

Welcome to Bethany

“The righteous will live by faith.” Rom 1:17 Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates. There a totally other face of the entire Scripture showed itself to me.” words written by Martin Luther of the German town of Wittenberg, 1545, describing the events of his conversion to the heart of the Gospel of God around the year 1517. Today we mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Through the joys and sorrows of those years, the Spirit of the Risen Lord drew a wayward church back to the heart of the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. Thank you Lord!

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.

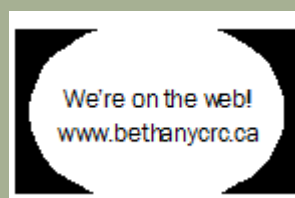
All are welcome to join afterwards for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

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)

Adult Bible Study meets tonight at 7:00pm at Mike & Vicky D.

Studying Lesson#7

Reformation Combined Service – Mountainview CRC – Coffee & CRC ministry fair at 6:00pm. Service starts at 7:00pm

Upcoming

Next Sunday's offering: World Hunger/Peter Fish

Next Sunday's Children's Song: "When I Am Afraid"

Nov 5th – Remembrance Day ceremony at Centennial Park, Fenwick

Nov 5th – Baptism of Isabelle VL (infant of Richard & Becky)

Get Equipped for Faith Life



GEMS: Meets Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm for girls in grades 4-8. For more information, contact Cynthia: 905-892-2217 or email: bnauta@cogeco.ca

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: mikedreyer@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. 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 Joyce D's house. We are going to study 1&2 Peter and Jude (Life Guide Bible Studies). If you have been thinking about enriching your life through bible study come and join us on Thursday nights and as an added bonus make some new friendships or refresh some old relationships! All ladies are welcome!



NIAGARA YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Meets once a month with the area CRC's taking turns hosting. We are studying the book by Francis Chan "Crazy Love". Questions? Contact Mary B 905-892-0529.

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Reformation Sunday



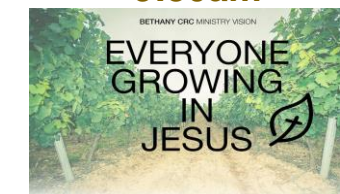
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Bethany Christian Reformed Church

October 29, 2017

9:30am



**Deep connecting
Lifelong equipping
Compassionate serving**

Connecting

Administrator Denise Glasbergen	905-892-8980 info@bethanycrc.ca
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Worship Director Karina Wierenga	289-686-9461 [text] karinawierenga@gmail.com

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

Call to worship: John 3:16

*Opening song

“Come Now is the Time to Worship”

*God’s Word of greeting

*Song of praise

“Everlasting”

“O Praise the Name”

The Lord Shows Us His Marvelous Grace

Prayer of Confession

God’s Word of Assurance: Ephesians 2:1-10

Song of Response

“In God the Father I Believe” – PH518

God’s Call to Faithful Living: Ephesians 4:1-16

*Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“Fishers of Men”

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

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Deacons

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

The Lord Leads Us by His Word & Spirit

Bible reading – Romans 1:16-17 (p. 980)

Message title “The verses that started it all”

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us to Celebrate & Serve

*Song of Response

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” - PH469

*God’s Word of Blessing

*Closing song

“Facing a Task Unfinished”

Sermon follow-up questions

Read Romans 1:16-17 & Ephesians 2:1-10 ...

1. Many Christians object to the idea that we are totally dead in our sins. What is hard to accept about that teaching? Think of good people you know who are not believers in Jesus ...
2. In the Ephesians passage, is Paul simply comparing people before they believe in Jesus and afterwards? In other words, if we are Christians, do we still sin?
3. Can you point to any events in your life where you experienced being raised up after being fallen?
4. Does vs 3 describe things familiar to you or very foreign to you? Why is that?
5. Verse 7 speaks of God showing the riches of his grace ... who is he showing it to? How does God show this or in other words, what does this have to do with us?
6. How is it we might boast about salvation? Can’t salvation be a team effort between God and ourselves? Why not (hint: vs 1 & 5).
7. If we are saved by grace alone, why bother striving to be a Christian? (see vs 10).
8. What might become of the Christian message if we don’t root it in the message of vs 4-5? What would it look like?

