

Welcome! Today we celebrate milestones on the journey of faith for three of our members. Arnell D, Brittney D and Len K will publically profess their faith which the Holy Spirit has brought to a living reality in them and affirm their commitment to follow Jesus as part of His Body, the Church, here in Bethany CRC.

We also welcome Mr. Chadd Huizenga to lead in worship and preach this morning. Chadd is a student at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI.

(see *Notes* below)

May the Lord by His Spirit, guide and bless us for His glory.

CONTACT CARD

We want to get to know you! Feel free to fill out the Contact/Prayer Card in the bench and drop it in the offering bag or slide it under the pastor's office door.

CHILD CARE

Child-care is available for both infants and toddlers located in the lower level of the church.

BETHANY KIDS

Children ages 3-8 leave during the service to attend Bethany Kids program downstairs. Please sign in your child each Sunday if they are going to attend.

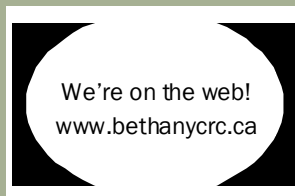
LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.

All are welcome to join afterwards for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Why Are We Here?

VISION STATEMENT

Growing in Jesus!



Connecting

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We Partner With

Locally: Bible League, Elisha House, Family Outreach, Friendship Club, Hannah House, Harvest Kitchen, Open Arms Mission, Pelham Cares, Pro-Life, Rose City Kids, Shalom Manor, Covenant Christian School, Smithville Christian High School.

Regionally: Brock University Chaplaincy (St. Catharines), Shalom Manor Chaplaincy (Grimsby), The Bridge church plant (Niagara Falls)

Globally Check out CRC ministry around the world at www.crcna.org

Devon Van Hoffen serving in Africa. Email Devon at devon@handsatwork.org

Follow Devon on his blog at www.devonvanhoffen.wordpress.com

Happening Today

Worship Leaders 8:00am – time of praise, prayer, & preparation

Pre-service Prayer 9:15am – Council & worship leaders (in Multi-use room)

Adult Bible Study meets at Hans & Hilda Dam's at 7:00pm. Study lesson 5. Need info? Call Wendy @ 905-892-2426

Reflections Bible Study meets tonight at Hielema's at 7:30pm. Lesson 8

Upcoming

Next Sunday's offering: GEMS

Next Sunday's Children's Song: "Jesus Loves Me"

April 26th (this Wednesday!) Congregational Meeting, 7:30 PM at church.

Check your mail slots for Agenda, including Vision document ☺

April 30th GEMS Sunday

May 7th Cadet Sunday & selection of new Elders & Deacons.

Get Equipped for Faith Life

GEMS: 2016-2017 Theme: 1 Thess.3:12 "Love Overflows"



Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9pm for girls in grades 4-8 from September to April at Bethany. For more information, contact Diana cell: 289-696-5567 or email: dj.diana.slappendel@gmail.com



Cadets: 2016-2017 Theme: Hebrews 12:1-2 "Get In The Game"

Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9 for boys in grades 4-8 from September to April at Bethany. For more information, contact Mike Dreyer, email: mikedreyer@hotmail.com or cell: 289-687-3105



Women's Coffee Break – resumes in the Fall
Heart to Heart (women) – resumes in the Fall
Women's Bible Study – resumes in the Fall
Faith Instruction (highschool) – (resumes in the Fall)
MERGE (youth group) – for grades 9-12. Meets every other Sunday night from 7-9pm at Bethany. Questions? Contact Youth Director Andrea (see staff list)

Welcome to Worship at Bethany!

I WILL
walk BY
faith even
WHEN I CANNOT
see
2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

**Bethany Christian
Reformed Church**

**April 23, 2017
9:30am**

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome & announcements

Call to worship

*Opening song

“God is Here” – PH516

*Prayer for God’s blessing as we worship

*Songs of praise

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer” – PH479

“How Great is Our God”

We intercede for the world He has placed us in

Prayer of Confession

God’s Word of Assurance

Song of Response

“In Christ Alone”

Profession of Faith – Arnell D, Brittney D, Len K

Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“By Faith”

(Bethany Kids ages 3-8 invited downstairs for Sunday school)

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Operation Manna

Prayers of God’s people & for the proclamation of the Word

The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5 (p. 995)

Message title: “Wisdom of the Cross”

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us Out to Celebrate & Serve

*Song of response

“All I Have is Christ”

*Prayer for God’s blessing as we depart

*Closing song

“Christ is Risen, He has Risen Indeed”

Notes

Today, six churches in Classis Niagara are welcoming to preach in their morning services, students from Calvin Theological Seminary (CTS) in Grand Rapids, MI. CTS is our Christian Reformed Church graduate & post-graduate school where men and women train for various vocations in church ministry and beyond (visit www.calvinseminary.edu).

