

Welcome to Bethany Christian Reformed Church!

November 23, 2014

**Striving to grow as a God honouring community
witnessing for Christ.
Join the journey!**

To contact Bethany:

Church office: 905-892-8980 info@bethanycrc.ca

Pastor Colin: 905-892-7745 colin@bethanycrc.ca

- 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

➞ **Bethany** is part of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. 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**

*Tom & Deb deRuiter who are serving in Mali, West Africa
adiallo_78@hotmail.com

*Devon Van Hoffen serving in Africa. Check out his blog at

www.devonvanhoffen.wordpress.com

email: devon@handsatwork.org

*Elise Wierenga serving in Utila,

Honduras. Visit www.cten.ca/elisewierenga.

Worship Service

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

✠ THE LORD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

- *Opening Song
.....PH335 Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes
- *God's Word of greeting
- *Greeting one another in Jesus' name
- *Songs of praise.....By Faith
.....Emmanuel, Emmanuel

✠ THE LORD SHOWS US HIS GRACE

- Song of Confession.....I Have a Shelter in the Storm
God's assurance of pardon
Living in His grace
- *Song of Response.....Grace and Peace
(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. Deacons

Prayers of God's People

✠ THE LORD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

- Bible reading: 1 Peter 3:8-22 (pg.1067)
- Message title "Safe in the middle of it all"
- Prayer of application

✠ WE RESPOND WITH JOY & COMMITMENT

- *Song of response
.....PH446 If You But Trust in God to Guide You
- *God's Word of blessing
- *Closing praise.....My Friends May You Grow in Grace

*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 & potluck supper

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. 7:30pm Congregational meeting

Thurs. 7:00pm Cadets

Fri. 9:30am Heart to Heart

Nursery: Mary Bouwers, Joanne Kiers, Karen Langendoen, Betty Gritter

Toddlers: Maria DeJonge, Caroline Janssens

Rover: Coby Bosgraaf

Next Sunday

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

9:30am Worship

Coming next week....new bulletin format

Future dates

December 3rd - **Seniors Christmas Dinner** - Please join us on Wednesday December 3rd for our Annual Seniors Christmas Dinner hosted by the Bethany CRC Deacons. Please RSVP by today. Bethany CRC Deacons.

Bethany Updates & Prayers

Birthdays: Samantha VanLochem, Matt Johnston

Anniversaries: Jeff & Jody VanderStelt

Wedding Bells: Elise Wierenga & Josue Alexander Nunez

Cabieles are scheduled to be married before the Lord and His people in Honduras, Lord willing, on Friday November 28. We pray a blessing on their journey together as husband and wife and safety for all travelling there for the wedding. We also pray for the Lord to remove the roadblocks in immigration for Josue's to come here to Canada (see update newsletter).

Prayers requested:

-Pray for our **CRC chaplains** who work in all kinds of settings from prisons to hospitals and care homes to industrial and government settings to military units around the world. Pray for the Spirit to use their ministries powerfully in all the varied contexts. Pray also for them and their families as many are serving away from home.

-**Dustin & Karissa Vantwel's niece, Suri** continues to be treated for her burns and is making some progress. Pray for God's healing hand on this little girl.

-Pray for **Dylan VanDriel** that the test he underwent this past Friday will give insight to doctors and a path of further help for him in dealing with seizures

-Continue to pray for ongoing strength for **Nancy Manns**.

-Continue to uphold **Karel & Nettie Vahrmeyer**. Pray for peace and wisdom for this family as they travel this road of suffering and grace.

-**Kevin Vanderlee** (Denise Glasbergen's brother) stem cell extraction went well (they retrieved more than they need to do the transplant). On Saturday he will be admitted to Jurvinski where he will have 2 days of chemo, then transplant on Dec.4th.

-**Wilma VanHuizen** (Ray's mother) continues with medical treatments from her cancer.

-and others in our circles ...

-Pray for comfort for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

This past week the Lord called home to Himself Mrs. **Wikje Van Marrum**. We give thanks for the long life she lived as a child of her Heavenly Father. She is now in glory. May the Lord comfort her family and friends in this saying farewell for now.

Thank You

I would like to thank our church family for the prayers, cards and meals we received while I was in hospital and recovering at home from back surgery. The Lord has been with both Dick and myself during this time and continues to strengthen me during physiotherapy at the Shaver clinic. May He grant complete healing. Psalm 91 – Eb Bokma

Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update

Doing ministry together: report up to October 31, 2014

| | PLAN | ACTUAL |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Bethany Income | \$323,663.20 | \$304,611.05 |
| Bethany Expenses | \$323,663.20 | \$334,282.13 |
| Collected for Classis | \$11,072.30 | \$9,965.07 |
| Collected for CRC | \$48,692.10 | \$43,953.68 |
| 2 nd Offering last two weeks (Nov.9 th & 16 th) | | |
| Deacons..... | | \$25.00 |
| Shalom Manor..... | | \$335.00 |
| World Hunger-Peter Fish Campaign..... | | \$35.00 |
| Back to God Ministries..... | | \$609.00 |

Offerings

The 1st offering today will be for the ministries here at Bethany & the CRC and the 2nd: Deacons

Next week's 2nd offering: NACE – Covenant Christian School

Is it your turn to serve today? ☺

Children's Church/Sunday School:

Little Lambs- Aimie VanLochem, Holly Robson, Mackenzie Kremer

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: Denise Glasbergen, Kaitlyn Jorritsma, Joanne Hanemaayer

Toddlers: Lynn Janssen, Jacqueline Slappendel, Tawnya VanHoorn

Projection: Veronica

Sound: Mike

Ushers: Chris Smit, Mary Bokma

Greeters: Cor & Ina VanSoelen, Gerry & Cynthia Vermeer, Joanne Dam

Coffee Servers: Kevin & Betty Twomey, Hans & Hilda Dam

Email / Letter to de Ruiters: Dylan Janssen & Rebecca Neudorf

Address: Mr. Tom and Deb de Ruiters, B.P.2210, Bamako, Mali, West Africa – adiallo_78@hotmail.com

Is it your turn to serve next Sunday? ☺

Children's Church/Sunday School:

Little Lambs- Richard VanLochem, Kelly Slappendel

3 year olds- Jody VanderStelt, Tyler Glasbergen

4 year olds- Karen Bylsma, Kean Veldhuizen

5 year olds- Becky VanLochem, Emma Wubs

Nursery-Babies: Anne-Marie Wubs, Sonya VanDriel, Jenny DeBoer, Kaitlyn Langendoen

Toddlers: Joanne Benson, Cynthia Nauta, James Vander Veen

Projection: Kurt

Sound: Ed

Ushers: Dustin Vantwel, Scott VanDriel

Coffee Servers: John & Rosie Enzlin, Karl & Wilma Vahrmeyer

Email / Letter to de Ruiters: Henry & Barb Janssen