

# EASTER 2016

May the God of our salvation through the Risen One, bless you this Easter Sunday! Despite all that is happening in this world, today around the world, the Church, the Bride of Christ celebrates the victory of Jesus over death and Hell. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given into the living, nail scarred hands of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! He reigns! May the Spirit's free gift of faith root our daily lives in service of the King of kings and Lord of lords.

"We wish you a blessed Easter celebration filled with the Risen Lord's loving and comforting presence." Pastor Colin & Anita and family.

## 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](http://www.bethanycrc.ca)

## Connecting

**Church Office** Denise Glasbergen 905-892-8980  
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**Pastor** Colin Vander Ploeg 905-931-5841 [call/text]  
colin@bethanycrc.ca  
**Youth Director** Andrea Veldhuizen 905-975-8484 [call/text]  
andrea@bethanycrc.ca  
**Children's Ministry** Lorraine Wierenga 905-892-6961  
lorraine@bethanycrc.ca  
**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](http://www.crcna.org)

Devon Van Hoffen serving in Africa. Email Devon at [devon@handsatwork.org](mailto:devon@handsatwork.org)

Follow Devon on his blog at [www.devonvanhoffen.wordpress.com](http://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, April 3:** Baptism & profession of faith of Nancy Martin & re-affirmation of faith of Ed Bouwers. Praise the Lord!

**Next Sunday offering:** Pelham Cares

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month



### Faith Instruction (Catechism) every

Tuesday at 7:00pm @ the church for  
grades 9-12. (not during Spring Break)

### MERGE (youth group) meets

Meets every other Sunday from 7-9  
for grades 9-12 at church.



### 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](mailto: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!

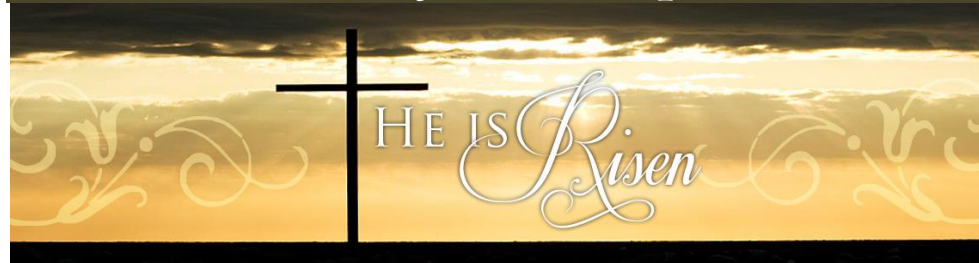
Let us rejoice in the Lord together!



**Bethany Christian Reformed Church**

March 27, 2016  
9:30am

## Today in Worship



### The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome

Call to worship: Luke 24:28-35 (p. 923)

\*Opening songs

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

“This Joyful Eastertide”

\*God’s Word of greeting

\*Song of Praise

“See, What a Morning”

### The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Confession

God’s Word of Assurance

Song of response

“In Christ Alone”

God’s Call to Faithful Living

Children’s Song of thankfulness

“Alive, Alive, Alive forevermore”

**(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: Matthew 28:1-10 (p. 870)

Message: “Easter Sunday-Sight”

Prayer of blessing on the message

### The Lord Sends Us Out to Celebrate & Serve

\*Song of Response

“A Shout Rings Out, a Joyful Voice”

\*God’s Word of blessing

\*Closing Song

“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”



March 27  
 March 28  
 March 29  
 March 30  
 March 31  
 April 1  
 April 2

Proverbs 10-12; Titus 1  
Proverbs 13-15; Titus 2  
Proverbs 16-18; Titus 3  
Proverbs 19-21; Hebrews 1  
Proverbs 22-24; Hebrews 2  
Proverbs 25-26; Hebrews 3  
Proverbs 27-29; Hebrews 4

## Sermon follow-up questions

1. Christians sometimes say that they “see Jesus” today. In what ways is this true? How do we see Jesus today?
2. The travelers to Emmaus finally recognized Jesus when he broke bread with them. The Church has always seen in this at least a foreshadowing of the Lord’s Supper if not a direct reference. Talk about how we celebrate the Lord’s Supper ... in what ways is Jesus revealed to us in that?
3. Historically we in the Reformed tradition talk of the sacraments as a “means of grace.” How is grace communicated in the sacraments? What has been your personal experience of receiving that ministry of the Spirit during either of the sacraments?
4. Read Matthew 28:1-10 ... Why did Jesus send his disciples to Galilee? Now read Mark 16:1-8 ... as the Bible translators indicate, the earliest copies of Mark 16 end at verse 8. What is this sending of disciples to Galilee really about (see vs 7)? What does this mean for the work of the Church? Where is Jesus revealed?
5. If Jesus goes ahead of His disciples, and ascends to the throne room of God as King of kings and Lord of lords, what attitudes about the ministry of the church should we hold to?

