Citizens for Public Justice in ***Chew on This!***, our annual fall anti-poverty campaign. Each year, on **October 17**, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, volunteers across Canada hand out *Chew on This!* lunch bags containing a food item, a magnet, and a postcard directed to the federal government. This year, we are focused on making sure the federal government hears the voices of people calling for a comprehensive national anti-poverty strategy. **To organize a *Chew on This!* event or for more information, go to [dignityforall.ca/chew-on-this](http://dignityforall.ca/chew-on-this) or contact Darlene O'Leary at [darlene@cpj.ca](mailto:darlene@cpj.ca).**

### **FREE Reformation Study Resource**

The Banner presents a free online resource with questions for discussion for personal study, small group discussion, or adult education church groups: Reformation Themes: Commemorating the 500th Anniversary. Also available, Reformed Basics. Check them out at [thebanner.org/study-series](http://thebanner.org/study-series).

### **Devotions for the Reformation**

Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with Today devotional. Recapture the significance of the Reformation for your personal faith. Get "The Reformation for Today" when you subscribe to Today devotional at [todaydevotional.com/reformation](http://todaydevotional.com/reformation).

### **Save The Date – Libertas Male Choir presents**

Sounds of the Season Christmas concert series with special guests from the Netherlands. Martin Mans, director; Martin Zonnenberg, organist; Barend Wiltjer, tenor. November 29, 7:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock; November 30, 7:30 p.m. at Georgetown CRC, Georgetown; December 2, 7:30 p.m. at Redeemer University College, Ancaster. For more information and tickets go to [www.libertasvoices.com](http://www.libertasvoices.com) e-mail [info@libertasvoices.com](mailto:info@libertasvoices.com) or call 905.522.0001. Adults: \$20, Youth (10-14) \$10, children under 10 free.

### **Build Relationships and Churches in the Dominican Republic**

This winter or spring, come as a church or other group, or join an existing team of 7-12 people. Serve alongside members of the Dominican church in this cross-cultural service opportunity to build churches or other ministry buildings and see how God is at work! Contact Bill Thornburg ([bthornburg@crcna.org](mailto:bthornburg@crcna.org)) if you are interested.

### **Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - February 12 – 23, 2018**

Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho and more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, costs, and registration, go to website: [www.toursofisrael.wordpress.com](http://www.toursofisrael.wordpress.com) or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: [peter.tuininga@gmail.com](mailto:peter.tuininga@gmail.com)