

Welcome!

Almost time for the new calendar! Someone once said, "Many people look forward to the New Year for a new start to old habits." Well at the very least, celebrating New Year's in times of worship reminds us of the always new steadfast love of the Lord, in fact, new every morning according to Lamentations 3:23. And it is that love that can actually transform our old habits into new pathways! Blessings on the journey! 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

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



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

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

Email: adiallo_78@hotmail.com – CRC World Missions

Devon Van Hoffen serving in Africa.

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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
New Year's Day Offering: World Renew
Next Week's Offerings: Deacons Benevolent Fund

Upcoming Events

December 31st New Year's Eve Service at 7:00pm – Celebration of Lord's Supper
January 1st Combined New Year's Day Service at 11:00am – reminder to bring in your baked goodies to share after the service.

Equipping for Faith Life

Students(Grades 4-12)

GEMS Mondays 7:00-9:00pm (will resume Jan.12th)
Catechism Tuesdays 7:00-8:00pm (will resume Jan.6th)
Cadets Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm (will resume Jan.8th)

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

LiFE Groups

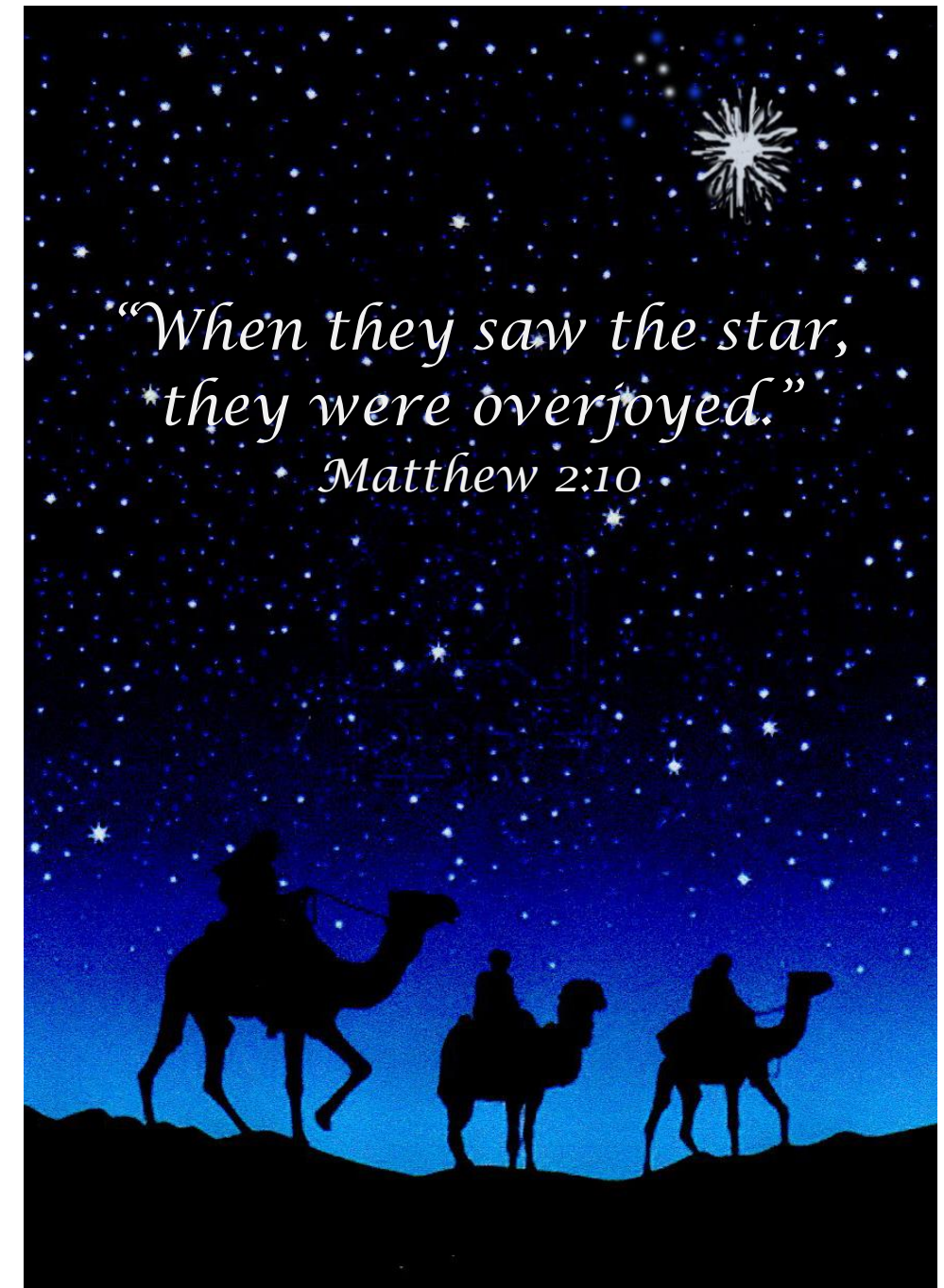
Men's Bible Study Mondays 6:00am
Coffee Break Tuesdays 9:30am in Welland at Grace CRC
Heart to Heart Fridays 9:30am

