

Welcome to Bethany

This morning we celebrate God's forgiving grace given us through Jesus's death on the cross. His sacrifice is signed and sealed to us in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We also continue our journey into the book of Genesis as we examine our calling in creation.

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.

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

How to contact Bethany Church

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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

Devon & Lerato Van Hoffen in Africa. Email devon@handsatwork.org

Happening Today

Worship Leaders 8:30am – time of praise, prayer, & preparation

Pre-service Prayer 9:45am – Council & worship leaders (in Multi-use room)

Upcoming

Next Sunday's offering: Deacons

Next Sunday's Children's Song: "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy"

This Fri. Jan 26th Soup/Chilli Fundraiser for the VanDriel family

Jan & Feb: please note worship services start at 10AM (2 month trial)

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

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 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 6:00am (coffee provided!)

Women's Coffee Break – Tuesdays at Grace CRC 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. Our first meeting for 2018 will January 30. We are studying 1&2 Peter and Jude. One of our discussion points will be: "Describe one of the more difficult relationships of your past. Then describe one of your most valuable relationships and what made it valuable. Are we inviting God into these relationships? Come and join us on this journey! BRING YOUR OWN coffee tea or water"



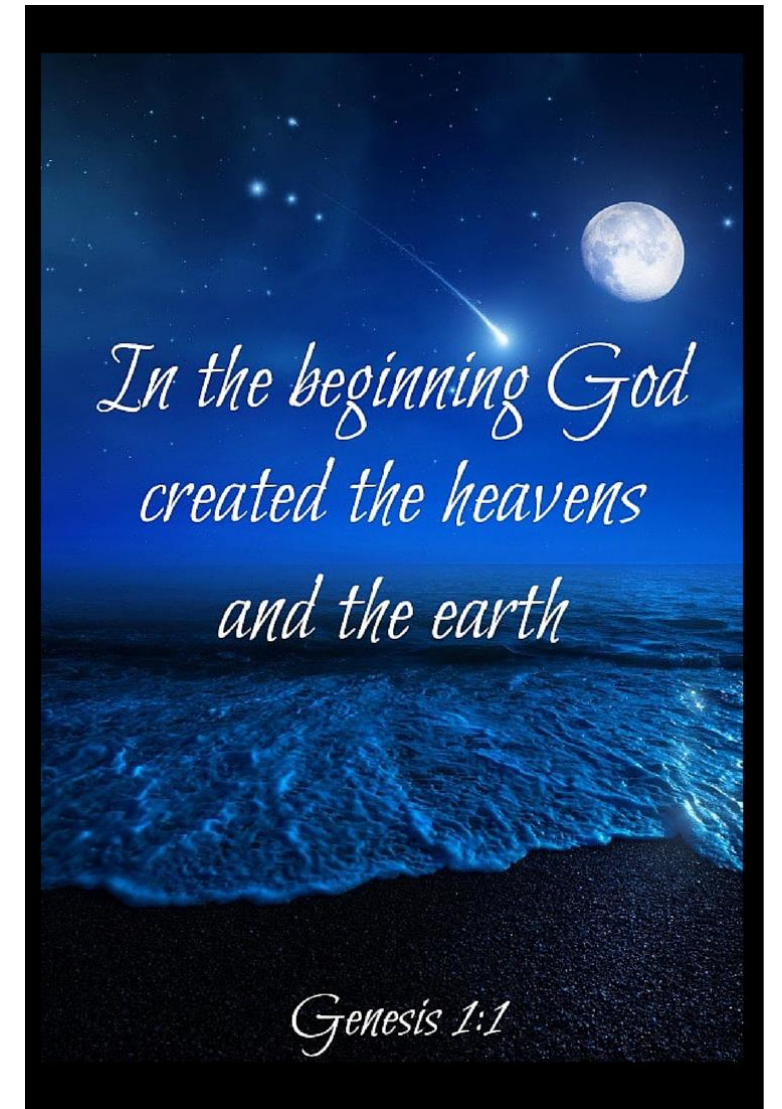
NIAGARA YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The 2018 Kick Off for the Niagara Young Adults Fellowship will be held in Welland at the Grace

Christian Reformed Church **TONIGHT** at 7:30 p.m.

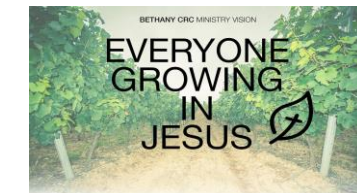
Francis Chans' LIVING CRAZY LOVE is the topic for the first portion of the evening, after which we hope to spend time socializing. If you are of college age and beyond consider joining us. Check out the Facebook page under Niagara Young Adult Fellowship for the latest updates! Questions? Contact Mary Bokma 905-892-0529.

Welcome to Bethany!



Bethany Christian Reformed Church

January 21, 2018
10:00 am



Deep connecting
Lifelong equipping
Compassionate serving

Today in Worship

Genesis 1:26

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Song

"For the Beauty of the Earth" – PH432

*God's Word of greeting

*Songs of Praise

"Jesus Paid it All"

"Grace Like Rain"

The Lord Shows Us His Marvelous Grace

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Children's Song of Thankfulness

"King of Kings & Lord of Lords"

(Bethany Kids ages 3-6 & Jr. GEMS/Cadets ages 7-8 are dismissed)

Prayer for offering

Offerings: 1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Shalom Manor

The Lord Leads Us by His Word & Spirit

Prayer of God's people & for the proclamation of the Word

Bible reading – Genesis 1:26-31 & 2:4-15

Message title "Our God-Created Calling in Creation"

