

# Welcome!



You are probably here this morning for all kinds of reasons yet still, it is the leading of God to come. So every one of us is here by His guiding. New comers or old timers, doesn't matter, we all belong here. My hope is that together in worship and in fellowship, before and after, we grow just a little bit more aware of the God in Christ Jesus who is present among us by His Holy Spirit. Pastor Colin.

## Visitors/Guests Notes

### COMMUNICATION CARD

We want to get to know you! Feel free to fill out the Visitor/Prayer Card in the bench and drop it in the offering bag.

### 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 Children's Church downstairs.

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

We are a God Honouring Community Witnessing for Christ



## Connecting

### General Information

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## We Partner With

### 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 High School, Friendship Club.

### Globally

Check out [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org)

Tom & Deb deRuiter who are serving in Mali, West Africa

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Devon Van Hoffen serving in Africa.

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Check out his blog at [www.devonvanhoffen.wordpress.com](http://www.devonvanhoffen.wordpress.com)

## Happening Today

<b>Praise Team</b>	Sundays	8:00am – A time of Praise & Prayer
<b>Prayer Time</b>	Sundays	9:15am – Council Pre-Service Prayer
<b>Worship</b>	Sundays	9:30am
<b>Next Week's Offerings:</b>		Shalom Manor

## Upcoming Events

December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm

December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Service at 10:00am

For more events, see the Bugle located under the clock in the fellowship hall.

## Equipping for Faith Life

### Students(Grades 4-12)

GEMS	Mondays	7:00-9:00pm
Catechism	Tuesdays	7:00-8:00pm
Cadets	Thursdays	7:00-9:00pm

### LiFE Groups

Men's Bible Study	Mondays	6:00am
Coffee Break	Tuesdays	9:30am in Welland at Grace CRC
Heart to Heart	Fridays	9:30am



- December 14 Joshua 10-12; Luke 16
- December 15 Joshua 13-15; Luke 17:1-19
- December 16 Joshua 16-18; Luke 17:20-37
- December 17 Joshua 19-21; Luke 18:1-23
- December 18 Joshua 22-24; Luke 18:24-43
- December 19 Nehemiah 1-3; Luke 19:1-27
- December 20 Nehemiah 4-6; Luke 19:28-48



Bethany Christian Reformed Church

December 14, 2014  
9:30am

## Today in Worship

### Advent of Joy

Naomi knew that God was at work in connecting Ruth to Boaz's fields. But will the Lord God do yet more? It takes a bit of time, but eventually Naomi discerns a next step. She takes a step along God's pathway. She prepares Ruth to take the risk and, in an ancient way, ask Boaz, "Will you redeem me?" Then Boaz, her kinsman-redeemer, enacts the Lord's redemptive kindness. He promises to provide and gives her a foretaste with an arm load of barley for food. Is this not the promise of God in Christ our Redeemer? Do you long to feel God's protection and care, which God provides in Jesus Christ?

### The Lord Gathers Us

\*Opening Song & God's Word of greeting  
 "Angels We Have Heard on High"  
 "Joy to the World"  
 "Prepare Him Room"

### The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Confession & Songs  
 "Jesus Joy in the Highest Heavens"  
 (Children ages 3-8 invited downstairs for Sunday School)

Offerings:  
 1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA  
 2. Deacons Benevolent Fund

Prayers of God's People

### The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Ruth 3 (p. 230)  
 "Under the Bethlehem Star: Good News of Great Joy"

### We Respond with Joy & Commitment

\*God's Word of blessing & closing songs  
 "Jesus Messiah"  
 "Praise the Lord"