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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
 January 1 Genesis 1-3; Romans 1
 January 2 Genesis 4-6; Romans 2
 January 3 Genesis 7-9; Romans 3

Bethany Christian Reformed Church



December 28, 2014
9:30am

Today in Worship

The Lord Gathers Us

*Opening Song & God's Word of greeting

"Uyai mose/Come, All You People"

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"Ere zij God /Glory to God"

The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Reading of John 1:1-4, 14 in different languages

Songs

"Wonderful Counsellor"

Children led song: "No One Like Jesus" in Bemba

(Children ages 3-8 invited downstairs for Sunday School)

Prayer & Offerings:

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Deacons

Prayers of God's People

The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Matthew 2:1-12

"The Word that Speaks"

We Respond with Joy & Commitment

*God's Word of blessing & closing songs

"Siyahamba/We Are [Serving] in the Light of God"

"As You Go"



Sermon Notes

Matthew 2:1-12 – The Word that speaks

Serving Assignments

Please arrive by 9:15am for Nursery & Toddler

Today

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| 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 Zwier |
| Email deRuiters | Hielke & Caroline Janssens |

New Year's Day

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| Nursery-Babies | Kathy VanHoffen, Jen Kiers, Sierra Kiers |
| Toddlers | Sharon Hielema, Mary Bokma, Tyler Glasbergen, Nathan DenBak |

Next Sunday

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| Little Lambs | Debbie Prins, Sonya VanDriel |
| 3 year olds | Michelle Langendoen, Cadence Kiers |
| 4 year olds | Christine VanGeest, Cassidy Kiers |
| 5 year olds | Rachel Scholman, Morgan Glasbergen |
| Nursery-Babies | Laura Janssen, Janelle Agnew, Caroline Janssens, Chloe Lapenna |
| Toddlers | John Enzlin, Jenni Wierenga, Madison Lapenna |
| Ushers | Brian Prins, Scott VanDriel |
| Greeters | John Langendoen, Epp DeVries, Gerry & Tena Evers |
| Coffee Servers | Chris Smit, Brian & Debbie Prins |
| Email deRuiters | Chris & Kaitlyn Jorritsma |

If you are interested in serving please contact the office

Bethany Family Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Kyler Garner, Devon VanHoffen, Noah Prins, Sierra Kiers, Michael Robson, Kaleigh Scholman, Christine VanGeest, Bill Vahrmeyer, Frank Vraets, Epp DeVries, Brent Nauta, Jody VanderStelt

Anniversaries this week

None this week

Prayers requested

- ❖ We are thankful Asher Enzlin was able to return home from hospital recovering from a severe bout of croup. May the Lord watch over all our little ones in a season often fraught with colds and flues.
- ❖ Continue to pray for those dealing with ongoing infirmity due to age, illness or injury: Nancy Manns, Luke Smit, Hermien Korten, and others.
- ❖ Keep Melanie Tempelman in your prayers as she deals with anxiety that often prohibits her from doing many things she would love to do. Pray for patience in adjusting to these new circumstances as well as wisdom for her and physicians as they explore medications. May the Lord grant effective help for Melanie and for others among us who deal with such ongoing conditions.
- ❖ 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. Pray for comfort for Frank & Diane Dam in the recent loss of Frank's brother-in-law Bert DenHartog. Pray for Bert's widow Sylvia and the whole family as they mourn. May the peace of Christ fill their hearts.

*"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*