

Welcome!

When we say the word "church", we easily picture a building of a distinct style that identifies it as a place of worship. In the next number of weeks we will be exploring the Bible's book of Acts. What does our Lord intend the church to be and do? When we invite each other to be part of the church here in Bethany, we don't mean to be part of the furniture or building ☺, but to be living members connected to Jesus and so also to each other. Let's explore together. Pastor Colin.



Visitors/Guests Notes

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

We're on the web!
www.bethanycrc.ca



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.

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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: NACE – Covenant Christian School

NACE is a group of Christian families from many different churches who share a vision for how they can best educate their children. Central to this vision is the idea that our Christian principles are to influence every area of our lives, and that includes the area of education. Having our schools work closely with our families, we believe we can nurture our students in a way that provides consistency and stability for each child.

Upcoming Events

January 7th Elders meeting at 7:30pm
January 16-17th Cadet Snow Derby
January 21st Council meeting at 7:30pm
Coming soon: **Christianity Explored!** An informal 7-week course for people who'd like to investigate Christianity, or just brush up on the basics. Looking at Mark's gospel, it explores who Jesus is, why he came, and what it means to follow him. Sign up via Pastor Colin.

Equipping for Faith Life

Students(Grades 4-12)

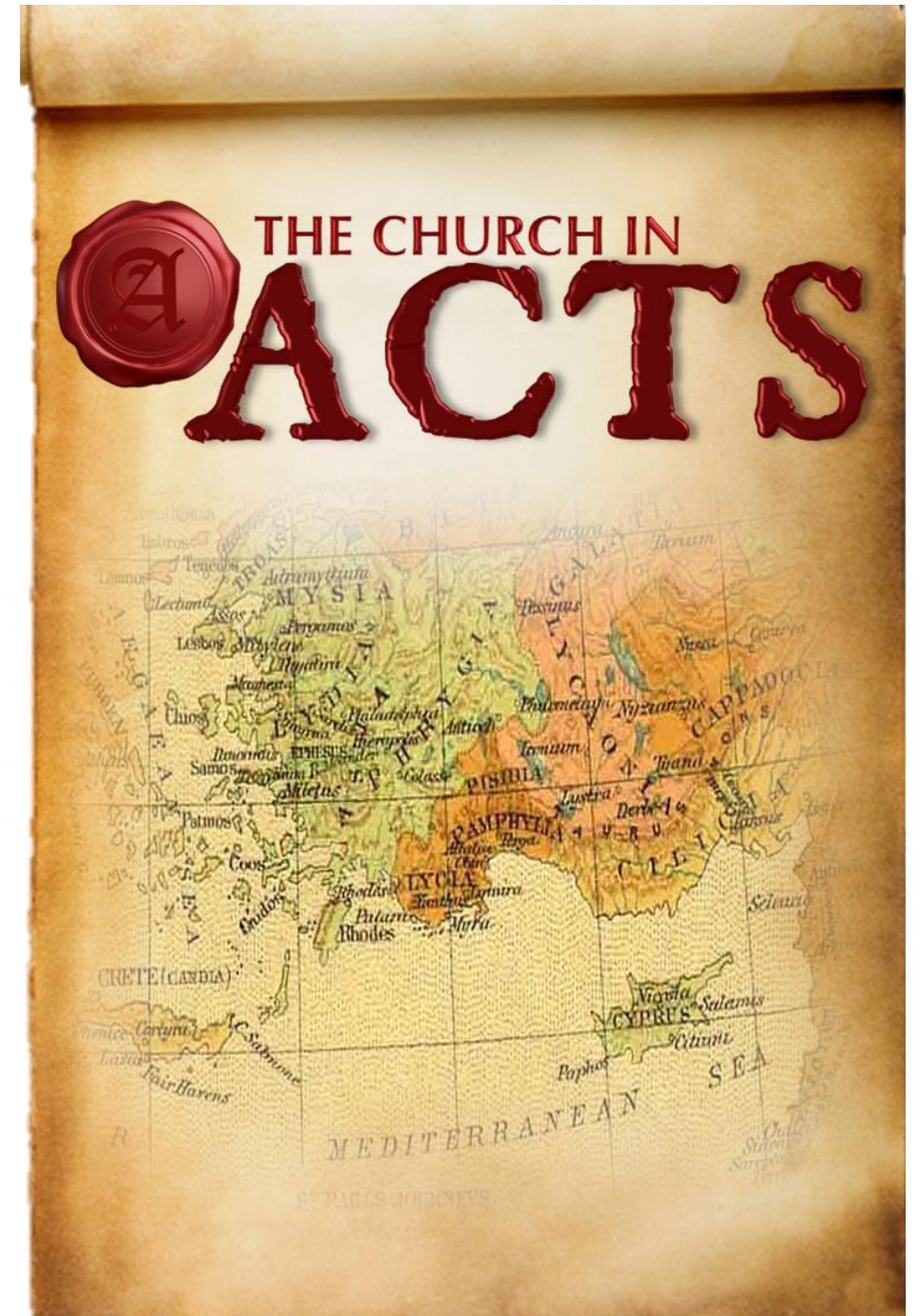
GEMS Mondays 7:00-9:00pm (will resume Jan.12th)
Catechism Tuesdays 7:00-8:00pm
Cadets Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

