

# Welcome!

This is the first Sunday of Advent. Our focus is God is Love. Pastor Colin is off today recovering from the flu. We welcome Bert deBolster this morning to lead us in our worship service.



## 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.

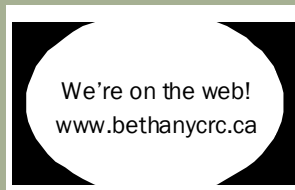
## LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.

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!



## Connecting

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| <b>Administrator</b> Denise Glasbergen       | 905-892-8980<br>info@bethanycrc.ca               |
| <b>Pastor</b> Colin Vander Ploeg             | 905-931-5841 [call/text]<br>colin@bethanycrc.ca  |
| <b>Youth Director</b> Andrea Veldhuizen      | 905-975-8484 [call/text]<br>andrea@bethanycrc.ca |
| <b>Children's Ministry</b> Lorraine Wierenga | 905-892-6961<br>lorraine@bethanycrc.ca           |
| <b>Worship</b> Karina Wierenga               | 289-897-8578<br>karinawierenga@gmail.com         |
| Brittany Terpstra                            | rbterpstra@gmail.com                             |

## 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.

**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](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)

**Konnect 20** – meets for coffee at Pete & Denise Glasbergen's home right after the morning service today.

**Reflections Bible Study** meets at George & Betty Gritter's, 13 Strathcona Drive, at 7:30. Please read the Introduction and Chapter 1 of Evangelism Without Additives. New members always welcome.

## Upcoming

**Next Sunday offering:** Friendship

**Nov.28<sup>th</sup>** – Elders meeting at 7:30pm

**Nov.30<sup>th</sup>** – Seniors/Deacons dinner

## Get Equipped for Faith Life



**GEMS: 2016-2017 Theme: 1 Thess.3:12 "Love Overflows"**

Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9pm for girls in grades 4-8 from September to April. For more information, contact Diana cell: 289-696-5567 or email: dj.diana.slappendel@gmail.com



**Cadets: 2016-2017 Theme: Hebrews 12:1-2 "Get In The Game"**

Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9 for boys in grades 4-8 from September to April. For more information, contact Mike D, email: mikedreyer@hotmail.com or cell: 289-687-3105



### 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)** - call Andria (289-687-3024)

**Faith Instruction** – Tuesdays 7:00pm for grades 9-12

**MERGE (youth group)** – for grades 9-12. Meets every other Sunday evening from 7:00-9:00pm at Bethany

**Bethany Ladies Bible Study** – December 7<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Christmas together at Mary Bokma's home at 7:00pm. Bring your favourite appetizer!

*\*Please note, the weekly newsletter "Bethany Bugle" is being emailed weekly. If you are not receiving it via email, please contact the office with a correct email. If you prefer a hard copy, a few extra copies are available in the fellowship hall.\**

# Welcome to Bethany!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



## Bethany Christian Reformed Church

November 27, 2016

9:30am

## Today in Worship



### The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome

Opening prayer

\*Opening Song

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” – PH253

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” – PH329

\*God’s Word of greeting

\*Songs of Praise

“Show Us Christ”

### The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

\*Song of Response

“Who Would Have Dreamed”

God’s Call to Faithful Living

Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“Jesus Loves Me”

**(Bethany Kids ages 3-8 invited downstairs for Sunday school in fireside room)**

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Hands at Work (Zambia)/Devon VanHoffen

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

### The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Bible reading – Isaiah 40:1-11 & Lords Day 1 Q&A 1

Message - “Belonging to Jesus”

Prayer of blessing on the message

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

\*Song of Response

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” – PH556

\*God’s Word of blessing

\*Closing Song

“Prepare Him Room”



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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> November 28 | 2 Chronicles 19-20; Luke 8:26-56  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> November 29 | 2 Chronicles 21-22; Luke 9:1-17   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> November 30 | 2 Chronicles 23-24; Luke 9:18-36  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 1  | 2 Chronicles 25-27; Luke 9:37-62  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 2  | 2 Chronicles 28-29; Luke 10:1-24  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 3  | 2 Chronicles 30-31; Luke 10:25-42 |