The Lord Moves Us to Celebrate & Serve

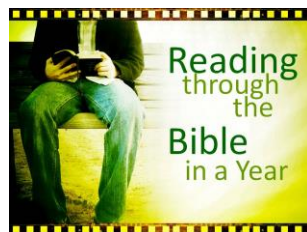
*Song of Response

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" – PH253

*God's Word of Blessing

*Closing song

"All I Have is Christ"



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> January 26	Isaiah 11-13; Mark 4:1-20
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Sermon Notes

1. How do you view your job? What about retirement? How does our sinful nature, the fallen world, and the Devil and his lies impact these views?
2. What do you see in your work (volunteer or paid) that still shows the blessing and love of God for you and His whole creation? How does your work fit into giving glory to God?
3. What does the fact that Revelation 22's vision of the new heaven and earth includes both a developed city and a garden (the tree of life is there!) have to say about God's concern for culture, development, technology, etc? Or are we supposed to all be gardeners?
4. Since the call of God in Genesis 1 is prior to sin, are cultural, material, scientific developments a result of sin or are they all God's gifts, or a mix? Are there any jobs you would say a Christian should not do?
5. How high a priority is the care of creation in the work settings you are a part of? What makes creation care hard to talk about at times?
6. Can you in some sense see how God has placed you in your garden, so to speak, placed you in the work that you are doing right now? How is that visible to you? How does that not seem accurate to you?

Serving Assignments

Today [Please arrive by 9:45am for Nursery & Toddlers]

Adventurers	Vicky D, Austin I
Travelers	Jody V, Nathan D
Discoverers	Becky V, Jessica O
Explorers	Lisa O, Joanne B
Seekers	Sierra K, Karen V, Kylar G
Jr. Cadets	Dan V, Mike B
Dylan	Betty T
Jr. GEMS	Erica G, Annie V
Autism Support Person	Deb P (Cassidy K)
Nursery	Jessica D, Colleen S, Chloe L, Avery W
Toddlers	Pat K, Julianne M, Ayden G
Ushers	Dustin V, Kevin D
Coffee Servers	Nate & Tanya L, Bill & Tina V
Greeters	Ken & Nell O, Harry & Sharon H, Andrea V, Annie V

Next Sunday [Please arrive by 9:45am for Nursery & Toddlers]

Adventurers	Vicky D, Austin I
Travelers	Jody V, Nathan D
Discoverers	Becky V, Jody V
Explorers	Ray & Nicole V, helper
Seekers	Cynthia N, Andria B
Jr. Cadets	Ryan V, Dan V
Dylan	Kevin W
Jr. GEMS	Veronica D, Erika G
Autism Support Person	Cassidy K (Morgan G)
Nursery	Mary B, Hilda D, Marijke V, Madison L
Toddlers	Dave D, Stephanie W, Jayden V
Ushers	Chris S, Mary B
Coffee Servers	Richard & Becky V, Byron & Erika G
Greeters	Cor V, Hans & Hilda D, Ans R, Joanne D
Sunday School Sign In:	Rudy & Debbie B
Heat to Heart: Nursery:	Wendy L, Maria D
Toddler 1:	Rita F, Marijke V
Toddler 2:	Wendy V, Alex W
Rover:	Hilda D, Nellie S

Bethany Congregation Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Lerato VH (21st), Andria B (22nd), Lilly B (23rd), Julianne M (23rd), Betty T (25th), Emma W (25th), Ethan VH (26th), Dave D (27th), Wes J (27th), JJ K (27th), Kristy VS (27th)

Prayers requested

- ❖ **Our Federal Ministry of Employment and Social Development** has added to the Summer Jobs Canada subsidy program the requirement of signing off on an attestation of Canadian Human Rights in order to qualify for funding. The Ministry has also added to that everyone agree with their interpretation of what those rights mean as a condition of receiving funding. The wording ignores the rights of unborn persons as well as the right to freedom from discrimination on the basis of religion and belief especially when those beliefs contradict the federal government's stance on various issues. This is being responded to by a groundswell of organizations and business which this affects. Bethany Council attached to our yearly application for funding for our Summer Day Camp students, a letter of response disagreeing with the Ministry's actions in this regard. Please pray for listening ears in the government and for gracious and clear communications from all those responding to this development. Pray for Christian leaders in our land to use their roles and voices with boldness to call the government to account for this discriminatory action.
- ❖ Keep in prayer **Devon & Lerato V H** as they continue to work on Lerato being able to travel to Canada and re-join her husband.
- ❖ **Anita V's father, John R** (of Abbotsford BC) was discharged from hospital this past week. Pray for ongoing recovery at home for John.
- ❖ **Nell O** is laying low right now resting at home and in the process of more tests and medical appointments. Pray for continued strengthening for her. Please call before any visiting.
- ❖ **Dylan V**, 6yr old son of **Scott & Sonya**, was unable to undergo his surgery at this time because he was not feeling well. It has been postponed to sometime in March/April. Pray for patience for the family as they wait for the new surgery date and for continued protection and good health for little Dylan.
- ❖ Pray for safety and healing for **Klass B** (brother to Dick & Hilbert) as he is to undergo heart surgery this week.
- ❖ We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has sent well wishes, gifts, and dinners since the birth of our precious son, Jed James Peter. We are so thankful for your thoughtfulness and kindness as we adjust to life as a family of 3! **With Gratitude, Brandon & Kristy VS**
- ❖ **Zambia**, one of the areas that Hands@Work ministers, has been hit by a cholera outbreak. The government has responded by banning any gathering of people beyond a few. This makes support and care difficult as well as ongoing ministry work. Pray for a healing from this outbreak and protection for the vulnerable to this disease and patience and wisdom for the Hands@Work personnel.
- **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 & Elisha House Ministries 905-735-9934.** (mention if you are member/regular attender of Bethany)