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



☑ January 4 Genesis 10-12; Romans 4
☑ January 5 Genesis 13-15; Romans 5
☑ January 6 Genesis 16-17; Romans 6
☑ January 7 Genesis 18-19; Romans 7
☑ January 8 Genesis 20-22; Romans 8:1-21
☑ January 9 Genesis 23-24; Romans 8:22-39
☑ January 10 Genesis 25-26; Romans 9:1-15



Bethany Christian Reformed Church

January 4, 2015
9:30am

Today in Worship

the book of ACTS

The Lord Gathers Us

*Opening Songs & God's Word of greeting

"Come Thou Almighty King"

"Our God"

"Behold Our God"

The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Confession – Assurance – Thankful Living & Songs

"Oceans"

"My Life is an Offering"

(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

The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Acts 1 & 2 (p. 949 in bench bibles)

"The Church: the Lord Jesus' Ministry"

We Respond with Joy & Commitment

*God's Word of blessing & closing songs

"There's No God as Great"

"The Solid Rock"

Sermon Notes

Acts 1 & 2 – The Church: the Lord Jesus' Ministry

Serving Assignments

Please arrive by 9:15am for Nursery & Toddlers

Today

Little Lambs	Debbie Prins, Sonya VanDriel
3 year olds	Michelle Langendoen, Cadence Kiers
4 year olds	Christine VanGeest, Cassidy Kiers
5 year olds	Rachel Scholman, Morgan Glasbergen
Nursery-Babies	Laura Janssen, Janelle Agnew, Caroline Janssens, Chloe Lapenna
Toddlers	John Enzlin, Jenni Wierenga, Madison Lapenna
Ushers	Brian Prins, Scott VanDriel
Greeters	John Langendoen, Epp DeVries, Gerry & Tena Evers
Coffee Servers	Chris Smit, Brian & Debbie Prins
Email deRuiters	Chris & Kaitlyn Jorritsma

Next Sunday

Little Lambs	Colleen Slappendel, Maryke VanDriel, Julia Glasbergen
3 year olds	Michelle Langendoen, Cadence Kiers
4 year olds	Christine VanGeest, Cassidy Kiers
5 year olds	Rachel Scholman, Morgan Glasbergen
Nursery-Babies	Jody VanderStelt, Kelly Bosgraaf-Dam, Sandra Stam, Jessica Ormel
Toddlers	Bertha Burke, Hilda Dam, Owen VanHuizen
Ushers	Byron Garner, Dan Scholman
Greeters	Anita Wierenga, Bas & Trudy Slappendel, Kurtis Bouwers, Andria Slappendel, Hans & Hilda Dam
Coffee Servers	Mark & Wendy Vahrmeyer, Nate & Laura Janssen
Email deRuiters	Olu Kamson

Heart to Heart (this Friday)	Nursery: Karen Langendoen, Ann Hook, Tina Vahrmeyer, Sharon Hielema Toddlers: Caroline Janssens, Rita Forestell Rover: Nellie Scholman
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If you are interested in serving please contact the office

Bethany Family Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Vicky DenBak, Anthony Hanemaayer, Hunter Lane, Matt Dam

Anniversaries this week

None this week

Prayers requested

- ❖ Keep Harrison Exelby in your prayers as well. He is a grade 9 student at Smithville Christian Highschool who was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma cancer - a tumour around his heart. He is currently being treated very aggressively with chemo and is responding quite well.
- ❖ Shelby Kremer's 14 year old brother Dalton continues his cancer treatments. He has another month of daily chemotherapy and then hopes to be able to start highschool in February. Pray for healing for Dalton and strength to endure the treatments. Pray also for Shelby and her family as their grandma was recently diagnosed with advanced stage cancer. Pray for comfort as they walk this journey with her and may God's grace uphold them all.
- ❖ May the Lord watch over all our little ones in a season often fraught with colds and flues.
- ❖ Pray for safe travel for college and university students heading back to their campuses. Pray for teachers and students at all levels for a blessing on their start again in their callings in education
- ❖ Pray for those who have upcoming medical tests to follow up with previous illnesses. May your receive encouraging news and God's grace in every situation.
- ❖ Continue to pray for those dealing with ongoing infirmity due to age, illness or injury: Nancy Manns, Luke Smit, Hermien Korten, and others.
- ❖ Keep Melanie Tempelman in your prayers as she deals with anxiety that often prohibits her from doing many things she would love to do. Pray for patience in adjusting to these new circumstances as well as wisdom for her and physicians as they explore medications. May the Lord grant effective help for Melanie and for others among us who deal with such ongoing conditions.
- ❖ Pray for those who are dealing with cancer-Kevin Vanderlee (Denise Glasbergen's brother), Wilma VanHuizen (Ray VanHuizen's mother).
- ❖ Pray for those who have lost a loved one and find this Christmas Season difficult. Pray for comfort for Frank & Diane Dam in the recent loss of Frank's brother-in-law Bert DenHartog. Pray for Bert's widow Sylvia and the whole family as they mourn. May the peace of Christ fill their hearts.

*"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*