## Sermon Notes

### Serving Assignments

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

**3 Year olds** Sandra S, Ethan V

**4 Year Olds** Ann K, Lauren V

**5 Year Olds** Jody V, Ethan W

**6 Year Olds** Jen K, Morgan G

**7&8 Year Olds** Ray V, Nicole V

**Autism Support Person:** Anita W (Vicky D)

**Dylan** Jacqueline S

**Nursery** Glenda B, Brenda B, Kelly R, Jessica O

**Toddlers** Ben B, Tracy V, Kaleigh S

**Ushers** Chris S, Mary B

**Coffee Servers** Bill & Ann V, Kyle & Stephanie W

**Greeters** Cor & Ina V, Hans & Hilda D, Mark V, Joanne D

**Next Sunday**

**3-6 Year olds** In Fireside room – Sierra K, Kathy V, Tim V, Trevor V, Cassidy K, Gabi V, Jessica O, Austin O

**7&8 Year Olds** in church

**Autism Support Person:** Vicky D (Karen B)

**Dylan** Kelly R

**Nursery** Deb B, Kelly D, Nellie S, Emma W

**Toddlers** Laura J, Chris J, Ethan W

**Ushers** Brian P, Scott V

**Coffee Servers** John & Rosie E, Byron & Erika G

**Greeters** Epp D, Vicky D, Nellie S

**Heart to Heart - Friday**

**Nursery:** Tina V, Sylvia D, Hennie V

**Toddler#1:** Mike K, Caroline J

**Toddler#2:** Coby B, Mary B

**Rover:** Nellie S

## Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

### Birthdays this week

Matt J, Matthew T, Lauren V, Brian K, Miranda L, Colton W

### Anniversaries this week

Jeff & Jody V, Luke & Martha S, JJ & Colleen K

### Prayers requested

- ❖ Keep **John T** in your prayers. He has had acute kidney failure and is currently in the hospital on dialysis.
- ❖ **Nancy M** remains in Port Colborne hospital hoping to get well enough to return home. Pray for patience and healing for her.
- ❖ Pray for **Cynthia N** who had hip surgery this past week. May the Lord grant her a healing pathway forward.
- ❖ Keep **Ans R** in your prayers as they await a CAT scan and those results. Through all this Ed & Ans continue to trust in our Lord and Saviour.
- ❖ Pray for **Bertha B**. Cancer test results have determined that she will need chemo which will start next week to shrink tumors before any surgery can be attempted. Pray for healing for Bertha and for courage and peace for her and Brian and the family as they entrust themselves to the Lord’s care in this difficult journey.
- ❖ **Catherine S** (Grace V’s sister-in-law) received the disheartening news that her cancer has grown and that there is not many treatment options available. Pray for comfort and God’s gracious presence for her and husband Simon and their adult children Nick and Liz.
- ❖ *Update from Devon Van Hoffen*

Devon’s update: “Remember the Maranatha workshop in Shoka? It went amazing. Praise the Lord! Every single careworker that attended the workshop gave their lives to Jesus! It’s really such an honour to be a part of something like that, and to have the church to be a part of it through prayer. It was really evident that the Holy Spirit was at work because people came the first day burdened and left on the final day dancing out of the workshop with joy in their hearts. So praise God for his answering of prayers!

The following week we were planting fields with every one of the families that we support in Swaziland. It’s not something that Hands at work normally does, but because of the drought we had to do something. People ate their seeds just to survive, because that is how desperate the situation is. Please pray for the remaining fields in Swaziland that are still to be planted, and that the harvest will be very plentiful from the seeds that we planted this year.

As well there are many things that need to be done before the end of the year, the final budgets and reporting for the year, and things like fixing children’s homes, buying school uniforms, mattresses and blankets, before the year is done, and it can be very stressful near to the end of the year. Pray for strength to persevere.

Thank you and God bless you all, Devon.

### **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** (mention if you are member/regular attender of Bethany) & **Elisha House Ministries 905-735-9934**.