

Agenda for Sunday, May 25, 2008

Greeters:

AM: Ken & Anna Paulusma

PM: Henry & Isabel VanRamshorst

Coffee Servers

Don & Marlene Cronk

Henry & Isabel VanRamshorst

Nursery: Morning

Infants: Theresa Henny

Michelle Mol

Toddlers: Jodi Hill

Hunter Janssens

Kyle Mol

Nursery: Afternoon

Infants/Toddlers: Margaret Mol

Madeline Mol

Audio **AM:** James VanDyken

PM: Andy Heerema

Video **AM:** Shirley VanDyken

PM: Randy Carmichael

Offering: CRWRC – Burma Relief

Agenda for Sunday, June 1, 2008

Greeters:

AM: Ben & Patricia Postuma

PM: Jim & Ophelia Agombar

Coffee Servers

Arjen & Henriët DeBruin

Brian & Laura Vanlenthe

Nursery: Morning

Infants: Courtney Henny

Shauna Muller

Toddlers: Nick Henny

Nicole Mol

Travis Muller

Nursery: Afternoon

Infants/Toddlers: Allan Mol

Allison Muller

Audio **AM:** Ken Paulusma

PM: John Miedema

Video **AM:** Erin Voortman

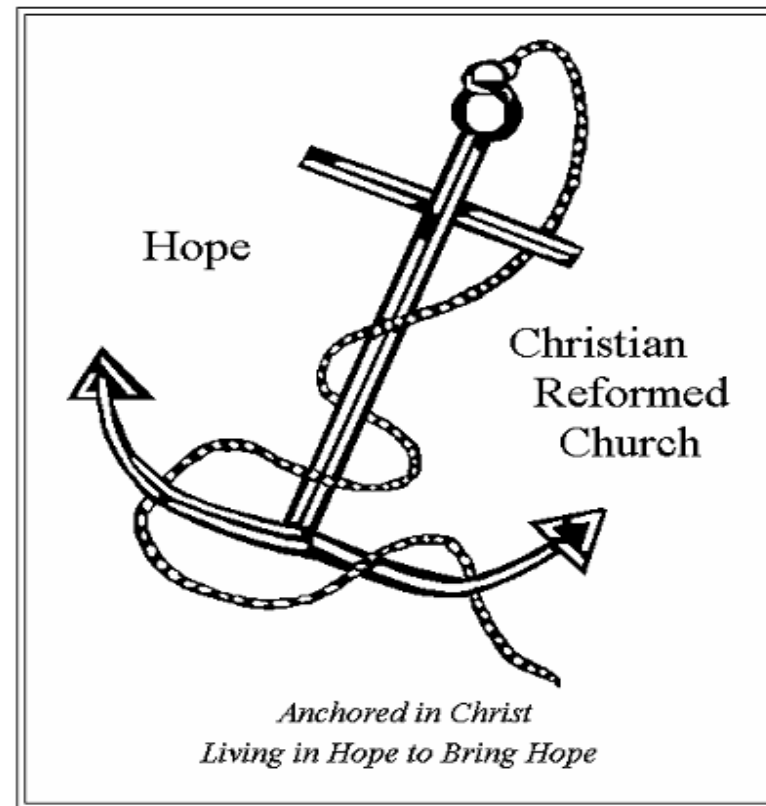
PM: Aly Miedema

Offering: Hope CRC SERVE Team

Do you dream of travel (i.e. within the region of Thunder Bay)? Do you long to do challenging tasks that may use skills you've never used before (and maybe never wanted to)? Then the Amazing Grace Race is the race for YOU! On June 14, join other teams and compete for the winning trophy while at the same time supporting the Thunder Bay Christian Community Centre. Sign up now and pay the early bird registration fee - the price goes up after May 24. Contact Yvonne Schenk, Tammy VanElburg or Lorrie Dykstra for more information.

Weekly Agenda

Tuesday 27th - 7:30 PM Elders and deacons meet
Wednesday 28th - 7:00 PM Youth Service preparation at church



Sunday, May 25, 2008

Worship Services: 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Please join us for coffee following the morning service

Library open after morning service, located on 2nd floor

Sunday School during the morning service (age 3 – grade 4)

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Church Council Chair: Fred Cramer

Church Clerk: Jim Agombar 939-2960

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For Bulletin Announcements, please e-mail Erin Voortman at bulletin@hopecrc.net by Thurs at 6:00 PM
To listen to sermons visit our website and click on "sermons"

Hope Church Family: Mrs **Alie Mol** is home again, she's feeling weak but is doing well. **Henry Prenger** is doing much better and he hopes to be released from Hospital on Friday. **Janet Bewski** was in for day surgery and she's back home recuperating. **Gary Ogilvie** is tired from his treatments, but enjoys visitors. Please call ahead. **Theresa Vis** suffered a stroke on Wednesday night which has caused some set back. She does appear to be rebounding from this.

