

## Welcome to Bethany

On this our second Sunday of the Advent season, we celebrate that our great God came to us in real time and space to save us who of time and space. The second Sunday is focused on the peace that we receive from God in the coming of the Christ our Lord. May the peace of Christ uphold us as we worship Christ the Lord.

### 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/Jr. Cadets/Jr. GEMS 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.

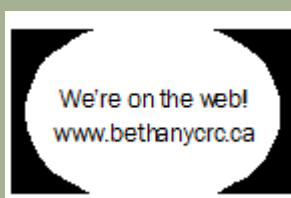
All are welcome to join afterwards for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

### Why Are We Here?

Bethany ministry vision:

**Everyone Growing in Jesus!**

deep connecting—lifelong equipping—compassionate serving



## Ministries Bethany supports

**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](http://www.crcna.org)

**Devon & Lerato Van Hoffen** in Africa. Email [devon@handsatwork.org](mailto:devon@handsatwork.org)

## Happening Today

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

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

**During service:** 3-8 year olds invited downstairs for Advent wreath project

## Upcoming

**Next Sunday's offering: Shalom Manor**

**Next Sunday's Children's Song: "I've Got the Joy"**

**Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelight service 6PM

**Dec 25:** Christmas Day Service 10AM

**Dec 31:** End of year service 9:30 AM (no evening service)

**Jan 1:** N Y's Day combined at Grace CRC 10AM (660 S Pelham Rd, Welland)

## Get Equipped for Faith Life



**GEMS:** Meets Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm for girls in grades 4-8. For more information, contact Cynthia: 905-892-2217 or email: [bnauta@cogeco.ca](mailto:bnauta@cogeco.ca)

**Theme Verse for 2017/2018** – "Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did (1 John 2:6)"



**Cadets:** Meets Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm for boys in grades 4-8. For more information, contact Mike, email: [mikecdreyer@hotmail.com](mailto:mikecdreyer@hotmail.com) or cell: 289-687-3105

**Theme Verse for 2017 / 2018** – "For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them." Ezekiel 34:11

**MERGE (youth group)** – for grades 9-12. Questions? Call Andrea 905-975-8484



**Men's Bible Study** – Tuesdays at 6:00am (coffee provided!)

**Women's Coffee Break** – Tuesdays at Grace CRC at 9:30am

**Heart to Heart (women)** – Fridays at 9:30am

**Women's Bible Study** – Meets at Bethany in the Fireside Room every Tuesday night 7 o'clock. We are studying 1&2 Peter and Jude.



**NIAGARA YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

Meets once a month with the area CRC's taking turns hosting. We are studying the book by Francis Chan

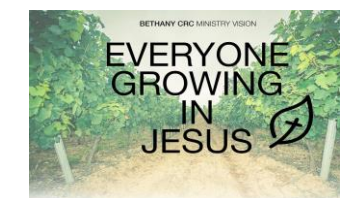
"Crazy Love". Questions? Contact Mary Bokma 905-892-0529.

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## Bethany Christian Reformed Church

**December 10, 2017**  
**9:30am**



**Deep connecting**  
**Lifelong equipping**  
**Compassionate serving**

## Connecting

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## Today in Worship



### The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome & Announcements

Opening prayer ...

\*Opening Song

“The Prophets Came to Israel” – PH334:1,2

\*God’s Word of greeting

\*Songs of Praise

“God is Our Refuge”

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

### The Lord Shows Us His Marvelous Grace

Prayer of Confession & the Good News

Song of Assurance: “God Made Low”

Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“Away in a Manger” – PH348

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent readings – “Peace” (children invited up front)

**(Bethany Kids ages 3-5 are dismissed)**

### The Lord Leads Us by His Word & Spirit

Prayer for the ministry of the Lord through the preaching

Bible reading – Luke 2:1-7 (p. 893)

Message title “The Lord is coming: global preparations for peace”

### The Lord Moves Us to Celebrate & Serve

Prayers of God’s people & for offerings

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” – PH329

Offerings: 1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Redeemer University College

\*God’s Word of Blessing

\*Closing song

“Who Would Have Dreamed”

## Sermon notes

1. Is the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ more important to you in your personal life than in your everyday more public life? Why or why not? Discuss examples of these.
2. Do you think the Christian faith has something to say in the areas of politics, government, and the like? If so, what does it have to say?
3. A different way to ask the last question is to ask if God is concerned with or involved with the day to day runnings of our society or is He just or more concerned with individuals and their relationship to Him?
4. Should you vote for a candidate for government simply because they are a fellow believer in Jesus? What else is involved in your political choices?
5. Who are the most powerful persons in the world these days? Who wields the most influence, good or bad?
6. With all that is going on in the world (maybe talk about things in the news that concern you), what might the Lord be calling us to in these times?
7. Why does Luke mention Caesar by title and Bethlehem by its history?
8. Who sent Joseph & pregnant Mary to Bethlehem? Give reasons/evidences for your answer?

