

Welcome!

A blessed New Year to you all. What a privilege it is to be able to worship the Lord Jesus in safety and freedom. Let us use this gift well this year as we seek to follow the Holy Spirit's leading in all of our life.

On behalf of Anita and me, we wish you all the Lord's blessed presence and guidance as you serve in His name in the year of our Lord, 2017.



Pastor Colin.

Welcome! This morning's service will include the sacrament of the Lord's Supper (also called Communion or Eucharist). The Lord's Supper is a sacrament that points us to the fact that we are part of Christ's Body (the Church) by the once and for all sacrifice He made for us in dying on the cross for our sins. The congregation is invited on the basis of this grace in Christ to celebrate in faith God's gift of salvation.

If you are new here or visiting with us today and you are a baptized member of Christ's Church, believing in Jesus as your Saviour and Lord, you are invited to join us in this sign and seal of God's promise of forgiveness in Christ. If you are here and you have never been welcomed into the Church through baptism, we encourage you to contact the pastor to talk about God's call in your life and explore the joyful meaning of being baptized.

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!

Connecting

Administrator Denise Glasbergen	905-892-8980 info@bethanycrc.ca
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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.

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

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

January 11th Congregational Meeting 7:30 PM at the church

Sunday, January 8th @ 7pm at Wellandport CRC Konnect 20 (Young Adult Ministry)

The Bethany CRC Konnect 20 and the three surrounding Christian Reformed Churches (Wellandport, Smithville, Welland) are having a combined Young Adults get-together. Anyone attending is encouraged to bring a "finger food" to share. Come on out for an evening of fellowship and conversation.

Get Equipped for Faith Life



GEMS: 2016-2017 Theme: 1 Thess.3:12 "Love Overflows"

Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9pm for girls in grades 4-8 from September to April. For more information, contact Diana cell: 289-696-5567 or email: dj.diana.slappendel@gmail.com



Cadets: 2016-2017 Theme: Hebrews 12:1-2 "Get In The Game"

Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9 for boys in grades 4-8 from September to April. For more information, contact Mike D, email: mikedreyer@hotmail.com or cell: 289-687-3105



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) - call Andria (289-687-3024)

Faith Instruction – Tuesdays 7:00pm for grades 9-12 (resumes Jan. 10)

MERGE (youth group) – for grades 9-12.

Meets every other Sunday evening from 7:00-9:00pm at Bethany

Bethany Ladies Bible Study – Wednesday evenings at Cynthia V's house at 7:00pm

Please note, the weekly newsletter "Bethany Bugle" is being emailed weekly. If you are not receiving it via email, please contact the office with a correct email. If you prefer a hard copy, a few extra copies are available in the fellowship hall.

Welcome to Bethany!

Blessed New Year



Bethany Christian Reformed Church

January 1, 2017
10:30am

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome & announcements

*Call to Worship (based on Lamentations 3)

*Opening Songs

“O Come All Ye Faithful” – PH340

“Angels We Have Heard on High” – PH347

*God's Word of greeting

*Song of Praise

“Blessed Be Your Name”

The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Lord's Supper

Children's Song of Thankfulness

“This is the Day”

(Bethany Kids ages 3-8 invited downstairs for Sunday school in fireside room)

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Rose City Kids

Prayers of God's People & for the proclamation of the Word

The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Bible reading – Lamentations 3:19-26 (p.714)

Message - “New Every Morning”

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us Out to Celebrate & Serve

*Song of Response

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” – PH556

*God's Word of blessing

*Closing Song

“Joy to the World” – PH337

Sermon Notes

Serving Assignments

Today [Please arrive by 10:15am for Nursery & Toddlers]

3 Year olds Steph B, Cadence K

4 Year Olds Andria S, Connor D, Evan V

5 Year Olds Becky V, Emma W

6 Year Olds Trevor V, Cassidy K

7&8 Year Olds Tim V, Kathy V

Autism Support Person: Debbie P (Annie V)

Dylan Coby B

Nursery Heidi T, Diane D, Holly R

Toddlers Dan V, Noah P, Jody V

Ushers Brian P, Scott V

Coffee Servers Devin B, Ryan V, Bert & Cynthia N

Greeters Epp D, Vicky D, Nellie S

Sunday School Sign In Person: Bill & Tina V

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Dylan Karissa V

Nursery Nell O, Elaine V, Teryl D, Jessica O

Toddlers Sandra S, Ralph T, Jesse V

Ushers Byron G

Coffee Servers Chris S, Brian & Debbie P

Greeters Anita W, Bas & Trudy S, Kurtis B, Andria S, Andy V

Heart to Heart will resume on January 13/17

Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Nancy B, Bill V, Frank V, Epp D, Jody V, Vicky D, Hunter L

Anniversaries this week

None this week

NEW BABY! Kyle & Stephanie W were blessed with the birth of a baby girl, Layla Shannon Claire was born Thursday, December 22 weighing 7.5 pounds at birth. Mother and daughter are doing well. Praise the Lord for His gifts.

WEDDING BELLS! Brandon B & Andria S are to be married, Lord willing, this coming Saturday, January 7 at 1:30 PM here in Bethany church. May the Lord bless their new life together as husband and wife.

Prayers requested

Pray for the Spirit's guidance for the **Vision Team** as they sift through the all the Courageous Proposals that were brought forward by the congregation. They will be meeting in a few weeks after each member has worked through the proposals to discern which ones Bethany should be working on first.

Pray for daily grace for **Nancy M** in her new home in Seasons First Avenue Retirement Community (Rm 320, 163 First Ave. Welland. Her phone: [905-788-4303](tel:905-788-4303)). Also pray for the Lord's daily presence with our other shut-ins, **Hermien K** (Grandview Lodge, Dunnville) and **Luke S** (Shalom Manor, Grimsby).

Pray for **Bertha B, Catherine S, Troy A** and others in our families and friends circles dealing with cancer. May the Lord of all hope grant His peace and strength each day.

Pray for **Cyrus H** (his wife Erica is one of Bethany's Heart to Heart leaders) who has been battling a life threatening infection. As of this writing, he was slowing showing some signs of treatment becoming effective. May the Lord grant him a continued path of recovery and peace and strength for Erica and their young children.

Pray for comfort for **Maria D** whose brother-in-law passed away recently. Pray for comfort for **Bill & Ann V** in the recent loss of Bill's sister-in-law **Judy V**. May the Lord grant these families His comforting presence as they mourn.

Pray for Shalom Manor - We wanted to notify our partnering community with the news that we have gone into respiratory outbreak. We are asking that those visitors who are feeling unwell or who have been unwell to NOT visit until they have been symptom free or it is 5-days after the onset of symptoms. If you do visit, you may visit with only one resident and remember to wash your hands as you enter and exit Shalom (and in-between as well). We ask that you keep our residents in your prayers that they may return to better health and that the facility may soon return to a full schedule.

Need of support or want to talk to someone?

Contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Joyce De Roo at 905-386-6719.

Confidential counselling services Bethany supports:

SHALEM network 866-347-0041 (mention if you are member/regular attender of Bethany) & **Elisha House Ministries 905-735-9934**.



- January 1
- January 2
- January 3
- January 4
- January 5
- January 6
- January 7

Genesis 1-3; Romans 1
 Genesis 4-6; Romans 2
 Genesis 7-9; Romans 3
 Genesis 10-12; Romans 4
 Genesis 13-15; Romans 5
 Genesis 16-17; Romans 6
 Genesis 18-19; Romans 7