Congratulations to **Carol & Glen Hughes** who welcomed their first grandchild into their family. A baby girl Charlie Ann Hughes was born last week to their son Chris and Ashley. **Pastor Bob** has returned from vacation. He is off from preaching at Hope this Sunday, but is preaching this morning at Bethlehem CRC on a classical appointment.

From the Deacons: This week's offering is for CRWRC – Burma Relief. Here are some questions/answers that we thought were important to share with the congregation: CRWRC aid to Myanmar cyclone survivors

Q: Is my donation to CRWRC reaching survivors of Cyclone Nargis in Burma/Myanmar?

A: Yes. CRWRC is sending money to our local partner's head office through wire transfer. CRWRC's local partner in Burma/Myanmar then purchases food and supplies from local suppliers, and suppliers from border countries like Thailand. Aid responses relying on local relationships are considered local initiatives by the Myanmar government, so aid can be distributed without interference. CRWRC is one of a few international non-governmental agencies (INGOs) with trusted, local partners in Burma/Myanmar removed from the bilateral and multilateral levels of financial aid. By working with local Christian partners CRWRC avoids the snags of country to country, and country to agency aid relationships. This is why CRWRC is able to help the Burmese people while some other agencies and governments are having difficulty.

Q: When did emergency aid begin, and who will be helped?

A: CRWRC's partner began providing emergency relief to Cyclone Nargis survivors in 10 camps on May 9. Food, shelter, water purification kits, mosquito nets, and medical care are being distributed in the delta region of Burma/Myanmar. CRWRC, its local partner, and other Christian relief agencies are working together to provide 10,000 families with emergency aid by July 31, 2008.

First Church Family: Thank you: We would like to thank the many people who displayed their condolences to us through their kind words, visits, cards, meals, flowers and prayers. Your concern and acts of kindness continue to help us through this difficult time of losing our husband, father and Opa – **Staal Family** Let us remember our shut-in: Sylvia Wassenaar, Tjitske Postuma, Jan Muller, Johanna Kloosterhuis, Helen Muller, Simon & Wilma Zwaal.

Bethlehem Church Family: We are thankful for some encouraging news for Henny Ypma, and pray for continued blessings on the treatments she is receiving. May the Lord be with Eero Tuuttila as he is now in Toronto for six weeks for cancer treatments. We plead with the Lord for healing. Also Jim Gehrels needs our daily prayers for his vision difficulties. We keep our elderly members in our prayers, as well as those who live alone: Mrs. Kok, Mrs. Dykstra, Mrs. DeHoop, Mrs. Kranenburg, Susan Vanderwees, Alice Vanderwees, Alice Bellavance, and Sonja Dykstra.

Article One is back for an Official CD Release Concert.....**Saturday, May 31 @ 8:00** pm at Hope CRC. Get a group together for this high energy concert with new recordings from their second CD. They have just completed a major U.S. tour and are looking forward to being back in T Bay. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, with group pricing available. Pickup tickets at Holland Bakery, Hulls Bookstore or talk to Inez/James. Sound Bits at www.articleonemusic.com

On June 19th the Watoto Children's Choir will be singing at the church, and we require several families to assist with billeting the children with an adult guardian for two nights, the 18 & 19th. Talk to Inez/James for full details.

Join the **Watoto Children's Choir** for a *Concert of Hope* and experience the energy of these beautiful Ugandan children. It will take place at Hope Church, **June 19th at 7:00 pm**. Free-will offering will be taken. Sound bits at www.watoto.com

TBCS Golf Tournament News: We have 8 confirmed teams! Some teams are mixed, some are ladies and some are men. The defending champions, (Team:Guzzell which includes Darin, Tony Tempelman, Shelly Guzzell and Dan Nichols) are ready to defend their title! All golfers need to be registered and paid by May 30/08. Please contact the school 939-1209 to register.

Elder's lists were assigned, and will be posted. Please look for your assigned elder.

At this time Elders and Deacons signed the Form of Subscription.

Correspondence:

A newsletter was received from Mark VanderWees. It will be posted and placed with Care and Share.

A petition was received from Bill Mauro opposing the removal of prayer from Ontario Legislature. This was approved. It will be placed on the table in the narthex.

"Lake Geneva Family Conference" – a Christian summer conference for the whole family. See bulletin board for more information.

Request for Community Garden at Hope CRC was approved.

Pastor's Report: Read to Council by Clerk.

Committee Reports: Education meeting minutes were presented. Matters arising were dealt with.

Elder Ben Postuma closed the meeting in prayer.