## Serving Assignments

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

**3 Year olds-A** Wendy Vahrmeyer, Lauren VanHuizen, Haley Glasbergen

**3 Year olds-B** Christine VanGeest, Connor DenBak

**4 Year olds** Ann Kiers, Jesse VanHoorn

**5 Year olds** Jen/Kevin DeBoer, Gabi VanSoelen

**6 Year olds** Sharon Hielema, Ray Wubs

**7 & 8 Year olds** Lisa Ormel, Joanne Benson

**Courtney** Rita Forestell

**Dylan** Chris Smit

**Nursery** Tanya Lane, Jody VanHoorn, Karina Wierenga, Ella Nauta

**Toddlers** Jeff VanderStelt, Evan VanHuizen, Laura Klapwyk

**Ushers** Chris Smit, Mary Bokma

**Coffee Servers** Brian & Karina Wierenga, Henry & Barb Janssen

**Greeters** Cor & Ina VanSoelen, Hans & Hilda Dam, Ans Roorda, Mark Vahrmeyer, Colin de Roos, Joanne Dam

**Next Sunday**

**3 Year olds-A** Aimie VanLochem, Cadence Kiers

**3 Year olds-B** Veronica Slappendel, Lauren Dam

**4 Year olds** Stephanie Beldman, Josh de Roos

**5 Year olds** Jen/Kevin DeBoer, Nathan DenBak

**6 Year olds** Diana Slappendel, Morgan Glasbergen

**7 & 8 Year olds** Jen Kiers, Andria Slappendel

**Courtney** Mackenzie Kremer

**Dylan** Betty Twomey

**Nursery** Hilda Dam, Erika Garner, Lauran Janssen, Kaleigh Scholman

**Toddlers** Andrea Veldhuizen, Cassidy Kiers, Dan VanGeest

**Ushers** Brian Prins, Scott VanDriel

**Coffee Servers** Ed & Jacqueline Slappendel, Ralph & Brittany Terpstra

**Greeters** John Langendoen, Epp DeVries, Vicky DenBak, Nellie Scholman, Gerry Evers

**Heart to Heart: Storytime:** Lauran Dam & helper

**Nursery:** Betty Gritter, Sylvia Damm, Caroline Janssens

**Toddlers:** Coby Bosgraaf, Tina Vahrmeyer

**If you are interested in serving please contact the office**

## Bethany Family Updates & Prayers

### Birthdays this week

Harry Hielema, Ken Langendoen, Brian Tempelman, Gracie VanderStelt, Rogue VanderStelt, Sharon Hielema, Braden Marr, Brittany Terpstra, Rosie Enzlin, Gerrit Vermeer, Kevin Wierenga, Kurt Sikkens, Mark Vahrmeyer

### Anniversaries this week

Steve & Elaine VanHoorn, Chris & Luke Smit

### Prayers requested

- ❖ Continue to pray for an opportunity to help a Syrian Family resettle in the Niagara region. Pray that the Canadian government will fulfill their promises of the numbers of refugees and also accept private help for the families sitting in motels while the government seems to be stalled in the process of resettlement for them. Pray for wisdom for the Pelham Syrian Refugee Constituent Group leadership as they work to navigate a constantly changing situation.
- ❖ Pray for the Lord’s perfect love to drive out fear, especially in the face of war and terrorism. May His Kingdom come and His will be done.
- ❖ Pray for **Izaak DeKlerk** (Nancy Martin’s grandson) who was admitted to McMaster Children’s Hospital with health concerns. As he undergoes tests, pray for healing for him and peace for his parents, Patricia & Chris and for Nancy and family.
- ❖ Pray for **George Kowalski** as he faces the transition to living in a care facility. Pray for peace and acceptance and comfort in grieving another change in life for him. (address in Bugle)
- ❖ Pray for **Lynn Dam** (sister-in-law to Hans, Frank & Louis) and **Stacie Horinga** (Martha Sikkens’ niece), and **Tim Robson** (Mike’s dad) who are all struggling with cancer. Pray for a measure of healing for them. May the peace of the Risen Lord surround them and their families in this difficult time.
- ❖ Continue to pray for **Wilma VanHuizen** (Ray’s mother) who is in hospital with pneumonia and is also sick from her cancer treatments. She won't have chemo this week and will be in the hospital for this week. She is very weak and we are praying that she will be able to return home soon.
- ❖ Pray for comfort for all those who mourn the recent loss of loved ones, especially during the Easter weekend as families gather and their absence is keenly felt.

*Need of support or want to talk to someone?*

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

*or confidential counselling services Bethany supports: SHALEM network 866-347-0041 (mention if you are member/regular attender of Bethany) or Elisha House Ministries 905-735-9934.*