

# Welcome to Bethany Christian Reformed Church!

November 2, 2014

**Striving to grow as a God honouring community  
witnessing for Christ.**

**Join the journey!**

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**New here?** Feel free to fill out the Visitor/Prayer Card in the bench and drop it in any offering bag. ☺

Child-care is available for both infants and toddlers located in the lower level of the church.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HEARING ASSIST DEVICES AVAILABLE FROM USHERS.**

Sermons are on the web [www.bethanycrc.ca](http://www.bethanycrc.ca)

➡ **Bethany** is part of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org)

➡ **We partner 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 Highschool, Friendship Club.

➡ **... and globally**

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\*Elise Wierenga serving in Utila,

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## Worship Service

[\* = Please stand if able; PH=blue song book]

### ✠ THE LORD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

\*Opening Song.....Ancient Words

\*God's Word of greeting

\*Greeting one another in Jesus' name

\*Songs of praise.....In Christ Alone

.....Oceans

### ✠ THE LORD SHOWS US HIS GRACE

Prayer of confession

God's assurance of pardon

Living in His grace

\*Song of Response.....I Will Glory in My Redeemer

**(Children ages 3-8 invited downstairs for Sunday School)**

Prayer for offering

Giving in thanks in proportion to God's provision:

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. World Hunger-Peter Fish

Prayers of God's People

### ✠ THE LORD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

\*Song of Preparation.....Speak, O Lord

Bible reading: 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

Message title "Taking hold of what lasts"

Prayer of application

### ✠ WE RESPOND WITH JOY & COMMITMENT

\*Song of response

.....PH682 Before the Throne of God Above

& There is a Redeemer vs.3

\*God's Word of blessing

\*Closing praise.....All I Have is Christ

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

## Today

8:30am Prayer time before the service. The Prayer Team gathers in Sunday School Rm#3 to intercede for God's people, as they worship in Spirit & in Truth.

9:30am Worship

4:30pm 1 Peter Bible Study

## This Week

Mon. 7:00pm GEMS

Tues. 9:30am Coffee Break at Grace CRC in Welland  
7:00pm Faith Instruction for grades 9-12 (Catechism)

Wed. 7:30 Elders meeting

Thurs. 7:00pm Cadets  
7:30pm 1 Peter Bible Study

Fri. 9:30am Heart to Heart  
Nursery: Sharon Hielema, Chris Smit, Ann Hook,  
Karen Langendoen  
Toddler: Rita Forestell, Caroline Janssens  
Rover: Tina Vahrmeyer

## Next Sunday

8:30am Prayer Time downstairs in Sunday School Rm#3

9:30am Worship

4:30pm 1 Peter Bible Study

## Future dates

November 12<sup>th</sup>—Classis Niagara (regional church assembly)  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Seniors Christmas Dinner** - Please join us on Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> for our Annual Seniors Christmas Dinner hosted by the Bethany CRC Deacons. Invitations will be in your mail slots by Sunday November 9. Please RSVP by November 23. Bethany CRC Deacons.



*"Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord" Ps. 134:1*

### Bethany Updates & Prayers

**Birthdays:** Cor VanSoelen, Sid Bakker, Kurtis Bouwers, Mike Forestell, Laura Klapwyk, Caleb Veldhuizen, Joseph Vander Ploeg, Colleen Keizer, Annie Vahrmeyer, Clinton Wierenga

**Anniversaries:** none this week

**WEDDING BELLS:** May the Lord bless **Tyler Agnew & Janelle Roorda** who will be united in marriage, Lord willing, Saturday, Nov. 8 at 4PM here in Bethany CRC. Pastor Colin will be officiating.

#### Prayers requested:

-**Marian Damm** suffered a fall recently that broke her leg. She underwent surgery to set it and is home again recovering. Give thanks the surgery went well. It will be at least 6 weeks before she can put any weight on it. Pray for patience for Marian & Louis and family and for healing.

-**Dylan VanDriel** will be going to Sick Kids Hospital for a 6-8 hour EEG this Friday. Pray for answers to the cause of Dylan's seizures.

-Give thanks that **Nick Kiers** (grandson of Gerry & Tena Evers) is doing very well. May the Lord grant him complete recovery.

-Remember those who are dealing with cancer:

- **Nancy Manns** received good test results after her surgery, praise the Lord. May the Lord grant her a steady recovery.

-**Karel Vahrmeyer** (father of Karl Vahrmeyer Sr.) had faced a number of complicating health challenges as a result of the cancer and its treatments. Pray for grace and wisdom for this family as they navigate difficult situations. And pray for grace and peace for Karel & Nettie especially.

