

Welcome!

This is our fourth Sunday of Advent, a church season of anticipating the celebration of the first coming of Christ our Saviour as we await His second coming. We are focusing on the names given to Jesus in the Scriptures. This morning we are reminded that the Jesus born in Bethlehem is the Saviour promised throughout history.

Pastor Colin



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 Children's Church downstairs.

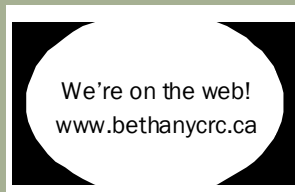
LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.

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

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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 Council room)

Adult Bible Study -We will be meeting at Mike & Vicky DenBak's for our Christmas potluck at 6:00 and Bible Study will be at 7:00. Please study Lesson #2. See you tonight!

Upcoming

Next Sunday offering: World Renew

*****Attention voucher users—in your mail slots today are order forms for 2017 vouchers. Please note that the vouchers purchased for 2016 need to be used before the end of the year. They do not roll over into 2017*****

December 24th Christmas Eve service is at 6:00pm

December 25th Christmas Day service is at 10:30am

December 31st New Year's Eve service is at 6:00pm

January 1st New Year's Day service is at 10:30am (**bring treats to share!!**)

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. 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. For more information, contact Mike Dreyer, email: mikedreyer@hotmail.com or cell: 289-687-3105



Men's Bible Study

6:00am Tuesday mornings

Women's Coffee Break - 9:30am Tues at Grace CRC

Heart to Heart (Women) - 9:30am every Friday

Konnect 20 (Young Adults) - call Andria (289-687-3024)

Faith Instruction – Tuesdays 7:00pm for grades 9-12

MERGE (youth group) – for grades 9-12. Meets every other Sunday evening from 7:00-9:00pm at Bethany. 1235

Bethany Ladies Bible Study – meets every Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm.

Please note, the weekly newsletter "Bethany Bugle" is being emailed weekly. If you are not receiving it via email, please contact the office with a correct email. If you prefer a hard copy, a few extra copies are available in the fellowship hall.

Welcome to Bethany!

4th Sunday of Advent

SAVIOUR



Bethany Christian Reformed Church

December 18, 2016
9:30am

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Opening Song

“O Come All Ye Faithful” - PH340

“Silent Night! Holy Night!” – PH338

*God’s Word of greeting

*Songs of Praise

“What Child is This”

“Hope Has Come”

The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

*Song of Response

“The Son of God Came Down”

God’s Call to Faithful Living: Ephesians 4:17-24

Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“Go Tell it on the Mountain” – PH356

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

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Shalom Manor

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

The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Bible reading – various passages

Message - “The need for the Saviour”

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us Out to Celebrate & Serve

*Song of Response

“Prepare Him Room”

*God’s Word of blessing

*Closing Song

“Your Name is Matchless”



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Sermon Notes

Serving Assignments

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

3-6 Year olds In Fireside room – Sierra K, Lisa O, Joanne B, Hilbert B, Tawnya V, Jessica O, Gabi V

7&8 Year Olds in church

Autism Support Person: Mieke N

Dylan Kevin T

Nursery Emily V, Colleen K, Andrea D, Avery W

Toddlers Coby B, Riley K

Ushers Dustin V, Kevin D

Coffee Servers Tim & Kathy V, Matt & Kelly D

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

Christmas Eve

Nursery Becky V, Karissa V, Avery W, Austin O

Next Sunday

3-6 Year olds in church

7&8 Year Olds in church

Autism Support Person: No Sunday School

Dylan No Sunday School

Nursery Angela A, Liz J, Jessica O

Toddlers Kaitlyn J, Mike D, Karson V

Ushers Dustin V, Scott V

Coffee Servers Gerry & Cynthia V, John & Joanne Z

Greeters Cor & Ina V, Hans & Hilda D, Mark V, Joanne D

Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Kelly D, Avery W, Brad O, Wendy V, Sonya V, Lorraine W, Ellen D

Anniversaries this week

George & Betty G

Prayers requested

- ❖ Pray for the Spirit’s guidance for the Vision Team as they sift through the all the Courageous Proposals that were brought forward by the congregation.
- ❖ Pray for all those who are suffering through the flu this time of year. May the Lord grant His gracious care and healing.
- ❖ Remember those who are largely confined to their residence: **Hermien K** in Grandview Lodge, Dunnville and **Luke S** in Shalom Manor in Grimsby. May they continue to experience the presence of the Lord and the fellowship of His Church.
- ❖ **Nancy M** has been moved to Seasons First Avenue Retirement Community (Rm 320, 163 First Ave. Welland. Office: 905-735-5333). Pray for a smooth transition for her.
- ❖ **Cynthia** and **Bert N** would like to sincerely thank the congregation for their well wishes, prayers, phone calls and food offerings that have helped to make recovery so much easier. I am doing well and thank God that the healing is going so well!
- ❖ “Ann and I received good news on Tuesday – Ann is cancer free! We’d like to thank you for all your prayers, cards, meals, and words of encouragement. God does answer our prayers and we praise Him. We don’t have to go back till April for a follow up. For us, as well as others in our church family, those visits can be anxious times. Whether it has been 6 months or 6 years, there is that lingering thought wondering if it will come back. We all trust in our heavenly Father on our different journeys. Some have lost loved ones to cancer over the past years; we pray for comfort for you. We have great comfort in our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank the Lord for the gift of his Son. This Christmas treasure each moment, as life is short but a breath to eternity. Blessing” **Ann + Ed R**
Ps 46:10 be still and know that I am GOD
- ❖ Pray for **Bertha B** as she has begun chemo treatments. Pray that side effects will be minimal and that the treatment will result in restored health.
- ❖ **Catherine S** (Grace V’s sister-in-law) will be undergoing some more chemo treatments to slow the progress of her terminal cancer. She remains very easily tired. She entrusts herself to her Lord and Savior for whatever the future holds. **Troy A** (Grace & Anno’s son-in-law) will be continuing on chemo for longer than initially planned. His cancer has not progressed nor has it decreased. Pray for God’s grace and healing to uphold him.

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** (mention if you are member/regular attendee of Bethany) & **Elisha House Ministries 905-735-9934**.