

Welcome!

May the Lord bless you with His gracious presence this Christmas Day!
In Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate today, God is indeed Emmanuel—God with us!
On behalf of my wife Anita and myself, we wish you a blessed Christmas and pray that the Lord fill you with His joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with His good news of great joy that is for all people.

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!



We're on the web!
www.bethanycrc.ca

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)

Upcoming

Saturday, December 31 @ 8:30am in the church
Bethany year end fellowship breakfast

Free will offering for Devon VanHoffen & Hands at Work Africa

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall at the table near the main entrance.

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!!**)

offering: Rose City Kids

Sunday, January 8th @ 7pm at Wellandport CRC
Konnect 20 (Young Adult Ministry)

The Bethany CRC Konnect 20 and the three surrounding Christian Reformed Churches (Wellandport, Smithville, Welland) are having a combined Young Adults get-together. Anyone attending is encouraged to bring a "finger food" to share. Come on out for an evening of fellowship and conversation.

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

Bethany Ladies Bible Study – Wednesday evenings at Cynthia Vermeer's house at 7:00pm

Welcome to Bethany! Christmas Day



Bethany Christian Reformed Church

December 25, 2016

10:30am

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome

Opening prayer

Opening Song

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

*God’s Word of greeting

*Songs of Praise

“Angels We Have Heard on High” – PH347

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” – PH354

“Joy to the World! The Lord is Come” – PH337

The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“Away in a Manger” – PH348

(no Bethany Kids/ Sunday school this morning)

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. World Renew

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

The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Bible reading – Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 840)

Message - “Jesus is Emmanuel, God With Us”

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us Out to Celebrate & Serve

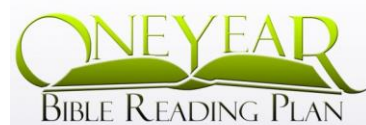
*Song of Response

“Who Would Have Dreamed”

*God’s Word of blessing

*Closing Song

“Hope Has Come”



☑ 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
☑ December 28	Zechariah 5-8; Luke 23:1-25
☑ December 29	Zechariah 9-12; Luke 23:26-56
☑ December 30	Zechariah 13-14; Luke 24:1-35
☑ December 31	Malachi 1-4; Luke 24:36-53

Sermon Notes

Serving Assignments

Today [Please arrive by 10:15am for Nursery & Toddlers]

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 Chris St, Mary B

Coffee Servers Gerry & Cynthia V, John & Joanne Z

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

Next Sunday @ 10:30am [Please arrive by 10:15am for Nursery & Toddlers]

3 Year olds Steph B, Cadence K

4 Year Olds Andria S, Connor D, Evan V

5 Year Olds Becky V, Emma W

6 Year Olds Trevor V, Cassidy K

7&8 Year Olds Tim V, Kathy V

Autism Support Person: Debbie P (Annie V)

Dylan Coby B

Nursery Heidi T, Diane D, Holly R

Toddlers Dan V, Noah P, Jody V

Ushers Brian P, Scott V

Coffee Servers Devin B, Ryan V, Bert & Cynthia N

Greeters Epp D, Vicky D, Nellie S

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.

Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Frank B, Kyler G, Devon V, Noah P, Kristyn T, Sierra K, Michael R, Kaleigh S, Christine V

Anniversaries this week

Rob & Glenda B

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.
- ❖ **Nancy M** has been moved to Seasons First Avenue Retirement Community (Rm 320, 163 First Ave. Welland. Her phone number is now: [905-788-4303](tel:905-788-4303)). Pray for a smooth transition for her.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Pray for those for whom this season is a difficult one because of loss of loved ones either recent or years ago but still Christmas is a fresh reminder of the pain of that loss. Pray the Lord will surround them with His comfort.
- ❖ Pray for Syria in its ongoing war. Pray for peace and restoration to take hold in a just and compassionate way.

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 attender of Bethany) & **Elisha House Ministries 905-735-9934**.