

Bethel celebrates its growth

Special to The Tanner
On Oct. 27, the Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Acton held a dedication service for the new addition to their church. It was the culmination of months of hard work, prayerful planning and adept coordination.

The addition consists of a large, open fellowship hall of the upper floor, complete with full kitchen, washrooms, secretary's office and pastor's

study. Light fills the sanctuary from the towering windows at the end of the hall. The lower floor houses a nursery and meeting rooms.

Pastor Shawn Brix, minister of the Bethel CRC, reiterated in a series of sermons preceding the dedication service, that the church is not necessarily the building, but rather the people in it. That is why Bethel is so excited about the addition to their church

building. The need to build an addition is a sign of the tremendous growth of the congregation itself.

Earlier in the day, a short ceremony was held to place a time capsule behind the cornerstone. The capsule included such items as the church's vision statement, coinage from 1996, the church membership list, the order of service for the dedication, and photos of the nursery children – the future of the church. Another time capsule from the original building in 1963 was replaced behind that cornerstone.

Many former congregation members and ministers returned to Acton to celebrate in the dedication service. Young and old participated in the music, liturgies and readings. The focus of the service was looking back on many years of God's blessings and looking forward to the way God would continue to work in the church.

Bethel Christian Reformed Church is pleased to welcome visitors at any time. Their services are at 10 am and 6:30 pm Sundays. For more details, call 853-1675.



CHAMPION CAT: David Keith of Acton spends a playful moment with his American Shorthair cat Max at the Good Mews Cat Club's third annual cat show held at the Legion last Saturday. (Eve Martin photo)



— ENGAGEMENT —

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Kutasienski, of Acton, are thrilled to announce the engagement of their daughter Tammy-Ann to Mark Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elliott of Mississauga.

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1. When walking, be aware of others in the area, keep your head up and your eyes and ears working. Walk quickly, stop to window-shop only when sure it is safe.
2. When passing alleyways, walk closer to the street side of the sidewalk, avoiding areas where you could easily be grabbed and dragged into an alley.
3. Choose a safe route. Shortcuts can often take you through dangerous areas.
4. If cars are parked along your route, observe them carefully; someone could be hiding in or between vehicles and where you could be attacked, or pulled into a vehicle.
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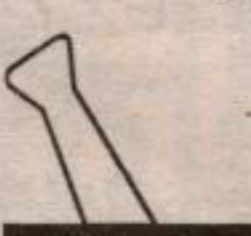
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Elections coming up soon

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Our meeting was opened by the Regent and all repeated

the Flag Salute and Prayer of the Order.

A letter was read by our Regent asking for our help for the new arena and the seniors' centre. Our group is so very small that we feel we cannot offer much help, but may be able to in the future.

The Remembrance Day wreath was carried by our Regent Helen Jocque in the parade. A lot of correspondence came asking for our help, but again, we are too few people to help everyone. Helen handed out the reports to be sent to headquarters.

The treasurer's report was read and approved, with all bills to be paid. Our Regent also handed out the plaques and awards to the school. The Clare Grindal award went to Emily Savage and the IODE award went to Gregory Finlay and Jennifer Goy.

A special reading called *Remembrance Day*, about the

glory of the poppy and why we wear it on Nov. 11, was read to us by Helen.

As always, we have an election coming up and the committee will be after you to help in the positions needed. Roselea, Ernestine and Kathleen will be on the phone asking you to hold office for the coming year. Don't say no. We all need to help as much as we can.

Christmas dinner this year will be held at Knox Church and the ladies of the church will prepare our dinner. The cost will be \$12.50 – get your money to Helen so we can plan this event.

Even the weatherman couldn't have co-operated better for our bazaar! We want to thank all the folks who came to support us, who enjoyed tea, coffee and the wonderful creations of our ladies in the kitchen. We certainly were a busy lot – everyone asked for seconds! Our other tables did well also, selling baking, knitting, penny table items, tickets, flowers and the goodies at Mary McKenzie's Odds and Ends market.

As a small group, we do great work. There was a lot of fun, laughter and hard work to make the day such a success. To one and all we say thank you.

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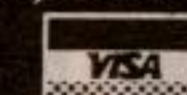
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