## Sermon Notes

Ruth 3 - Under the Bethlehem Star: Good News of Great Joy

## Serving Assignments

**Please arrive by 9:15am for Nursery & Toddler**

### Today

**Little Lambs** Colleen Slappendel, Maryke VanDriel, Julia Glasbergen  
**3 year olds** Ann Kiers, Haley Glasbergen  
**4 year olds** Jenny DeBoer, Riley Kremer  
**5 year olds** Vicky DenBak, Tawnya VanHoorn  
**Nursery-Babies** Karina Wierenga, Colleen Keizer, Tanya Lane, Lauren VanHuizen  
**Toddlers** Ans Roorda, Jeff VanderStelt, Noah VanSoelen  
**Ushers** Byron Garner, Dan Scholman  
**Greeters** Anita Wierenga, Bas & Trudy Slappendel, Kurtis Bouwers, Andria Slappendel, Hans & Hilda Dam  
**Coffee Servers** Bill & Ann VanLochem, Matt & Kelly Dam  
**Email deRuiters** Nate & Laura Janssen

### Next Sunday

**Little Lambs** Stephanie Beldman, Andrea DeVries, Teryl Dam  
**3 year olds** Ann Kiers, Haley Glasbergen  
**4 year olds** Jenny DeBoer, Riley Kremer  
**5 year olds** Vicky DenBak, Tawnya VanHoorn  
**Nursery-Babies** Becky VanLochem, Elaine VanHoorn, Brittney Dykstra  
**Toddlers** Jessica Dreyer, Glenda Bouwers, Debbie Boverhof, Joshua deRoos  
**Ushers** Mike DenBak, Chris Jorritsma  
**Greeters** Jen & Jerry Kiers, Ken & Nell Overbeeke, Harry & Sharon Hielema, Pete & Karen Veldhuizen  
**Coffee Servers** Cor & Ina VanSoelen, Pete & Karen Veldhuizen  
**Email deRuiters** Sarah Janssen

**If you are interested in serving please contact the office**

## Bethany Family Updates & Prayers

### Birthdays this week

Debbie Boverhof, Devin Boverhof, Cody Bastian, Mike Dreyer, Ann Hook, Holly Robson, Kelly Bosgraaf-Dam, Avery Wubs, Brad Overbeeke

### Anniversaries this week

John & Debbie VanMarren (43<sup>rd</sup>), George & Betty Gritter (44<sup>th</sup>)

### Prayers requested

- ❖ Epp DeVries will be having hernia surgery this week. Pray that all goes well and that he would heal quickly.
- ❖ Pray for patience and peace for Scott & Sonya Van Driel and their son Dylan as they continue to wait on test results and future scenarios of treatment for Dylan.
- ❖ Pray that Melanie Tempelman can find relief from the anxiety that she struggles with.
- ❖ Continue to pray for those dealing with ongoing infirmity due to age, illness or injury: Nancy Manns, Luke Smit, Hermien Korten, and others.
- ❖ Kevin Vanderlee (Denise Glasbergen's brother) has had a few rough days this week. He has had several blood transfusions & platelets. He has been admitted to hospital and put on an IV for antibiotics. Pray for patience for him and that he would feel God's presence through this process.
- ❖ Give thanks with Wilma VanHuizen (Ray's mother) that her chemo has gone well with few side effects. Pray for effectiveness of the treatments.
- ❖ and others in our circles ...
- ❖ Pray for those who have lost a loved one and find this Christmas Season difficult. May the peace of Christ fill their hearts.
- ❖ Prayer for all the college and university students who are home for the Christmas season. May they have a blessed time with their families.
- ❖ Things are heading in the right direction with Netty Damm's pregnancy, but she is not out of the woods yet. Prayers are being answered. She will go back in on Thursday for another check to see if there has been anymore improvement! Baby is happy and healthy so we thank God for that.
- ❖ Marian Damm has also received good news this past week! She is now able to start putting weight on her ankle and the doctor was very pleased with how it has healed. She will start doing some physiotherapy next week to help strengthen her ankle. Thank you all so much for all the meals, cards and prayers provided over the past few months. Netty & Marian both appreciate it very much!

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."  
 Philippians 4:6 ESV*