

Bethany Christian Reformed Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



Lord's Day 48



December 1, 2013 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30 am

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP GOD

Preparation for praise and worship of our God

Prelude.....Music

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

*Opening Song of Worship

.....PH329 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
.....Emmanuel, Emmanuel

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Prayers of Adoration

*Greeting one another with the peace of Jesus the Christ

*Songs of Praise

.....Crown Him (Majesty)

Advent Reading & Lighting of the Hope Candle

Song of Assurance.....Hope Has Come

Children's Message on Advent

(Bethany Kids: ages 3-8 invited downstairs for Children's Church)

✠ REPENTANCE AND PRAISE

Congregational Prayer of God's People

The Lord's Tithe and our Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany and the CRC
2. Friendship

✠ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

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

Scripture: Ruth 1

Message.....Pastor Jerry Hoytema
"A Story of Hope"

Prayer of blessing on the message

✠ WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

*Hymn of Response

.....PH446 If You But Trust in God to Guide You

*Closing Prayer, blessing and sending out

*Closing songs of thankfulness

.....Jesus Messiah

✠ WE LEAVE TO SERVE WITH CONFIDENCE

*Postlude..... Music
[* Please stand if you are able]

Welcome to those who are visiting today. Please take the time to fill out the Visitor Prayer Card. ☺

Bethany is part of a denomination called the Christian Reformed Church in North America ☺

Prayer Request? Please fill in the card found in front of you in the pew, and place in the offering bag.

Please join us after the *Service of Word* for fellowship & coffee in the fellowship hall.

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

Invite you to join the prayer team before the service at 8:30am. They gather in Sunday School Rm#3 interceding for God's people, as God's people gather to worship in Spirit & in Truth.

Missed a sermon? Like to catch up? ... sermons are available on the website for you to listen to.

LARGE print bulletins available - ask Denise if you would like one and she will print weekly!

📞 need some help hearing? Ask one of the ushers for a hearing aid ☺.

This LORD's Day

9:00am Prayer time in the Fireside Room

9:30am Worship Celebration

4:30pm Friendship service

The LORD's Week

Mon. 7:00pm GEMS

Tues. 9:30am Welland Coffee Break
7:00pm Catechism grades 9-12

Wed. 7:30pm Bethany Woman's' Bible Study-plan on coming out to Jacqueline Slappendel's home for our Christmas get together!! Bring along an appetizer, and get set for an evening of "comfort and joy". Don't forget the Friendship Christmas program on December 16th at the Welland CRC. If you can donate some baked goods let Joyce DeRoo or Mary Bokma know. We will be serving punch, coffee, baked goods and pizza! Always an enjoyable experience!!

7:30pm Elders meeting

Thurs. 6:00am Men's Bible Study

7:00pm Cadets

7:00pm Instruments in the Redeemers Hands

Fri. 9:30am Heart to Heart

Nursery: Tina Vahrmeyer, Mary Bouwers, Joanne Kiers, Karen Langendoen, Jesse Linzel
Toddlers: Maria DeJonge, Caroline Janssens

Next LORD's Day

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

9:30am Worship Celebration – Baptism of Jonah Damm.

Pastor John Zantingh will lead our worship service.

7:30pm Reflections Bible study will meet at the VanSoelens.
Please study lesson 6

LiFE Here at Bethany – future dates (DV)

December 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00pm

Bethany's Family Update

Birthdays: Brian Kremer, Miranda Langendoen, Jeremy deRoos, Ethan Wubs, John TeBrake, Tracy VanSoelen, Anita Wierenga, Darren Wierenga.

Anniversaries: JJ & Colleen Keizer, Harry & Sharon Hielema

Praise & Prayer:

-Praise that **Scott & Sonya VanDriel** were given good news this week that Dylan will receive the necessary funding from the government to care for him throughout his life.

-**Nicholas Kiers'** last MRI was two weeks ago: The doctors are watching a spot above his right ear; they're not sure, but are hoping it is scar tissue, not a tumour. He will be having regular follow-up MRI's. He feels well and is working full-time, for which we thank the Lord. We thank you for continued prayers on his behalf. The Evers.