Visiting churches in this region this morning are:

Brad Diekema at Bethel CRC Dunnville

Chadd Huizenga here at Bethany CRC

Laura de Jong at Covenant CRC St. Catharines

Bailey Sarver at The Village Church (CRC) Thorold

Josiah Youngquist at Mountainview CRC Grimsby

Christianne Zieger at Jubilee Fellowship CRC St. Catharines

Pray that the students will be encouraged through this opportunity

to hone their preaching skills and through interactions with our church communities, and that the churches will be blessed by welcoming these young men and women who are preparing for full-time ministry.

Thank you, from the Classis Niagara Ministerial Leadership Team.

Serving Assignments

Today [Please arrive by 9:15am for Nursery & Toddlers]

3 Year olds Andrea D, Cadence K

4 Year Olds Tanya L, Jessica O, Mackenzie K

5 Year Olds Jenny D, Jesse V

6 Year Olds Jen K, Morgan G

7&8 Year Olds Kevin D, Angela A

Autism Support Person: Anita W (Vicky D)

Dylan Kelly R

Nursery Lynn J, Diane D, Sandra S Haley G

Toddlers Brian K, Rosie E, Kean V

Ushers Chris S, Mary B

Coffee Servers Chris & Kaitlyn J, Olu K, Frank V

Greeters Cor V, Hans & Hilda D, Joanne D

Sunday School Sign In: Pete & Denise G

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Dylan Karissa V

Nursery Nellie S, Denise G, Becky V, Kaleigh S

Toddlers Jeff V, Kaitlyn J, Noah V

Ushers Dustin V, Scott V

Coffee Servers Frank & Mary B, Bill & Alice T

Greeters Pete & Karen V, Deb & Rudy B, James V, Emily V

Sunday School Sign In: Tracy V

Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Nellie S, Humphrey G, Patrick T, Joanne D, Natalie L, Brandon V, Anita V

Anniversaries this week

None this week

New Baby!! Dave & Teryl D were blessed with the birth of their third child.

Rory Thomas Dam was born on Saturday April 15 weighing 9lbs, 3 oz at birth, a new brother for Casey & Skylar. Praise the Lord for His goodness.

Prayers requested

- ❖ Pray for a blessing on this Wednesday’s **congregational meeting**, especially as we receive the final visioning presentation of what the Lord led us into last November on our Discovery Weekend.
- ❖ Pray for those who are largely homebound because of age or infirmity. Pray for **Nancy M, Hermien K, Luke S** and others in our families and neighborhoods. May the Lord sustain them with His loving presence.
- ❖ Pray that the Lord grant **Bertha B** a steady recovery and patience as they wait for results.
- ❖ Give thanks that **Albert K** (Jerry & Wendy (K)’s parents) was able to have his hip surgery and is home again recovering.
- ❖ **Cor R** (Harry H’s brother-in-law) remains in ICU with little change. Pray for him and his wife Susan and their family as they wait on the Lord’s will for Cor.
- ❖ **Catherine S** (Grace V’s sister-in-law) was able to start chemo treatments again. Pray for strength for her and the Lord’s healing hand in her life.
- ❖ Pray for a young boy from our Fenwick community, **James E** who was diagnosed with chronic Lyme disease in March 2017. He has been struggling with symptoms of the disease for 4 years. He has started treatments in the United States, however this has become very costly for the family. The Bethany Deacons have made a donation towards this fund already, but if you would like to personally help out go to <https://www.gofundme.com/treatments-for-james-eliopoulos>.

Need of support or want to talk to someone?

Contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Joyce De Roo at 905-386-6719.

Confidential counselling services Bethany supports:

SHALEM network 866-347-0041 & Elisha House Ministries 905-735-9934.

(mention if you are member/regular attender of Bethany)



BIBLE
Reading Plan

- ☑ April 23
- ☑ April 24
- ☑ April 25
- ☑ April 26
- ☑ April 27
- ☑ April 28
- ☑ April 29

Ecclesiastes 1-3; Revelation 10
 Ecclesiastes 4-6; Revelation 11
 Ecclesiastes 7-9; Revelation 12
 Ecclesiastes 10-12; Revelation 13
 Numbers 1-2; Revelation 14
 Numbers 3-4; Revelation 15
 Numbers 5-6; Revelation 16