-**Kevin Vanderlee** (Denise Glasbergen's brother) received his CT scan results which doctors were please with. This coming week he will start the process of stem cell replacement. Pray for strength in the long road ahead of him yet.

-**Linda** (daughter of Henk & Helen Fennema), **Wilma VanHuizen** (Ray's mother), **Dalton Jacques** (brother to Shelby Kramer), -and others in our circles ...

-May the God of all comfort surround those who mourn with His gracious care. Pray for comfort for **Bill & Mary Koudys** and family and **Chloe & Madison Lapenna** in the recent loss of daughter and mother, Heather.

-I, Netty Damm would like to say thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, flowers and meals. We very much appreciate it! I'm currently 25 weeks pregnant now and I go back to McMaster on

Thursday but as of right now things are still up in the air, we don't know what the outcome will be at the end of this all but at least baby is healthy so we just wait to see if there's a change. We also are now also dealing with more hurdles as Marian broke her leg over the weekend and is awaiting surgery, she was taking care of the boys for us but now she is on bed rest as well. We are taking it a day at a time and praying for peace of mind and strength for us both.

-Members of the Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria (CRCN), a sister church of the Christian Reformed Church, request prayers after two churches were attacked and around 30 people were killed during their church services on Sunday, Oct. 19, according to reports. Among those who died were Pastor Yohanna of the CRCN in Sondi and his only son. Yohanna has served as a pastor for 19 years. Pray for a peaceful resolution to prevent further attacks and pray that this church official's call for forgiveness will be heard.

#### Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update

Doing ministry together: report up to September 30, 2014

	PLAN	ACTUAL
Bethany Income	\$291,296.88	\$276,379.05
Bethany Expenses	\$291,296.88	\$295,162.99
Collected for Classis	\$9,965.07	\$9,965.07
Collected for CRC	\$43,953.68	\$43,953.68
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offering last two weeks (Sept 28 <sup>th</sup> & Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup> )		
Cadets.....		\$30.00
Shalom "Raise the Roof Campaign" .....		\$725.00
NACE.....		\$469.00
Deacons.....		\$512.00

#### Offerings

The 1<sup>st</sup> offering today will be for the ministries here at Bethany & the CRC and the 2<sup>nd</sup>: World Hunger-Peter Fish

#### Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> offering: Shalom Manor

A Christian non-profit long term care facility in Grimsby, owned and operated by the Deacons of the Hamilton and Niagara CRC's and governed by a board of directors. Shalom offers accommodations to senior citizens at all levels of care.

#### Is it your turn to serve today? 😊

##### Children's Church/Sunday School:

**Little Lambs-**Debbie Prins, Sonya VanDriel

**3 year olds-** Jody VanderStelt, Tyler Glasbergen

**4 year olds-** Karen Bylsma, Kean Veldhuizen

**5 year olds-**Becky VanLochem, Emma Wubs

**\*\*Attention All Sitters: please arrive no later than 9:15am when it is your turn to serve in the Nursery/Toddler Room-thanks\*\***

**Nursery-Babies:** Lorraine Wierenga, Vicky DenBak, Morgan Glasbergen

**Toddlers:** Margaret DeVries, Sarah Janssen, Colin deRoos

**Projection:** James

**Sound:** Mike

**Ushers:** Brian Prins, Scott VanDriel

**Greeters:** Maria DeJonge, John Langendoen, Epp DeVries, Gerry & Tena Evers

**Coffee Servers:** Frank & Mary Bouwers, John & Joanne Hanemaayer

**Email / Letter to de Ruiters:** Darren & Evelyn Hoekstra

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#### Is it your turn to serve next Sunday? 😊

##### Children's Church/Sunday School:

**Little Lambs-**Colleen Slappendel, Marijke VanDriel, Julia Glasbergen

**3 year olds-** Jody VanderStelt, Tyler Glasbergen

**4 year olds-** Karen Bylsma, Kean Veldhuizen

**5 year olds-**Becky VanLochem, Emma Wubs

**Nursery-Babies:** Ann Kiers, Nell Overbeeke, Natalie Langendoen

**Toddlers:** Rachel Scholman, Andrea Veldhuizen, James Slappendel

**Projection:** Darren W

**Sound:** Ed

**Ushers:** Byron Garner, Dan Scholman

**Greeters:** Anita Wierenga, Bas & Trudy Slappendel, Kurtis Bouwers, Andria Slappendel, Hans & Hilda Dam

**Coffee Servers:** Rob & Glenda Bouwers, Bill & Alice Thies

**Email / Letter to de Ruiters:** Ann Hook