Youth Service: Plans are being made to have a service led by youth on June 1. Several young people are working on contributions to our worship. There is a preparation time scheduled for **Wednesday, May 28, at 7:00 PM** at the church in the sanctuary. If you have a part, or would like to participate, please come to this gathering, or call Pastor Bob.

Yard Sale for Open Doors School in Jos, Nigeria: There will be a year sale on May 31st at Hope CRC. The proceeds will be going to a school for students with disabilities in Jos, Nigeria. This is the school that Stacey Collie spent time volunteering at in 2006.

PETITION: Council invites you to sign the 'Petition' in the foyer. This Petition is being circulated by Bill Mauro, our Ontario MPP. It asks the committee reviewing the recital of the Lord's Prayer at the beginning of each legislative day to **preserve the tradition of the Lord's Prayer in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.** (You must be 18 years or older to sign)

Church Community News, Events & Activities

URC Family: Please continue to pray for Mrs. Gerda Vandenbroeke. We are thankful for her improvement and pray for the Lords healing **and** sustaining care.

Q: Does CRWRC have any of its own staff in Burma/Myanmar?

A: Not yet. CRWRC's partner staff has been in the country for more than 10 years, and has strong, established relationships with local suppliers, and local communities. CRWRC has no reservations about the competency of the partner staff. A CRWRC staff consultant has been permitted to enter Burma/Myanmar within the next few days to do assessments, and to confirm as many people as possible are being assisted.

Council Mini Minutes of May 20, 2008

Chairman Fred Cramer welcomes all present and asked for additional agenda items. Jim Agombar led opening devotions. He read from Ephesians 4: 1-16. Fred Cramer then opened with prayer.

Roll Call: Absent with notification: Pastor Bob and Paul Muller.

Council minutes of April 29, 2008 were presented and approved. Matters arising were dealt with.

A training seminar for Elders and Deacons is tentatively set for this coming fall.

A request from Serve Thunder Bay to have all Council members to become prayer partners this year. This was approved.

Final draft of the marriage guidelines was presented for approval. This was passed. The final draft of marriage guidelines pamphlet was also approved. Congregational meeting minutes of April 2, 2008 were presented and approved. Matters arising were dealt with.

Retiring office bearers made their final reports. Chairman thanked retirees for years served. At this time Council broke for a time of fellowship and coffee.

Election of Council Executive:

Chairman: Fred Cramer

Clerk: Jim Agombar

Vice-All: John Miedema

A lot was cast to determine who would complete the remaining two years of Elder Bill Bus's term as elder. Steve Vis will serve this term.

Committee Assignments were handed out.

Building/Maintenance – Peter Fieldhouse

Education – Paul Muller

Fellowship – Leo Blekkenhorst

Outreach/Evangelism – Henry Mol

Rental/Janitorial – James VanDyken

Worship – Gary Staal

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May 25, 2008 – Morning Worship

Prelude
Welcome

Service of Beginning

Call to Worship: Habakkuk 2:20
Silent Prayer
*God's Greeting: 1 Corinthians 1:3
*Hymns of Praise: #250 "I've Come to Tell"
#241 "This Is the Day"
#249 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Service of Confession

Call to Confession: Matthew 22:34-40
Prayer of Confession: "As the Deer Panteth for the Water"
The Will of God: 1 Peter 4:1-2, 7-11
*Hymn of Dedication: SNC #17 "Step by Step"

Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving

Congregational Prayer
Offering: **CRWRC – Burma Relief**
*Hymn of Praise: #469 "A Mighty Fortress Is our God"

Service of the Word

Scripture: Ephesians 1:1:15-23
Text: Ephesians 1:22-23
Sermon: The Most Important Thing in the World
Prayer
*Hymn of Response: #510 "I Love Your Church, O Lord"

Service of Closing

*Benediction: Ephesians 6:23-24
*Doxology: #627 "Bless His Holy Name"

Postlude

* You are invited to stand

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May 25, 2008 – Afternoon Worship

We Gather Unto the Lord

Prelude
Welcome and Call to Worship
*Song: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues" (PH 501)
*God's Greeting & Greeting One Another
*Song: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (PH 262)

We Make Our Profession

*Apostle's Creed
Pastoral Prayer
(concluded with the Lord's Prayer in unison)
Offering: **CRWRC – Burma Relief**
Offertory Prayer

We Hear God's Word

*Song: "When I Survey" (PH 384)
Scripture: Philippians 3:1-8
Prayer for Understanding
Message: "Amazing Love"
Prayer for Transformation

We Leave in Hope to Bring Hope to the World

*Song: "And Can It Be" (PH 267)
*God's Blessing
*Doxology: "Love Divine" (PH 568)
Postlude

* You are invited to stand