Serving Assignments

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

Adventurers	Tanya L, Austin OI
Travelers	Ann K, Avery W
Discoverers	Brenda B, Haley G
Explorers	Andy V, Deb P, Ethan W
Seekers	Ray & Anne-Marie W
Dylan	Room#6 – Andy V
Jr. Cadets	Cadet Building – Kevin D, James V
Jr. GEMS	Council Room – Veronica D, Erika G
Autism Support Person – Council Room	–Wendy K (Karen B)
Nursery	Deb G, Angela A, Caroline J, Madison L
Toddlers	Rob B, Marijke V, Connor D
Ushers	Dustin V, Scott V
Coffee Servers	John & Heidi T, Kevin & Betty T
Greeters	Pete & Karen V, Deb & Rudy B, James V, Emily V
Sunday School Sign In:	Clarence & Tracy V

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

Adventurers	Jenni/Anita W, Jessica O
Travelers	Mackenzie K, Austin O
Discoverers	Stephanie B, Emma W
Explorers	Tim & Kathleen V, Lauren V
Seekers	Julia G, Trevor V
Dylan	Karissa V
Jr. Cadets	James S, Kevin D
Jr. GEMS	Jenny D, Veronica D
Autism Support Person – Council Room	–Karen B (Morgan G)
Nursery	Shelby K, Cadence K, Mary B, Chloe L
Toddlers	Ben B, Emily V, Owen J
Ushers	Brian P, Scott V
Coffee Servers	George & Joyce D, Pete & Denise G
Greeters	Jerry & Jen K, Epp D, Vicky D
Sunday School Sign In:	Bill & Tina V
Heart to Heart: Friday – Nursery:	Hennie V, Ans R, Diana D
Toddler 1:	Tina V, Tena E Toddler 2: Betty G, Rita F

Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Sylvia D (30th), Jayden V (30th), Stephanie B (1st), Carrie S (1st), Cor V (2nd), Kurtis B (4th), Mike F (4th), Laura K (4th), Caleb V (4th)

Anniversaries this week

None this week

Prayers requested

- ❖ Give thanks for a good meeting of Classis Niagara (regional church body) which met this past week. A summary will be in the Bugle in due time. One note of thanksgiving: praise the Lord for providing an interim pastor for The Village Church (a CRC church plant in Thorold). Pastor Mark DeVos will begin ministry work there soon.
 - ❖ Pray for the **CRC Salaam 2.0 ministry** to our Muslim neighbors led by Greg Sinclair. Pray for the Spirit to bless this work with respectful and prayerful interactions between neighbors.
 - ❖ Pray for the Lord’s grace and blessing to rest on those among us who struggle with mental health issues in their lives. These can be greatly life altering and debilitating and also greatly misunderstood by those around them. Pray for wisdom and openness for all of us to learn and care for one another.
 - ❖ Pray for **Brian O** (Ken’s brother) who suffered a heart attack recently. Give thanks to the Lord that there was no heart damage and that treatment will grant him full recovery.
 - ❖ **Pastor Colin’s mother (Helen)** suffered a fall recently and is undergoing some medical tests to determine how she is doing. Pray for patience and peace for the pastor’s parents. They live in Woodstock.
 - ❖ Continue to pray for those who are dealing with cancer:
 - **Ann VL** is scheduled for surgery in early November.
 - **Anita W** had her last chemotherapy treatment this past Tuesday. We are now waiting to meet with the radiation oncologist to plan her radiation treatments. Thanks to all for your many prayers and support.
 - **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.

- **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 attendee of Bethany)**

BIBLE
Reading Plan

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> October 29	2 Samuel 12-13; 1 John 3
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