

# Bethany Christian Reformed Church

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION



### Lord's Day 52



**December 29 2013** *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas* **9:30 am**

#### ✚ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP GOD

Preparation for praise and worship of our God

Prelude.....Music

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

\*Opening Song of Worship

.....PH345 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Prayers of Adoration

\*Greeting one another with the peace of Jesus the Christ

\*Songs of Praise

.....Wonderful Counselor

.....Behold Our God

Baptism of Caleb Veldhuizen

**Bethany Kids: ages 3-5 invited downstairs for Children's Church**

#### ✚ REPENTANCE AND PRAISE

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Congregational Prayer of God's People

The Lord's Tithe and our Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany and the CRC

2. Deacons

#### ✚ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer that our hearts may be opened to the Word of God

Scripture: Psalm 131

Message.....Pastor Jim Pot

"Keeping it Simple is Hard to Do"

Prayer of blessing on the message

#### ✚ WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

\*Hymn of Response

.....PH554 In Sweet Communion, Lord, With You

\*Closing Prayer, blessing and sending out

\*Closing songs of thankfulness

.....Revelation

#### ✚ WE LEAVE TO SERVE WITH CONFIDENCE

\*Postlude..... Music

[\* Please stand if you are able]

**Welcome** to those who are visiting today. Please take the time to fill out the Visitor Prayer Card. ☺

Bethany is part of a denomination called the Christian Reformed Church in North America ☺

Prayer Request? Please fill in the card found in front of you in the pew, and place in the offering bag.

Please join us after the *Service of Word* for fellowship & coffee in the fellowship hall.

Child-care is available for both infants and toddlers located in the lower level of the church.

Invite you to join the prayer team before the service at 8:30am. They gather in Sunday School Rm#3 interceding for God's people, as God's people gather to worship in Spirit & in Truth.

Missed a sermon? Like to catch up? ... sermons are available on the website for you to listen to.

**LARGE** print bulletins available - ask Denise if you would like one and she will print weekly!

📞 need some help hearing? Ask one of the ushers for a hearing aid ☺.

#### *This LORD's Day*

9:00am Prayer time in the Fireside Room

9:30am Worship Celebration – No Sunday school for ages 6-8 year olds this morning

#### *The LORD's Week*

Wed. 10:00am New Year's Day Service at Riverside CRC in Wellandport

#### *Next LORD's Day*

8:30am Prayer Time downstairs in Sunday School Rm#3

9:30am Worship Celebration

#### *LiFE Here at Bethany – future dates (DV)*

January 8<sup>th</sup> – Elders meeting at 7:30pm

January 15<sup>th</sup> – Council meeting at 7:30pm



### Bethany's Family Update

**Birthdays:** Noah Prins, Sierra Kiers, Kaleigh Scholman, Christine VanGeest, Bill Vahrmeyer, Frank Vraets, Epp DeVries, Brent Nauta, Jody VanderStelt, Vicky DenBak

**Anniversaries:** none this week

**Praise & Prayer:**

-Continued prayer for **Pastor Colin & Anita VanderPloeg** as they begin the preparations for their move here to Bethany. Pray for their sons, **Jonathan, Derek and Joseph** as they have to make some decisions about staying in BC or moving here.

-**Luke Smit** is at Shalom—room #19 on Mapleview.

- Continue to keep in prayer **Dylan VanDriel, Caleb** (Karen Bylsma's nephew) and **Dan Mulder** (Sarah Stuive's brother).

-Others who are **ill** in our community of faith.

-Prayer for all the **college and university students** who are home for the Christmas season. May they have a blessed time with their families.

-Pray for those who have struggles in their **marriages and relationships**, especially during this season

-Pray for those who are **alone** during this season—for an awareness of God's presence and comfort

**Partners in Global Ministry:**

\*Continued prayer for **Tom & Deb deRuiter** who are serving in Mali, West Africa.

\***Devon Van Hoffen** serving in Africa. Pray that Devon will be bold in sharing the gospel and loving in his service.

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

\***Elise Wierenga & Cassaundra Vanderhout** are home for the Christmas Season. May they have a blessed time with their families.

**-Those who do not know Christ:**

\*Pray that God would soften their hearts

\*Pray that God would tear down walls and the wrong perceptions they may have of Him so they will come to know Him truly as He is

\*Pray that God would open their eyes to their need for Him

\*Pray that God would give us words, courage, and wisdom to know when to speak and how to reflect Him through our actions

*Is it your turn to serve today? ☺*

**Children's Church/Sunday School:**

**3 year olds-** Vicky DenBak, Cassidy Kiers

**4 year olds-** Becky VanLochem, Connor DenBak

**5 year olds-** Brenda Boverhof, Natalie Langendoen

*\*\*Attention All Sitters: please arrive no later than 9:15am when it is your turn to serve in the Nursery/Toddler Room-thanks\*\**

**Nursery-Babies:** Janelle Roorda, Kate Vahrmeyer, Glenda Bouwers

**Toddlers:** Joanne Dam, Hilda Dam, Joshua de Roos

**Projection:** Veronica

**Sound:** Mike

**Ushers:** Richard VanLochem

**Coffee Servers:** Chris Smit, Brian & Debbie Prins

**Email / Letter to de Ruiter's:** Dick & Eb Bokma

Address: Mr. Tom and Deb de Ruiter, B.P.2210, Bamako, Mali, West Africa – [adiallo\\_78@hotmail.com](mailto:adiallo_78@hotmail.com)

*Is it your turn to serve next Lords Day? ☺*

**Children's Church/Sunday School:**

**3 year olds-** Kathy VanHoffen, Gaby VanSoelen

**4 year olds-** Tanya Lane, Sierra Kiers

**5 year olds-** Jenny DeBoer & Colleen Keizer, helper

**Nursery-Babies:** Jessica Dreyer, Denise Glasbergen, Chloe LaPenna

**Toddlers:** Jenny deBoer, Michelle Overbeeke, Tyler Glasbergen

**Projection:** Darren W

**Sound:** Mike

**Ushers:** Maria DeJonge, John & Karen Langendoen, Epp DeVries, Gerry & Tena Evers

**Coffee Servers:** Mark & Wendy Vahrmeyer, Nate & Laura Janssen

**Email / Letter to de Ruiter's:** Hilbert & Mary Bokma

*Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update*

The Joy of Ministry till November 30, 2013

	PLAN	ACTUAL
<b>INFLOWS</b>	\$349,689.23	\$374,614.79
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	\$349,689.23	\$319,450.36
Classis Shares 2013 Commitment .....		\$13,465.32
Classis Shares paid to date .....		\$12,343.32
Denominational Shares 2013 Commitment.....		\$59,521.32
Denominational Shares paid to date.....		\$55,556.32
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offering last week (December 8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> )		
Deacons.....		\$1,455.00
Shalom Manor.....		\$1,331.00
deRuiters.....		\$50.00
Denominational Shares.....		\$75.00

*Offerings*

The 1<sup>st</sup> offering today will be for the ministries here at Bethany & the CRC and the 2<sup>nd</sup>: Deacons

Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> offering: Deacons

**Welcome to Bethany!**

We want to thank you for joining us for the worship of our God and Creator.

Here at Bethany, we strive to give God glory by communicating His message in a way that is Gospel (Christ) Centred.

*God relishes the praises of His people.*



*"Sing to the Lord a new song."*