

Welcome to Bethany
 As we celebrate God's amazing grace giving Him honor and glory in all things, we are also called this morning to examine our giving as Christians and as a congregation. Is it about us or about God? May the Holy Spirit fill us with His guidance and joy.

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.

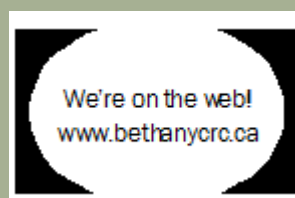
All are welcome to join afterwards for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Why Are We Here?

Bethany ministry vision:

Everyone Growing in Jesus!

deep connecting—lifelong equipping—compassionate serving



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 8:00am – time of praise, prayer, & preparation

Pre-service Prayer 9:15am – Council & worship leaders (in Multi-use room)

Upcoming

Next Sunday's offering: Shalom Manor

Next Sunday's Children's Song: "This Little Light of Mine"

Next Sunday: Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Nov 16th – Cadets & GEMS leaders safe church training 8:30 pm

Nov. 19th – Reflections Bible Study will meet at 7:30pm at Tim & Marlene 289-897-8875

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 at 905-975-8484



Authentic Manhood "A Man & His Fatherhood" –

Wednesday Evenings till November 8th at Bethany 7:30pm refreshments, 8pm video & discussion.

Men's Bible Study – Tuesdays at 6:00am (coffee

provided!)

Women's Coffee Break – Tuesdays at Grace CRC at 9:30am

Heart to Heart (women) – Fridays at 9:30am

Women's Bible Study – Meets Thursday evening at 7pm at Joyce DeRoo's house.

We are studying 1&2 Peter and Jude (Life Guide Bible Studies). All ladies are welcome!



NIAGARA YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Fenwick Young Adults will be hosting the Niagara Young Adult Fellowship at the Bethany CRC in

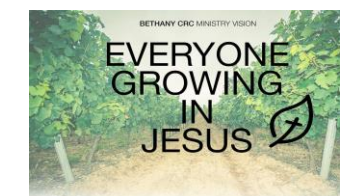
Fenwick on November 19th at 7:30 p.m. We will be discussing Francis Chan "Crazy Love". Once we encounter the love of God it should change the way we live our lives. This time of self-examination could be the most important of your life. If you are of college age and beyond please consider joining us. Check out our Facebook page under Niagara Young Adult Fellowship.

Welcome to Bethany!



Bethany Christian Reformed Church

November 12, 2017
10:30am



Deep connecting
Lifelong equipping
Compassionate serving

Connecting

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Worship Director Karina Wierenga 289-686-9461 [text]
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Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome & Announcements (fill in disabilities survey!)

*Call to worship: Psalm 115:1

*Opening Song

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

*God’s Word of greeting

*Songs of praise

“Be Still and Know” – LUYH907

“And I Believe”

The Lord Shows Us His Marvelous Grace

Prayer of Confession (from Prone to Wander by Duguid & Houk)

God’s Word of Assurance: 1Peter 1:3-9 (p 1065)

Song of Response

“Grace Like Rain”

God’s Call to Faithful Living: Matthew 6:19-24 (p 844)

*Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“Clap Your Hands” – PH166

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

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Open Arms Mission

Prayers of God’s people & for the proclamation of the Word

The Lord Leads Us by His Word & Spirit

Bible reading – 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (p 1011)

Message title “Intentional, proportional giving: it’s a God thing”

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us to Celebrate & Serve

*Song of Response

“10,000 Reasons”

*God’s Word of Blessing

*Closing song “Because He Lives (Amen)”

Sermon notes

1. How do you feel when you read passages like 2Cor 8? Guilty? Indifferent? Excited? Encouraged?
2. Why are we so shy to talk about our incomes and money spending and giving? What fears do we have about this? Examine those fears one by one in light of what we know of God and His love and care.
3. Share with each other how you go about determining what to give to the cause of Christ? Where do you give?
4. What place should the local church have among the many places to which we can give?
5. Should we only be giving to Christian causes? In other words, how vast is Christ’s kingdom rule?
6. Share any stories you may have about times you stopped giving or started giving or changed your giving. What impact did that time have on you?
7. What are some of the best motivations to be generous?

Serving Assignments

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

Adventurers Jenni/Anita W, Karson V
Travelers Mackenzie K, Austin O
Discoverers Stephanie B, Emma W
Explorers Christine V, Kristina B, Lauren V
Seekers Jerry & Jen K
Dylan Kelly R
Jr. Cadets Bryan D, James S
Jr. GEMS Jenny D, Rosie E
Autism Support Person – Council Room –Morgan G (Vicky D)
Nursery Deb B, Stephanie W, Cassidy K, Avery W
Toddlers Kurtis/Glenda B, Pat K, Kaleigh S
Ushers Byron G, Louie D
Coffee Servers Pete & Lorraine W, Dan & Rachel S
Greeters Anita W, Kurtis B, Andria B, Andy V
Sunday School Sign In: Frank D

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Discoverers Stephanie B, Emma W
Explorers Lisa O, Joanne B, Lauren V
Seekers Sierra K, Karen V, Kylar G
Dylan Betty T
Jr. Cadets Ryan V, Bryan D
Jr. GEMS Rachel S, Rosie E
Autism Support Person – Council Room – Vicky D (Deb P)
Nursery Joanne D, Denise G, Kelly D, Luke V
Toddlers Scott V, Andrea V, Shawn M
Ushers Dustin V, Kevin D
Coffee Servers Bill & Tina V, Hank & Coby B
Greeters Ken & Nell O, Harry & Sharon H, Andrea V, Annie V
Sunday School Sign In: Pete & Denise G
Heart to Heart: Friday – Nursery: Tina V, Hennie V, Kathleen K
Toddler 1: Chris S, Wendy L
Toddler 2: Colleen S, Nellie S

Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Theresa T, Bertha B, Owen J

Anniversaries this week

None this week

Prayers requested

- ❖ Pray for the **CRC Youth Ministry Champions** (Classis Niagara’s is Anna Bailey) and other staff leaders as they work to equip congregations to minister well to youth and young adults.
- ❖ Parts of our communities are deeply affected by addiction and broken lives that result. A group of men are seeking the Lord’s guidance in how to respond to some specific neighborhoods in St. Catharines in particular. Pray for the Spirit’s leading and for the light of God’s grace to break into those dark places. (for more info, talk to Clare VS).
- ❖ Pray for **John & Debbie V** as John has been moved to a care facility. Pray for John’s adjustment to the new living arrangements and for Debbie for wisdom and strength in walking this journey of changes.
- ❖ Pray for **Ann VL** underwent cancer surgery this past week and now awaits results. Give thanks that the surgery could take place and that Ann is back home again recovering. May the Lord grant her healing.
- ❖ Continue praying for healing for **Anita W** on her cancer journey.
- ❖ **Harry H’s son Gregg** continues his treatments. May the Lord grant him healing and strength.
- ❖ Pray for **Catharine S (sister-in-law of Grace V)** who has had cancer return in a very difficult way. Pray for the Lord’s grace for her and husband Simon and their family. The Lord can heal all so we ask for His gracious hand. Above all we ask His comforting and assuring presence in this difficult time.

- **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)



BIBLE
Reading Plan

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> November 12	1 Chronicles 4-6; Luke 1:1-20
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