

Welcome to Bethany.

This morning's service is focused on Safe Church Ministry. This is our abuse awareness and prevention ministry we commit to as a congregation in all areas of ministry. This morning we seek the Lord's guidance in worship for us to be a safe people and place for any who have suffered abuse to seek support and healing as well as for those who have offended to walk the pathways of repentance and accountability in the strength of our gracious Redeemer.

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.

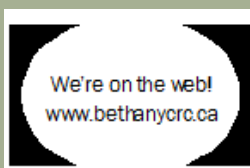
All are welcome to join afterwards for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

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: NACE (Covenant Christian School)

Next Sunday's Children's Song: "The Lion and the Lamb"

Nov 5th – Remembrance Day service at 10:30am

Get Equipped for Faith Life



GEMS: Meets Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm for girls in grades 4-8. For more information, contact Diana cell: 289-696-5567 or email: dj.diana.slappendel@gmail.com

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. Resumes in the Fall. 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 – November 2, at 7pm at Cynthia Vermeer's (698 South Pelham Rd. Welland). All ladies are welcome!



NIAGARA YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP - On Sunday October 15 (TODAY) at 7:00pm at Wellandport CRC, the Wellandport Young Adults will be hosting the NIAGARA YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP which consists of the Smithville, Fenwick, Dunnville, Welland & Wellandport CRCs. Come on out for the KICK OFF of this ministry. If you are of College age or older consider joining this ministry as the place where you fellowship, grow spiritually, and meet new friends! Checkout and join our Facebook page "Niagara Young Adults Fellowship". We meet once a month at one of the five churches, half of the evening is spent in Bible based study and the other half in social activities. We are studying Francis Chan "Crazy Love". Bring snacks & games. Invite your friends!

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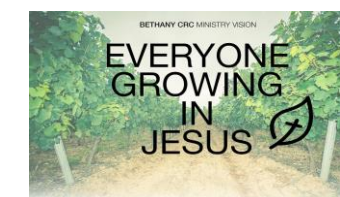
Abuse Awareness Sunday



Bethany Christian Reformed Church

October 15, 2017

9:30am



**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

Call to worship: Psalm 25:1-5

*Opening song

“He Knows My Name”

*God’s Word of greeting

*Song of praise

“All I Have is Christ”

“Speak, O Lord”

The Lord Shows Us His Marvelous Grace

Prayer of Confession

God’s Word of Assurance: Zephaniah 3:9-20 (p. 820)

Song of Response

“O Great God”

God’s Call to Faithful Living: Galatians 5:16-25 (p. 1019)

Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“O Be Careful Little Eyes”

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

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA
2. Rose City Kids

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

The Lord Leads Us by His Word & Spirit

Bible reading – Romans 12:9-21 (p. 990)

Message title “Safe Church focus: Finding Hope in God’s Justice”

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us to Celebrate & Serve

*Song of Response

“Like a River Glorious” – PH560

*God’s Word of Blessing

*Closing song

“Oceans”

Sermon follow-up questions

1. The Bible is filled with calls to justice (the word is used over 130 times). What does verse 19 say to us about our role in dealing with injustice in our communities and in the world? How is abuse an example of injustice? Who is wronged and what does God claim He will do with that?
2. What does “Practice hospitality” have to do with abuse survivors? With offenders?
3. Think of a time that you were hurt by someone else. How does God’s claim to avenging affect how you see or experience that event?
4. Reading Romans 12:9-21 can sound like Christians are all about making sure we are nice to everyone. Is that all this passage is really about?
5. In the context of the reality of abuse (sexual, physical, emotional, mental, spiritual) taking place within church communities, discuss what might be poor timing in quoting from this passage when an abuse situation comes to light.
6. What might vs 15 have to say about the church’s tendency to side with a person who offends or with a person victimized by abuse?
7. Some have said that verse 17- 20 tells us to simply forgive a person who offends and move on. Is this what is meant by these verses?
8. Verse 9 is pretty stark about love and evil. How should that guide the church’s response to an abuse survivor who comes forward to tell what happened to him/her in the church context? How might vs 18 be misused to silence a survivor from telling their story?

Serving Assignments

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

Adventurers Tanya L, Austin O
Travelers Ann K, Avery W
Discoverers Brenda B, Haley G
Explorers Lisa O, Joanne B, Ethan W
Seekers Sierra K, Karen V, Kylar G
Dylan Room#6 – Jacqueline S
Jr. Cadets Cadet Building – Mike D, Lloyd W
Jr. GEMS Council Room – Sonya V, Annie V
Autism Support Person – Council Room – Jen K (Cassidy K)
Nursery Hilda D, Lynn J, Julianne M, Gabi V
Toddlers Mike D, Liz J, Noah P
Ushers Dustin V, Kevin D
Coffee Servers Bas & Trudy S, Devin B, Ryan VL
Greeters Ken & Nell O, Harry & Sharon H, Andrea V, Annie V
Sunday School Sign In: Pete & Denise G

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

Adventurers Tanya L, Austin O
Travelers Ann K, Avery W
Discoverers Brenda B, Jessica O
Explorers Ray & Nicole VH, Ethan W
Seekers Cynthia N, Andria B
Dylan Room#6 – Nicole VH
Jr. Cadets Cadet Building – Mike D, James V
Jr. GEMS Council Room – Annie V, Erika G
Autism Support Person – Council Room – Cassidy K (Wendy K)
Nursery Jessica D, Betty G, Nell O, Emma W
Toddlers Dave D, Laura K, Brandon M
Ushers Chris S, Mary B
Coffee Servers John & Karen L, Kyle & Stephanie W
Greeters Hans & Hilda D, Ans R, Joanne D
Sunday School Sign In: Rudy & Debbie B
Heart to Heart: Friday – Nursery: Chris S, Wendy L, Nellie S
Toddler 1: Betty G, Nellie P **Toddler 2:** Tina V, Rita F

Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Debbie P (17th), Ray W (20th), Owen VH (21st)

Anniversaries this week

Bill & Ann VL (17th), Nico & Joyce P (20th)

Prayers requested

- ❖ **Hielke & Caroline J** will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this week. To help them celebrate this, they have provided cake after the service this morning to share with everyone. Thank you everyone for being an amazing bunch of BETHANY PEOPLE!! Hielke and Caroline.
- ❖ Pray for provision for the needs of the second Syrian family we are sponsoring and that they may be able to travel here soon.
- ❖ Pray for the ministry of the **CRC website: The Network** as the Network staff work to connect people serving in their local congregational settings with one another to share ideas and resources.
- ❖ Give thanks that **Mary B** foot is healing up and she is steadily improving.
- ❖ Continue to pray for those who are dealing with cancer:
 - **Ann VL** is scheduled for surgery in early November.
 - **Anita W** who continues her chemo therapy.
 - **Harry H's son Gregg** continues his treatments.
 Pray for healing, strength, peace and a measure of healing for each of these as they walk these difficult pathways.
- ❖ This past week, **Wilma A's father, George V** of Smithville CRC passed away at 89 years of age. **Visitation takes place tonight at from 5-9PM at Merrit Funeral Home** (287 Station St, Smithville). **A memorial service is scheduled for tomorrow (16th) at Riverside CRC** (74094 Wellandport Rd, Wellandport) at 11AM. May the Lord comfort Ron & Wilma and the families in their grieving.

- **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

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