-**Kyle & Stephanie Wegelin's** friend, Jenna Morris lost her fiancé last week. (Dan Gilmore) Pray for God's comfort in their time of sorrow.

-Continued prayer for **Quaid Waters (Bill & Tina Vahrmeyer's grandson)**

-**Luke Smit** is at Shalom—room #19 on Mapleview.

- Continue to keep in prayer **Chris Smit, Jonah Damm, Dylan VanDriel, Caleb** (Karen Bylsma's nephew) and **Dan Mulder** (Sarah Stuiwe's brother), **& Jeff (& Marcia) Horinga** (John & Rosie's brother-in-law & Luke & Martha Sikkens brother).

-Others who are **ill** in our community of faith.

-Pray for **Pastor Colin Vanderploeg** and his wife Anita as they discern where their ministry will take them.

Partners in Global Ministry:

*Continued prayer for **Tom & Deb deRuiter** who are serving in Mali, West Africa.

***Devon Van Hoffen** serving in Africa. Pray that Devon will be bold in sharing the gospel and loving in his service.

Check out his blog at devonvanhoffen.wordpress.com

***Elise Wierenga** serving on the island of Utila, Honduras.

Pray for Elise that as she seeks to share Christ's love to the people, pray that their hearts would be opened to the message of the gospel. www.cten.ca/elisewierenga

***Cassandra Vanderhout** serving on the island of Utila, Honduras.

Is it your turn to serve today? ☺

Children's Church/Sunday School:

3 year olds- Vicky DenBak, Cassidy Kiers

4 year olds- Becky VanLochem, Connor DenBak

5 year olds- Brenda Boverhof, 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: Karen Langendoen, Joanne Benson, Cheyenne Boucher

Toddlers: Wendy Kremer, Michelle Langendoen, Haley Glasbergen

Projection: Darren W

Sound: Ed

Ushers: Brian Prins, Scott VanDriel

Greeters(Fellowship Hall, Floaters & Doors): Maria DeJonge, John & Karen Langendoen, Epp DeVries, Gerry & Tena Evers

Coffee Servers: Karl & Wilma Vahrmeyer, Mike & Jessica Dreyer

Email / Letter to de Ruiter's: Bob & Jane Andree

Address: Mr. Tom and Deb de Ruiter, B.P.2210, Bamako, Mali, West Africa – adiallo_78@hotmail.com

Is it your turn to serve next Lords Day? ☺

Children's Church/Sunday School:

3 year olds- Vicky DenBak, Cassidy Kiers

4 year olds- Becky VanLochem, Connor DenBak

5 year olds- Brenda Boverhof, Natalie Langendoen

Nursery-Babies: Lorraine Wierenga, Teryl Dam, Andrea DeVries

Toddlers: Sarah Janssen, Vicky DenBak, Lauren VanHuizen

Projection: Darren H.

Sound: Tim

Ushers: Louie Dam, Dan Scholman

Greeters(Fellowship Hall, Floaters & Doors): Anita Wierenga, Bas & Trudy Slappendel, Kurtis Bouwers, Andria Slappendel, Hans & Hilda Dam

Coffee Servers: Bill & Ann VanLochem, Matt & Kelly Dam

Email / Letter to de Ruiter's: Sid & Patti Bakker

Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update

The Joy of Ministry till October 31, 2013

	PLAN	ACTUAL
INFLOWS	\$317,899.30	\$334,106.55
OUTFLOWS	\$317,899.30	\$281,006.80
Classis Shares 2013 Commitment		\$13,465.32
Classis Shares paid to date		\$11,221.20
Denominational Shares 2013 Commitment.....		\$59,521.32
Denominational Shares paid to date.....		\$50,596.20
2 nd Offering last week (November 24 th)		
World Renew Phillipines Typhoon Haiyan.....		\$10,238.00
Deacons.....		\$5.00

Offerings

The 1st offering today will be for the ministries here at Bethany & the CRC and the 2nd: Friendship

Next week's 2nd offering: Deacons

Welcome to Bethany!

We want to thank you for joining us for the worship of our God and Creator.

Here at Bethany, we strive to give God glory by communicating His message in a way that is Gospel (Christ) Centred.

God relishes the praises of His people.



"Sing to the Lord a new song."