## Serving Assignments

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

**3-4 Year olds** Pete W & Christine V, Karson V, Jody V

**5 Year olds** Jerry & Jen K, Austin O, Connor D

**Dylan** Coby B

**Autism Support Person** Cassidy K (Wendy K)

**Nursery** Rita F, Holly R, Kaitlyn J, Avery W

**Toddlers** Kurtis B/Glenda, Brian K, Noah P

**Ushers** Byron G, Louie D

**Coffee Servers** Karl & Wilma V, Mike & Jessica D

**Greeters** Anita W, Kurtis B, Andria B, Andy V

**Sunday School Sign In:** Frank D

**Next Sunday [Please arrive by 9:15am for Nursery & Toddlers]**

**3-4 Year olds** Lisa O, Joanne B, Jessica O, Jody V

**5 Year olds** Sierra K, Karen V, Austin O, Connor D

**Dylan** Jacqueline S

**Autism Support Person** Wendy K (Morgan G)

**Nursery** Alex W, Kristy V, Chloe L W, Naomi S

**Toddlers** Tyler G, Jody V, Brandon V

**Ushers** Dustin V, Kevin D

**Coffee Servers** Tim & Kathleen V, Matt & Kelly D

**Greeters** Ken & Nell O, Harry & Sharon H, Andrea V, Annie V

**Sunday School Sign In:** Pete & Denise G

**Heart to Heart: Friday – Nursery:** Hennie V, Colleen S, Wendy L

**Toddler 1:** Tena E, Nellie P

**Toddler 2:** Tina V, Diane D

## Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

### Birthdays this week

Pieter B (10<sup>th</sup>), Bailey V (10<sup>th</sup>), Debbie B (15<sup>th</sup>), Devin B (15<sup>th</sup>)

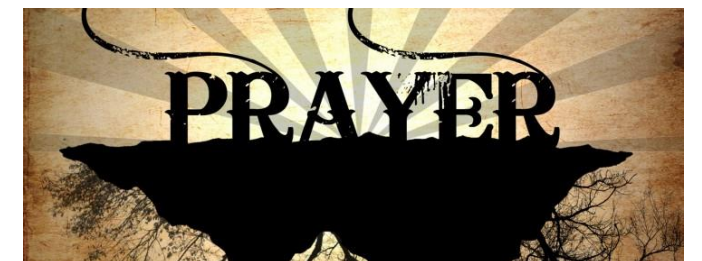
### Anniversaries this week

None this week

### Prayers requested

- ❖ “Bill and I would like to Thank our Heavenly Father for the good news we received this week that my cancer is now gone. We are grateful for the healing that has taken place and continues. We would also like to thank Bethany for the prayers, words of encouragement, cards and especially the meals that have been provided after my surgery. We continue to uphold those still going through treatments and others that are ill! God is our Great Physician who answers prayer!” **Bill and Ann VL**
- ❖ Continue praying for healing for **Anita W, Gregg H, and Catharine S** through their treatments. May the Lord strengthen them for each day and grant them His peace.
- ❖ Pray for those at Bethany who are unable to attend worship that they may never-the-less experience the blessing of Christ and His one Body. Pray for **Hermien K, Nancy M, Luke S, Brian B, Melanie T,** and others for whom coming to worship on Sundays is beyond their capabilities because of their health.
- ❖ **SHALOM MANOR OUTBREAK ANNOUNCEMENT** - There is an upper respiratory outbreak on Sunrise Court and on Terraceview, so visitor restrictions are in effect. All visitors visiting an isolated resident must wear the gown, mask & gloves provided. We also ask that if you are feeling unwell, that you not visit at this time. If you do visit on Sunrise Court or Terraceview, we ask that it be the last visit you make before leaving. Don’t forget to hand sanitize/wash frequently! Thank you for helping us to keep our residents safe and healthy and for your prayers for a speedy recovery.

- **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

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 16	Joshua 16-18; Luke 17:20-37