

Welcome!

This is the second Sunday of Advent, 2015. This morning Pastor Colin is on a Classical Appointment leading worship in Grace CRC, Welland. We are pleased to welcome Rev. Darren Roorda, CRC Canadian Ministries Director to lead in worship. May the Lord bless Pastor Darren and all who gather here this morning with a rich measure of the Spirit's work grace, mercy, and peace as we live for Jesus.

Visitors/Guests Notes

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

Church Office Denise Glasbergen 905-892-8980
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Pastor Colin Vander Ploeg 905-931-5841 [call/text]
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Youth Director Andrea Veldhuizen 905-975-8484 [call/text]
andrea@bethanycrc.ca

Children's Ministry Lorraine Wierenga 905-892-6961
lorraine@bethanycrc.ca

Worship/LIFE Groups (position vacant—contact Pastor Colin)

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.

Globally Check out 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

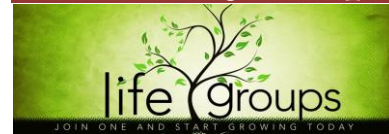
Pre-service Prayer 9:15am – Council & worship leaders (in Council room)

Upcoming

Next Week's offering: Deacons

Dec. 13th Adult Bible Study/Christmas Party will be at Mike and Vicky DenBak's at 6:00. Please bring your favorite finger foods and we will be discussing Session 3.

Get Equipped for Faith Life



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)

7:30pm once a month

Potluck/Bible Study Group

4:30pm on 1st Sunday of every month



GEMS: 2015-2016 Theme:

Psalm 119:105 "Choose Truth"

Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9pm for **girls in grades 4-8** from Sept.-Apr. For more

information contact Diana at

Cell: 289-696-5567 or email:

dj.diana.slappendel@gmail.com

CADETS: 2015-2016 Theme:

Matthew 4:19

"Hooked on Christ"

Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9pm for

boys in grades 4-8 from

Sept.-Apr. For more information

contact: **Mike Klapwyk 905-892-3036**



Faith Instruction (Catechism) every Tuesday at 7:00pm @ the church for grades 9-12

MERGE (youth group) from 7-9 is for grades 9-12. We are meeting tonight at church.

Welcome to Bethany!

Let us rejoice in the Lord together!



2nd Sunday of Advent

Bethany Christian Reformed Church

December 6, 2015

9:30am

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

*Opening Song

“Hark, The Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes”

“Come and Stand Amazed You People”

*God’s Word of greeting

*Greet one another with the peace of Christ

*Songs of Praise

“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

“Away in a Manger”

The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Lighting of Advent Candle

Prayer

(Children ages 3-6 invited downstairs for Sunday School)

The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: Ephesians 4:10-12 and John 16/17

Message “The Promise Perfectly Kept, the Birth of Jesus”

Prayer of blessing & Prayers of God’s People

The Lord Sends Us Out to Celebrate & Serve

*Song of Response

“Shine Into Our Night”

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Friendship

*God’s Word of blessing

*Closing Song

“Behold Our God”



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 6	Esther 1-2; Luke 12:1-31
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 9	Esther 9-10; Luke 13:23-35
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 10	Haggai 1-2; Luke 14:1-24
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 11	Joshua 1-3; Luke 14:25-35
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 12	Joshua 4-6; Luke 15:1-10

Sermon follow-up ...

1. Read and consider the prophecies from Isaiah 9:1-7 and Micah 5:2. How do you see these fulfilled in Jesus’ birth?
2. Think about the circumstances that led Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. What do they show you about God’s sovereignty?
3. What promises has God already fulfilled in your life? How do you keep the memory of His faithfulness fresh?
4. What promises of God are you waiting to see fulfilled? How does the perfect fulfillment of God’s promise to send the Messiah encourage your confidence in His faithfulness?
5. The Old Testament contains many prophecies pointing not just to Jesus’ birth but also to the salvation He would accomplish. Look up these passages and see how they illustrate the truth.

In prayer, thank God for the perfect fulfillment of His promise through Jesus. Confess places where your confidence in His faithfulness is weak and ask Him for increased trust, belief and hope.

