

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

Office Administrator	905-892-8980	info@bethanycrc.ca
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Worship & Life Group Ministry		nicole@bethanycrc.ca

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

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

Email: adiallo_78@hotmail.com – CRC World Missions

Devon Van Hoffen serving in Africa.

Email: devon@handsatwork.org

Check out his blog at www.devonvanhoffen.wordpress.com

Happening Today

Praise Team Sundays 8:00am – A time of Praise & Prayer
Prayer Time Sundays 9:15am – Council Pre-Service Prayer
Worship Sundays 9:30am
Christmas Day Offering: World Renew
Next Week's Offerings: Deacons Benevolent Fund

Upcoming Events

December 24th Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm

December 25th 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

(all of these groups will break for Christmas and resume in the new year)

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 21 Nehemiah 7-9; Luke 20:1-26
- December 22 Nehemiah 10-11; Luke 20:27-47
- December 23 Nehemiah 12-13; Luke 21:1-19
- December 24 Micah 1-3; Luke 21:20-38
- December 25 Micah 4-5; Luke 22:1-20
- December 26 Micah 6-7; Luke 22:21-46
- December 27 Zechariah 1-4; Luke 22:47-71



Bethany Christian Reformed Church

December 21, 2014
9:30am

Today in Worship

Advent of *Love*

God carries forward the promise of redemption in ways no one expected. Boaz sits at the town gate, where the business of the community is conducted, and presents Ruth's case to another kinsman-redeemer as an opportunity for him to get land and increase his wealth. But that man refuses. So in God-mirroring love, Boaz keeps his word and redeems Ruth, they are married, and they have a child named Obed, who became the great-grandfather of King David. And from the line of King David comes the promised King of kings, Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent to redeem the world. Christ is our Redeemer! In love, Christ claims as God's own children brought from the emptiness of sin to the fullness of forgiveness and new life that goes on into eternity. Through the Son born in Bethlehem, you and I belong to God for eternity.

The Lord Gathers Us

*Opening Song & God's Word of greeting
"Angels From the Realms of Glory"
"Come and stand Amazed You People"

The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Confession & Songs
"Prepare Him Room"
"Go Tell it on the Mountains"
(Children ages 3-8 invited downstairs for Sunday School)

Offerings:
1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA
2. Shalom Manor

Prayers of God's People

The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Ruth 4:1-17

"Under the Bethlehem Star: We Need His Love"

We Respond with Joy & Commitment

*God's Word of blessing & closing songs
"Who Would Have Dreamed"
"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"



Sermon Notes

Ruth 4:1-17 - Under the Bethlehem Star: We Need His Love

Serving Assignments

Please arrive by 9:15am for Nursery & Toddler

Today

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

Christmas Eve

Nursery-Babies Grace VanderVeen, Laura Klapwyk, Karen Langendoen, Cassidy Kiers
Toddlers Karen Veldhuizen, Nellie Scholman, Tracy VanSoelen, Connor DenBak

Christmas Day

Nursery-Babies Nicole VanHuizen, Aimie VanLochem, Diane Dam, Riley Kremer
Toddlers Wendy Kremer, Annie Vahrmeyer, Christine VanGeest, Ethan VanHuizen

Next Sunday

Little Lambs Aimie VanLochem, Holly Robson, Mackenzie Kremer
3 year olds Ann Kiers, Haley Glasbergen
4 year olds Jenny DeBoer, Riley Kremer
5 year olds Vicky DenBak, Tawnya VanHoorn
Nursery-Babies Betty Gritter, Karissa Vantwel, Erika Garner, Ayden Garner
Toddlers Bernice Slappendel, Evelyn Hoekstra, Kean Veldhuizen
Ushers Chris Smit, Mary Bokma
Greeters Cor & Ina VanSoelen, Gerry & Cynthia Vermeer, Joanne Dam
Coffee Servers Gerry & Cynthia Vermeer, John & Joanne Zwiir
Email deRuiters Hielke & Caroline Janssens

If you are interested in serving please contact the office

Bethany Family Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Wendy Vahrmeyer, Sonya VanDriel, Lorraine Wierenga, Ellen Dykstra, Frank Bouwers

Anniversaries this week

Rob & Glenda Bouwers (28th)

Prayers requested

- ❖ 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 returned home from the hospital and his blood counts are increasing every day and has been cleared to go to family functions for Christmas. Praise be to God! He still has a long road ahead and will have a CT scan sometime in January to see how things are progressing.
- ❖ 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.

"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