

## Welcome to Bethany

This is our first Sunday of the Season Advent (the 4 weeks preceding Christmas preparing for the celebration of the birth of Christ). This morning we are also blessed with the worship leading of the Smithville Christian High School choir ([www.smithvillechristian.ca](http://www.smithvillechristian.ca)). May our offering of praise to our Redeemer God glorify His Name and draw us farther along the journey of following Jesus.

### 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 Bethany Kids/Jr. Cadets/Jr. GEMS program downstairs. Please sign in your child each Sunday if they are going to attend.

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

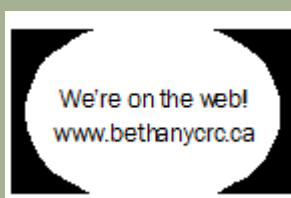
All are welcome to join afterwards for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

### Why Are We Here?

Bethany ministry vision:

**Everyone Growing in Jesus!**

deep connecting—lifelong equipping—compassionate serving



## Ministries Bethany supports

**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](http://www.crcna.org)

**Devon & Lerato Van Hoffen** in Africa. Email [devon@handsatwork.org](mailto:devon@handsatwork.org)

## Happening Today

**Worship Leaders** 8:00am – time of praise, prayer, & preparation

**Pre-service Prayer** 9:15am – Council & worship leaders (in Multi-use room)

**During service:** 3-8 year olds invited downstairs for Advent wreath project

## Upcoming

**Next Sunday's offering: Redeemer University College**

**Next Sunday's Children's Song: "Away in a Manger"**

**Dec 4:** Council meeting 7:30 pm

**Dec 6:** Bethany Seniors Christmas Dinner 6pm at church

**Dec 9:** Fenwick Christmas Parade starts in Bethany parking lot

**Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelight service 6PM

**Dec 25:** Christmas Day Service 10AM

**Dec 31:** End of year service 9:30 AM (no evening service)

**Jan 1:** N Y's Day combined at Grace CRC 10AM (660 S Pelham Rd, Welland)

## Get Equipped for Faith Life



**GEMS:** Meets Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm for girls in grades 4-8. For more information, contact Cynthia: 905-892-2217 or email: [bnauta@cogeco.ca](mailto:bnauta@cogeco.ca)

**Theme Verse for 2017/2018** – "Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did (1 John 2:6)"



**Cadets:** Meets Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm for boys in grades 4-8. For more information, contact Mike, email: [mikecdreyer@hotmail.com](mailto:mikecdreyer@hotmail.com) or cell: 289-687-3105

**Theme Verse for 2017 / 2018** – "For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them." Ezekiel 34:11

**MERGE (youth group)** – for grades 9-12. Questions? Call Andrea 905-975-8484



**Men's Bible Study** – Tuesdays at 6:00am (coffee provided!)

**Women's Coffee Break** – Tuesdays at Grace CRC at 9:30am

**Heart to Heart (women)** – Fridays at 9:30am

**Women's Bible Study** – **REMINDER:** The Bethany Ladies Bible Study meets at Bethany in the Fireside Room every Tuesday night 7 o'clock. We are studying 1&2 Peter and Jude. We will be discussing "When have you suffered because of doing what you believed to be right" Peter made no promises of easy living.

Sometimes suffering comes whether or not we earn it. It came to Jesus.

BRING YOUR OWN coffee tea or water



**NIAGARA YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

Meets once a month with the area CRC's taking turns hosting. We are studying the book by Francis Chan

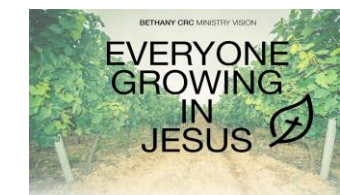
"Crazy Love". Questions? Contact Mary Bokma 905-892-0529.

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## Bethany Christian Reformed Church

**December 3, 2017**  
**9:30am**



**Deep connecting**  
**Lifelong equipping**  
**Compassionate serving**

## Connecting

<b>Administrator</b> Denise Glasbergen	905-892-8980 <a href="mailto:info@bethanycrc.ca">info@bethanycrc.ca</a>
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## Today in Worship



### The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome & Announcements

Opening prayer ...

