

Welcome!

This is the start of the church season of Lent. It is made up of the 6 Sundays prior to Good Friday and Easter. Traditionally it is a time of reflection and self-examination in light of the ministry, suffering and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. Self-examination is not the same as self-centeredness. In fact, as we reflect on the mercy of God in Christ for each of our lives, it turns us to one another as we discover once again that we need one another in our brokenness and in our healing journey that is finding forgiveness and wholeness in the grace, mercy and peace of God in Christ by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Colin.

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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andrea@bethanycrc.ca

Children's Ministry Lorraine Wierenga 905-892-6961
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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 Sunday: We celebrate the Lord's Supper

Next Sunday offering: Rose City Kids

Reflections Bible Study next plans to meet Sunday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. at John and Heidi TeBrake's. The next lesson is lesson 5 from the Fruit of the Spirit study guide.

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)

One eve/month (call/text

Andria 289-687-3024)

Potluck/Bible Study Group

4:30pm on 1st Sunday of every month

Authentic Manhood Study

Wed's 7:30 PM at church

Bethany Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday at 7:30pm at Cynthia

Vermeer's home.

"Living Crazy Love" By Francis Chan



Faith Instruction (Catechism) every

Tuesday at 7:00pm @ the church for grades 9-12.

MERGE (youth group) from 7-9 every other

Sunday night for grades 9-12.



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

Welcome to Bethany!

Let us rejoice in the Lord together!



Bethany Christian Reformed Church

February 14, 2016
9:30am

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

*Opening Call to Worship in Song

“Come Praise & Glorify”

*God’s Word of greeting

*Songs of Praise

“Lord Reign in Me”

“How Great is Our God”

The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Presentation of Brokenness Stained Glass Window

Prayer of Confession (from *Prone to Wander*, by Duguid & Houk, P&R Pub, 2014)

Words of Assurance - 2 Corinthians 4:5-18

Song of Response

“Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”

God’s Call to Faithful Living – 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2

Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“This Little Light of Mine”

(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 & for the proclamation of the Word

The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: Luke 24:13-24 (p.922)

Message: Lent#1 “From Dark to Sight: Sorrowful Searching”

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us Out to Celebrate & Serve

*Song of Response

“The River”

*God’s Word of blessing

*Closing Song

“New Doxology”



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> February 14	Isaiah 59-61; Mark 14:1-26
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> February 15	Isaiah 62-64; Mark 14:27-53
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> February 16	Isaiah 65-66; Mark 14:54-72
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> February 17	Exodus 1-3; Mark 15:1-25
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> February 18	Exodus 4-6; Mark 15:26-47
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> February 19	Exodus 7-8; Mark 16
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> February 20	Exodus 9-11; 1 Thessalonians 1

Sermon follow-up ...

1. Read Luke 24:13-24 a few times slowly and out loud.
2. How fast is your life moving? What does our hectic pace of life in North America do to our ability to see Jesus among us in any way?
3. Is it busy-ness per say that is our problem or an inner restlessness as opposed to an inner restfulness? In other words, how can we be busy and yet walk (rather than run) with Jesus?
4. What habits, patterns, practices in our lives help us hold on to the peace that Christ gives which is not as the world gives? What habits, patterns, practices in our lives pull us away from the peace of Christ?
5. Have you ever experienced sorrow or deep disappointment in your life? Share the story. How did you journey through it? What was helpful? What was not?
6. Did you meet Jesus in that time?
7. What can we do as brothers and sisters in Christ to encourage each other that the Lord is with us each day? How can we help each other see Jesus?

Serving Assignments

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

3 Year olds-A Anita/Jenni Wierenga, Ethan Wubs

3 Year olds-B Jody VanderStelt, Jody VanHoorn

4 Year olds Andrea DeVries, Nathan DenBak

5 Year olds Colleen Keizer, Kaitlyn Langendoen

6 Year olds Clarence & Tracy VanSoelen

7 & 8 Year olds Cynthia Nauta, Kaitlyn Jorritsma

Courtney Margaret DeVries

Dylan Bernice Slappendel

Nursery Madison Lapenna Wierenga, Anita Vander Ploeg, Grace Vander Veen, Elaine VanHoorn

Toddlers Owen Janssen, James Vander Veen, Karissa Vantwel

Ushers Byron Garner, Dan Scholman

Coffee Servers Karl & Annie Vahrmeyer, Bill & Mary Koudys

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

Next Sunday

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4 Year olds Andrea DeVries, Nathan DenBak

5 Year olds Colleen Keizer, Kaitlyn Langendoen

6 Year olds Pete Wierenga, Angela Anjema

7 & 8 Year olds Mark Vahrmeyer, Lorraine Wierenga

Courtney Jen Kiers

Dylan Kelly Slappendel

Nursery Ans Roorda, Kaleigh Scholman, Richard VanLochem, Karina Wierenga

Toddlers Braden Marr, Daniel VanGeest, Aimie VanLochem

Ushers Dustin Vantwel, Kevin DeBoer

Coffee Servers Nate & Angela Anjema, Ken & Nell Overbeeke

Greeters Jerry Kiers, Ken & Nell Overbeeke, Harry & Sharon Hielema, Andrea Veldhuizen, Annie Vahrmeyer

Heart to Heart: Storytime: Lauren Dam, Karen Langendoen

Nursery: Sylvia Damm, Rita Forestell, Gwenda VandenBogert

Toddlers: Diane Dam, Tina Vahrmeyer

If you are interested in serving please contact the office

Bethany Family Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week (and coming up)

❖ Fraser Anjema, Karina Wierenga, Jason Beldman, Casey Dam, Peter Damm, Becky VanLochem, Emily Beldman, Gerry Evers

❖ **Peter Damm is turning 80 on February 17th.** There will be an Open House on Sunday February 21st from 2-5pm at the Fire Hall in Fenwick

Prayers requested

❖ Pray for a blessing on the Pelham Syrian Refugee Sponsorship Initiative, that the Lord may guide our community to the persons/families of His choosing to support and help get settled in a new life here.

❖ **Ep DeVries** continues on the path of recovery at home. He is doing well. If you wish to visit, please call ahead.

❖ Pray for **Hermien Korten** remains in Port Colbourne hospital undergoing physical therapy. The Lord continues to grant her patience and peace in the process.

❖ **George Kowalski** is in Villa de Rose Retirement Residence (370 Hellems Ave, Welland). He will be there for a month or so until a long term care facility is available for him to move to. Pray for comfort and strength for George is facing these changes.

❖ Pray for healing from surgery for **John Tymochko** (Wendy Vahrmeyer’s father) and patience during recovery.

❖ **Kevin Vanderlee** (Denise Glasbergen’s brother) received good test results following his long journey of cancer treatment. Rejoice in this good news and humbly thank the Lord for His mercies.

❖ Pray for **Lynn Dam** (sister-in-law to Hans) who is suffering from cancer that is worsening. Pray for healing mercies and grace and peace to endure for her and her family.

❖ Martha Sikkens’ niece, **Stacie Horinga** is suffering from cancer which has spread. Please keep this young woman and her family in your prayers for healing, courage and ongoing trust in the Lord.

❖ **Dalton Jacques** (Shelby Kremer’s brother) is nearing the end of his earthly journey because of his cancer. Pray for him, his family including Pat & Shelby as they walk this difficult journey. May the Lord of grace and mercy surround them with His love and peace.

❖ Pray for comfort for those who mourn to the one who is the Resurrection and the Life. *Need of support or want to talk to someone? Contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Joyce De Roo at 905-386-6719 or SHALEM network 866-347-0041 (mention Bethany CRC if you are a part of it).*