Serving Assignments

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

Sunday School during Advent Season

Worship Leader: Jen Kiers

Teachers/helpers: Jen Kiers, Andria Slappendel, Morgan Glasbergen, Anita Wierenga, Jessica Ormel, Cadence Kiers

Courtney Anne-Marie Wubs

Dylan Bernice Slappendel

Nursery-Babies Liz Nauta, Madison Lapenna, Brenda Boverhof, Brittany Dykstra

Toddlers Michelle Forestell, Ethan Wubs, Laura Klapwyk

Ushers Brian Prins, Scott VanDriel

Coffee Servers Patrick & Shelby Kremer, John & Rosie Enzlin

Greeters John Langendoen, Epp DeVries, Vicky DenBak, Nellie Scholman, Gerry Evers

Next Sunday

Sunday School during Advent Season

Worship Leader: Cynthia Nauta, Kathleen VanHoffen

Teachers/helpers: Cynthia Nauta, Mackenzie Kremer, Tim VanHoffen, Kathleen VanHoffen, Sandra Stam, Lisa Ormel, Ehtan Wubs, Gabi VanSoelen

Courtney Anita Wierenga

Dylan Betty Twomey

Nursery-Babies Julienne Marr, Vicky DenBak, Haley Glasbergen, Kaitlyn Langendoen

Toddlers Joanne Dam, Kristina Braun, Kean Veldhuizen

Ushers Byron Garner, Dan Scholman

Coffee Servers Karl & Wilma Vahrmeyer, Mike & Jessica Dreyer

Greeters Anita Wierenga, Bas & Trudy Slappendel, Kurtis Bouwers, Andria Slappendel, Andy VanDriel

Friday-Heart to Heart: Storytime: Lauren Dam, Jenni Wierenga

Nursery: Coby Bosgraaf, Hennie Vellenga, Tina Vahrmeyer

Toddlers: Mary Bouwers, Sharon Hielema

If you are interested in serving please contact the office

Bethany Family Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Darren Wierenga, Colin Bouwers, Pieter Bulk, Bailey VanHoorn

Anniversaries this week

Harry & Sharon Hielema (12th)

Prayers requested

- ❖ *If for any reason you are in need of support or want to talk to someone, contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Caregiver Joyce De Roo at 905-386-6719 or SHALEM network 866-347-0041 (confidential, financially supported counselling for Bethany members)*
- ❖ Pray for the Lord’s strengthening for Arnold Dykstra who has been dealing with various health challenges in the past while. There has been times of good news about his health as well as ongoing challenges. Pray for patience and healing for Arnold. May the Lord uphold him and Ellen and the girls with His gracious presence.
- ❖ Pray for those dealing with cancer: **Dalton Jacques** (Shelby Kremer’s brother) pray for God’s gracious presence to surround this family in this very difficult journey and that Dalton may receive all the peace and assurance of God’s love that he needs in this time.
- ❖ Pray for strength and good test results (will see the doctor this week) for **Kevin Vanderlee** (Denise Glasbergen’s brother).
- ❖ Pray for strength and comfort each day for **Wilma VanHuizen** (Ray’s mother) and her family.
- ❖ **Tim Robson** (Mike’s father) continues to await further surgery. Pray that the date may be available soon and that Tim may be healthy enough to undergo that treatment.
- ❖ Pray for **Harm Lottering** (Bill Thies’ bro-in-law) who is dying of cancer. Harm is ready to enter the glorious presence of his heavenly Father. Pray for wife Jane and their son and family as they walk this difficult journey. Harm is 81 years old and lives in The Netherlands.
- ❖ **THANK YOU:** We wish to thank the Bethany CRC congregation for walking in prayer for Nick and our family and for your support to Dad & Mom – Gerry and Tena Evers! Thank you for your prayers, hugs, cards, notes and words of encouragement that have been received. Through this journey and in Nick’s passing away this has been greatly appreciated and felt. By God’s grace and in His strength we move forward each day and we continue to covet your prayers. May God bless you all! Harry & Sharon, Stephanie, Bradley, Brandon Kiers and our extended family.