\*Opening Song

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

“O Come, O Come Immanuel” – PH 328

\*God’s Word of greeting

Smithville Christian Choir

“Do you Hear What I Hear?”

“Mary, Did You Know?”

### The Lord Shows Us His Marvelous Grace

Prayer of Confession & the Good News

Children’s Song of thankfulness

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent readings – “Hope” (children invited up front)

**(Bethany Kids ages 3-8 are dismissed)**

### The Lord Leads Us by His Word & Spirit

Prayer for the ministry of the Lord through the preaching

Bible reading – Luke 1:57-80 (p. 893)

Message title “The Lord is coming: hope-filled promise”

### The Lord Moves Us to Celebrate & Serve

Prayers of God’s people & for offerings

Offerings: 1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Friendship Ministry (helps churches/organizations to share God’s love with people who have intellectual disability [www.friendship.org](http://www.friendship.org))

Smithville Christian Choir

“Speechless”

\*God’s Word of Blessing

\*Closing song

“Christmas Alleluia”

## Sermon notes

### Serving Assignments

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

**3-8 year olds go downstairs this Sunday for the Advent candle craft (No group singing for 9 year olds-college/university age this week)**

**3-8 Year olds** Trevor VH, Julia G, Tim & Kathleen VH, Jessica O, Austin O, Jody VH, Connor DB

**Dylan** Kevin T

**Autism Support Person** – Aimie VL (Cassidy K)

**Nursery** Elaine VH, Nellie S, Annie V

**Toddlers** Zach B, Sandra S, Luke VL

**Ushers** Brian P, Scott VD

**Coffee Servers** John & Rosie E, Dan & Kristina B

**Greeters** Jerry & Jen K, Epp DV, Vicky DB

**Sunday School Sign In:** Bill & Tina V

**Next Sunday [Please arrive by 9:15am for Nursery & Toddlers]**

**3-4 Year olds** Pete W & Christine VG, Karson V, Jody VH

**5 Year olds** Jerry & Jen K, Austin O, Connor DB

**Dylan** Coby B

**Autism Support Person** Cassidy K (Wendy K)

**Nursery** Rita F, Holly R, Kaitlyn J, Avery W

**Toddlers** Kurtis B/Glenda, Brian Kr, Noah P

**Ushers** Byron G, Louie D

**Coffee Servers** Karl & Wilma V, Mike & Jessica D

**Greeters** Anita W, Kurtis B, Andria B, Andy V

**Sunday School Sign In:** Frank D

**Heart to Heart: Friday – Nursery:** Betty G, Marlene M, Kathleen K

**Toddler 1:** Margaret DV, Marijke VD

**Toddler 2:** Wendy V, Coby B

## Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

### Birthdays this week

John TB (3<sup>rd</sup>), Tracy VS (5<sup>th</sup>), Anita W (5<sup>th</sup>), Darren W (6<sup>th</sup>)

### Anniversaries this week

Tim & Marlene M (4<sup>th</sup>), Harry & Sharon H (6<sup>th</sup>)

### Prayers requested

- ❖ Give thanks to the Lord for His provision of leadership for the Village Church (CRC emerging church in Thorold). Mr. Mark DV (a CRC candidate for ministry) is serving as interim pastor and was also approved by Classis Niagara this past week to minister the sacraments as he is an elder in Covenant CRC (Village’s overseeing church). May the Lord bless Mark & the Village Church in their journey together.
- ❖ Continue praying for healing for **Anita W** through her daily radiation treatments. She is grateful to be feeling well so far through these weeks. May the Lord strengthen her each day.
- ❖ **Harry H’s son Gregg** continues his treatments. May the Lord grant him healing and strength.
- ❖ **Catharine S (sister-in-law of Grace VV)** continues to receive cancer treatments. She is very tired but able to be at home. Her and Simon were recently able to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary for which they are very grateful to the Lord. May the Lord uphold Catharine, Simon, and the family in these trying times.

- **Need of support or want to talk to someone?**
- **Contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Joyce D R at 905-386-6719.**
- **Confidential counselling services Bethany supports:**
- **SHALEM network 866-347-0041 & Elisha House Ministries 905-735-9934.** (mention if you are member/regular attender of Bethany)



**BIBLE**

Reading Plan

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