

Welcome to Bethany Christian Reformed Church!

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**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

➡ **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
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*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.....How Firm a Foundation

*God's Word of greeting

*Greeting one another in Jesus' name

*Songs of praise.....The Fathers Love

.....I Have a Shelter

✠ THE LORD SHOWS US HIS GRACE

Prayer of confession

God's assurance of pardon: 1Peter 1:18-21

Living in His grace: 1Peter 1:22 – 2:3

Song of Response.....PH560 Like a River Glorious

(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 1:3-12 (p. 1065)

Message title "The Tested Gift"

Prayer of application

✠ WE RESPOND WITH JOY & COMMITMENT

*Song of response

.....Church of God, Elect and Glorious

*God's Word of blessing

*Closing praise.....Hope has Come

*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

5:00pm Combined Reformation Service at Mountainview CRC in Grimsby

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 Youth Leadership Team meeting

Thurs. 7:00pm Cadets

7:30pm 1 Peter Bible Study

Fri. 9:30am Heart to Heart

Nursery: Mary Bouwers, Joanne Kiers, Betty Gritter,

Karen Langendoen

Toddlers: Maria DeJonge, Coby Bosgraaf

Rover: Nellie Scholman

Sat. 9:00am Women's Mini Conference

Next Sunday

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

9:30am Worship

4:30pm 1 Peter Bible Study

Future dates

November 5th – Elders meeting at 7:30pm

November 12th – Classis Niagara (regional church assembly)

Bethany Updates & Prayers

Birthdays: Zach Beldman, Sylvia Damm, Ronan Hoekstra, Jayden Vahrmeyer, Stephanie Beldman

Anniversaries: Jeremy & Ellen deRoos

Prayers requested:

-**Dylan VanDriel** will be going to Sick kids hospital for a 6-8 hour EEG on November 7th. Pray for answers to the cause of Dylan's seizures.

-Give thanks that the brain surgery for **Nick Kiers**, grandson of Gerry & Tena Evers went very well. Nick will most likely need some follow up treatments after this tumor removal but doctors are pleased with the results of the surgery. Pray for ongoing healing for Nick.

-Pray for **Netty Damm** - due to complications with her pregnancy, Netty will be on bed rest for the duration of her pregnancy. Pray for patience during this time.

-Give thanks that **Heidi Te Brake's** father was able to have successful by-pass surgery and is recovering well. Also give thanks that her mother, who suffers from dementia, is settling in OK in her new care surroundings.

-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.),

Linda (daughter of Henk & Helen Fennema), **Wilma VanHuizen** (Ray's mother), **Kevin Vanderlee** (Denise Glasbergen's brother)

-and others in our circles ...

-This past Wednesday morning, the Lord called to Himself, **Heather LaPenna**. She died peacefully at home while her parents cared for her. A memorial service was held yesterday to give thanks for her life and seek God's comforting strength. With the Lord's leading, Heather previously arranged for her daughters Chloe and Madison to become part of Pete & Lorraine Wierenga's family and that is now where they live. Pray for comfort for them in the loss of their Mom, for Bill & Mary Koudys in this loss of their daughter and for brothers Rick (Juliette) & Dave (Donna) and their families in the loss of their sister. We rejoice in Heather being set free from her suffering but mourn the separation loss of a loved one. May the God of all comfort surround them in this difficult time.

Is it your turn to serve today? 😊

Children's Church/Sunday School:

Little Lambs- Aimie VanLochem, Holly Robson, Mackenzie Kremer

3 year olds- Jenni Wierenga, Anita Wierenga, Cadence Kiers

4 year olds- Andrea Veldhuizen, Cassidy Kiers

5 year olds- Laura Janssen, Ethan VanHuizen

****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: Nellie Scholman, Kate Vahrmeyer, Riley Kremer, Sierra Kiers

Toddlers: Caroline Janssens, Erika Garner, Joanne Dam, Braden Marr

Projection: Kurt

Sound: Tim

Ushers: Chris Smit, Mary Bokma

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

Coffee Servers: Louis & Marian Damm, Ray & Nicole VanHuizen

Email / Letter to de Ruiter's: Harry & Sharon Hielema

Address: Mr. Tom and Deb de Ruiter, 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- 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

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 Ruiter's: Darren & Evelyn Hoekstra

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 nd Offering last two weeks (Sept 28 th & Oct. 5 th)		
Cadets.....		\$30.00
Shalom "Raise the Roof Campaign".....		\$725.00
NACE.....		\$469.00
Deacons.....		\$512.00

Offerings

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

Next week's 2nd offering: World Hunger-Peter Fish

 DON'T FORGET TO FEED THE FISH! - Hunger and malnutrition are the number one risk to health worldwide and investing in farmers is one of the best ways we can combat it. Through your Peter Fish bank contributions, you are helping to fight global hunger and give small-scale farmers the training they need to produce more diverse crops and larger harvests. Please continue to read the World Hunger "Farm to Table" stories at your supper tables this week. Then bring your Peter Fish banks to church next week as we celebrate World Hunger Sunday.



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