

# Welcome to Bethany Christian Reformed Church!

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**Striving to grow as a God honouring community  
witnessing for Christ.  
Join the journey!**

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- New here?** Feel free to fill out the Visitor/Prayer Card in the bench and drop it in any offering bag. ☺
- Child-care is available for both infants and toddlers located in the lower level of the church.
- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HEARING ASSIST DEVICES AVAILABLE FROM USHERS.**
- Sermons are on the web [www.bethanycrc.ca](http://www.bethanycrc.ca)

➔ **Bethany** is part of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org)

➔ **We partner locally ...**

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

➔ **... and globally**

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## Worship Service

[\* = Please stand if able; PH=blue song book]

### ✚ THE LORD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Call to worship: Psalm 135:1-4, 13-14

\*Opening song

.....PH135 Sing Praise to the Lord God Almighty

\*God's Word of greeting

\*Greeting one another in Jesus' name

(speak words of welcome to those around you)

\*Songs of praise.....Across the Lands & .....Everlasting

### ✚ THE LORD SHOWS US HIS GRACE

Song of Confession.....Nearer Still Nearer

God's Assurance: Ps. 130 p.540 & John 3:16-17 p.927

Call to Thankful Living: responsive reading PH p. 1017

Song of Thanksgiving.....In Christ Alone

(Children ages 3-5 invited downstairs for Sunday School)

Prayers of God's People

Giving in thanks in proportion to God's provision:

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA
2. Bible League Canada

Prayer for the offering

### ✚ THE LORD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer that our hearts may be opened to the Word of God

Bible reading: Colossians 1:15-20 (focus vs 15-17) p. 1030

Message title "If He made it for His Son, then ..."

Prayer of thanksgiving and blessing

### ✚ WE RESPOND WITH JOY & COMMITMENT

\*Song of response.....On Christ the Solid Rock

\*God's Word of blessing

\*Closing praise..... New Doxology

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

## Today

8:30am Prayer time before the service. The Prayer Team gathers in Sunday School Rm#3 to intercede for God's people, as they worship in Spirit & in Truth.

9:30am Worship

## This Week

Mon. 6:00am Men's Bible Study

Wed. 7:30pm Training for Sunday School Teachers

Thurs. 7:30pm Elders meeting

## Next Sunday

8:30am Prayer Time downstairs in Sunday School Rm#3

9:30am Worship

## Future dates

Sept.14<sup>th</sup> Movie @ Rose City Kids "God's Not Dead"

Sept.15<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm GEMS starts

Sept.16<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Catechism begins

Sept.18<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Cadets Kick Off

7:30pm Council meeting

Sept.19<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Heart 2 Heart Opening Morning



"It's called 'reading'. It's how people install new software into their brains"

**Happy Labour Day Weekend!**

**Bethany Updates & Prayers**

**Birthdays:** Jakob Prins, Dan Stam, Tanya Lane, Jim Slappendel, Aimie VanLochem, Clarence VanSoelen, Miya Wierenga, Riley Kremer, Stephanie Wegelin, George Kowalski

**Anniversaries:** Dan & Rachel Scholman, Rudy & Debbie Boverhof

**Wedding Bells!** The Lord bless **Mike Robson & Holly Sikkens** in their upcoming wedding. They will be wed in the presence of family and friends, Lord willing, on Saturday Sept. 6 at 4:30 in Lipa Park.

**Prayers requested:**

-Pray for a blessing on students and teachers and staff as they return to school shortly.

--Pray for those who live with disabilities and for those who care for them each day. May the Lord grant grace and strength and times of joy and thankfulness through the challenges.

-Pray for **Pastor Wesley & Stephanie Collins** (pastor at Riverside CRC, Wellandport) who were in a serious car accident a few days ago. Wes was hospitalized in critical condition and Stephanie is in stable condition but both are in need of surgeries to deal with multiple injuries. Pray that the Lord may uphold them in healing and that the family around them may experience the Spirit's care in this anxious time.

-**Eb Bokma** is making slow but steady progress in her increasing mobility after her back surgery. She and Dick are grateful for all the help they have received.

-Remember those who are dealing with cancer:

-**Grace Vander Veen** is scheduled for cancer surgery this week to remove a growth from her tongue. Pray for healing for her and strength through the recovery journey.

-Pray for strength and peace for Harry Hielema's brother **Ralph Hielema** and his wife **Gertie** and their family as Ralph deals with cancer and other health complications

- **Kevin Vanderlee** (Denise Glasbergen's brother)

- **Dalton Jacques** (brother to Shelby (Pat) Kremer). Dalton is a young teen who has bone cancer in his leg.

-**Linda Fennema** (daughter of Henk & Helen—she lives with her family in Kanata, ON). Linda was able to be treated for her cancer

and it went very well. They are grateful for the Lord's mercy in this matter.

-**Heather Lapenna** update: Heather was able to return home which is a blessing she and her family have been praying for. Pray for good days for her at home and a deep sense of peace with this difficult journey. May the Lord surround Heather, Chloe & Madison, her parents Bill & Mary Koudys, Heather's brothers and the rest of her family. 1Peter 5:7 "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."

*Is it your turn to serve today? ☺*

**Children's Church/Sunday School:**

**3 year olds-** Colleen Keizer, Jenny DeBoer

**4 year olds-** Vicky DenBak, Miranda Langendoen

**5 year olds-** Stephanie Beldman, Natalie Langendoen

**\*\*Attention All Sitters: please arrive no later than 9:15am when it is your turn to serve in the Nursery/Toddler Room-thanks\*\***

**Nursery-Babies:** Lynn Janssen, Deb Geerlinks, Kaitlyn Langendoen

**Toddlers:** Denise Glasbergen, Teryl Dam, Owen VanHuizen

**Projection:** Kurt

**Sound:** Ed

**Ushers:** Scott VanDriel, Dustin Vantwel

**Coffee Servers:** Ed & Ans Roorda, Bill & Ann VanGeest

**Email / Letter to de Ruiter's:** Henk & Helen Fennema

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*Is it your turn to serve next Sunday? ☺*

**Children's Church/Sunday School:**

**3 year olds-**

**4 year olds-**

**5 year olds-**

**Nursery-Babies:** Coby Bosgraaf, Mary Bokma, Betty Gritter

**Toddlers:** Glenda Bouwers, Wendy Kremer, Ethan Wubs

**Projection:** Darren W

**Sound:** Mike

**Ushers:** Brian Prins, Scott VanDriel

**Coffee Servers:** Dan & Kristina Braun, Bob & Jane Andree

**Email / Letter to de Ruiter's:** Mike & Rita Forestell

**Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update**

Doing ministry together: report up to July 31<sup>st</sup>

	PLAN	ACTUAL
Bethany Income	\$226,564.24	\$214,365.05
Bethany Expenses	\$226,564.24	\$223,463.06
Collected for Classis	\$8,599.36	\$8,599.36
Collected for CRC	\$34,084.47	\$34,084.47
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offering last two weeks (July 20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> )		
Summer Camp.....		\$200.00
Shalom Manor.....		\$403.00
Deacons.....		\$344.00

**Offerings**

The 1<sup>st</sup> offering today will be for the ministries here at Bethany & the CRC and the 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bible League-Canada

**Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> offering: Deacons Benevolent Fund**

Bethany Deacon encourage stewardship and giving to support needs in the church community and beyond. Deacons are to be compassionate to the needy and weigh the needs of causes, to use the churches resources discerningly.



*God relishes the praises of His people.  
"Sing to the Lord a new song."*