

Welcome!



You are probably here this morning for all kinds of reasons yet still, it is the leading of God to come.

So every one of us is here by His guiding. New comers or old timers, doesn't matter, we all belong here. My hope is that together in worship and in fellowship, before and after, we grow just a little bit more aware of the God in Christ Jesus who is present among us by His Holy Spirit. Pastor Colin.

Visitors/Guests Notes

This morning's service will include the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Are you new here or visiting? If the following is true for you, please join in the sacrament. If not, why not ask God to lead you to His love in Christ!

1. I believe in Jesus Christ as the one who died for my sins to be forgiven.
2. I have been baptized and have publicly committed myself to live as a Christian as part of the Church.

Feel free to contact the pastor for further discussion and prayer.

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

Connecting

General Information

Office Administrator	905-892-8980	info@bethanycrc.ca
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Worship & Life Group Ministry	nicole@bethanycrc.ca	

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 deRuiter who are serving in Mali, West Africa

Email: adiallo_78@hotmail.com – CRC World Missions

Devon Van Hoffen serving in Africa.

Email: devon@handsatwork.org

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
Next Week's Offerings:		Deacons Benevolent Fund

Upcoming Events

- December 7th Reflections Bible Study at 7:30pm at John & Heidi TeBrake's. Lesson 6 from the Parables study book. New members welcome.
- December 10th **Service of Hope for the Bereaved** (7:30 PM at St. Ann Church, Fenwick: a service prepared by the Pelham Clergy Fellowship and the Lampman & Pedler funeral homes for those who have lost loved ones this past year. Contact Pastor Colin.)
- December 11th Konnect 20 Christmas Potluck at 6:30pm
- December 24th Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm
- December 25th Christmas Day Service at 10:00am
- For more events, see the Bugle located under the clock in the fellowship hall.**

Equipping for Faith Life

Students(Grades 4-12)

GEMS	Mondays	7:00-9:00pm
Catechism	Tuesdays	7:00-8:00pm
Cadets	Thursdays	7:00-9:00pm

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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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 7 | Esther 3-5; Luke 12:32-59 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 8 | Esther 6-8; Luke 13:1-22 |
| <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 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 13 | Joshua 7-9; Luke 15:11-32 |

PRAISE THE
LORD, WHO
HAS NOW
PROVIDED A

Redeemer

LOOKING AHEAD FOR THE MESSIAH WITH RUTH

Bethany Christian Reformed Church

December 7, 2014
9:30am



Today in Worship

Advent of Peace

Ruth, the outsider, the foreigner, goes out into Israel's fields to glean, trying to provide for her and Naomi. She "happens" to find herself in a field owned by Naomi's kinsman, Boaz—Someone is at work here! Boaz, a godly man, prays that Ruth will be richly blessed by the God under whose wings she has come to take refuge. God provided food for Ruth in the fields of Boaz through whom the Lord will soon do even more as He guides forward His plans to bring all His people from emptiness to fullness in the Savior. Today we are fed by the Living Bread of Life, the Savior Jesus, at the communion table of our Lord.

The Lord Gathers Us

*Opening Song & God's Word of greeting
 "O Come O Come Immanuel"
 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Confession, Advent Reading & Songs
 "Prepare Him Room"
 "Wonderful Counselor"

Lord's Supper
 "We Hunger & Thirst"
 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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

Offerings:
 1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA
 2. Deacons Benevolent Fund

Prayers of God's People

The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Ruth 2 (p. 229)
 "Under the Bethlehem Star: God's Face"

We Respond with Joy & Commitment

*God's Word of blessing & closing songs
 "What Child is This?"
 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Sermon Notes

Ruth 2 - Under the Bethlehem Star: God's Face

Serving Assignments

Please arrive by 9:15am for Nursery & Toddler

Today

Little Lambs Debbie Prins, Sonya VanDriel
3 year olds Ann Kiers, Haley Glasbergen
4 year olds Jenny DeBoer, Riley Kremer
5 year olds Andrea Veldhuizen, Tawnya VanHoorn
Nursery-Babies Wendy Vahrmeyer, Angela Anjema, Arnell Dykstra, Chloe Lapenna
Toddlers Michelle Overbeeke, Coby Bosgraaf, Madison Lapenna
Ushers Brian Prins, Scott VanDriel
Greeters John Langendoen, Epp DeVries, Gerry & Tena Evers
Coffee Servers Mike & Jessica Dreyer, Tim & Kathy VanHoffen
Email deRuiters Lindsay Janssen

Next Sunday

Little Lambs Colleen Slappendel, Maryke VanDriel, Julia Glasbergen
3 year olds Ann Kiers, Haley Glasbergen
4 year olds Jenny DeBoer, Riley Kremer
5 year olds Vicky DenBak, Tawnya VanHoorn
Nursery-Babies Karina Wierenga, Colleen Keizer, Tanya Lane, Lauren VanHuizen
Toddlers Ans Roorda, Jeff VanderStelt, Noah VanSoelen
Ushers Byron Garner, Dan Scholman
Greeters Anita Wierenga, Bas & Trudy Slappendel, Kurtis Bouwers, Andria Slappendel, Hans & Hilda Dam
Coffee Servers Bill & Ann VanLochem, Matt & Kelly Dam
Email deRuiters Nate & Laura Janssen

Heart to Heart (this Friday) **Nursery:** Mary Bouwers, Sylvia Damm, Joanne Kiers, Karen Langendoen
Toddlers: Betty Gritter, Maria DeJonge
Rover: Nellie Scholman

If you are interested in serving please contact the office

Bethany Family Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Colin Bouwers, Pieter Bulk, Bailey VanHoorn

Anniversaries this week

None this week

New Baby

Congratulations to Kyle & Stephanie Wegelin with the birth of their son Colton Christopher Richard born this past Tuesday December 2nd. He was 6l.b 11oz. and was born by emergency C-section. Thankfully everyone is doing fine.

Prayers requested

- ❖ Advent & Christmas can be a time of deeper grief for those who have lost loved ones. This Wednesday at 7:30 PM the Pelham Clergy Fellowship and Lampman & Pedlar funeral homes are hosting a Service of Hope for those who have lost loved ones this past year. This is an annual co-led service that is hosted this year in St. Ann Church of Fenwick. Please pray for God's comfort in Christ to uphold and surround those who attend by the power of His Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Pray for patience and peace for Scott & Sonya Van Driel and their son Dylan as they continue to wait on test results and future scenarios of treatment for Dylan.
- ❖ Continue to pray for those dealing with ongoing infirmity due to age, illness or injury: Nancy Manns, Luke Smit, Hermien Korten, and others.
- ❖ Kevin Vanderlee (Denise Glasbergen's brother) stem cell transplant took place this past Thursday and went very well. Friday they sent him home with daily follow-ups in the hospital to monitor him. Pray for strength as he continues to recover. CT scan will take place soon.
- ❖ 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 God's comforting presence to uphold the Vahrmeyer family with the passing of Karel Vahrmeyer. Pray for his widow Nettie May God continue to grant you comfort and strength in the coming days, weeks and months ahead as you mourn the loss of a father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and cousin to many here at Bethany.

"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