

Welcome to Bethany!

“Everyone Growing in Jesus
Deep connecting

Lifelong learning

Compassionate serving”

This morning we focus on “deep connecting.” We also celebrate the baptism of **Zara Aniek Dam** (daughter of Matt & Kelly). Praise the Lord for the wonder of His unearned grace that deepens our lives for Him.

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 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



We're on the web!
www.bethanycrc.ca

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 Van Hoffen serving 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)

Jr. Cadets & Jr. GEMS (age 6-7) begins this morning when they are dismissed from the service.

Baptism of Zara Aniek D (infant daughter of Matt & Kelly)

Upcoming

Next Sunday's offering: Deacons

Next Sunday's Children's Song: "His Banner Over Me"

Sept 19th Tues morning Men's Bible Study starts—6AM to 7AM at church.

Sept 24th Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Oct 4th – Nov 8th Authentic Manhood course (Wednesday evenings here)

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. Starts October 5. 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



Men's Bible Study – Tuesdays at 6:00am

Women's Coffee Break – Tuesdays at Grace CRC at 9:30am

Heart to Heart (women) – Fridays at 9:30am

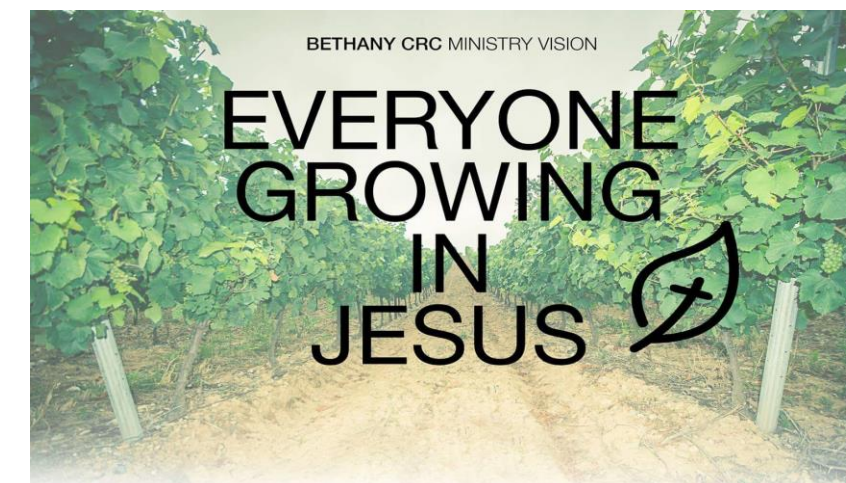
Women's Bible Study – resumes in the Fall

Faith Instruction (high school) – t.b.a.

MERGE (youth group) – for grades 9-12. Resumes in the Fall. Questions? Call Andrea at 905-975-8484

- **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)

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Connecting

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Bethany Christian Reformed Church

September 17, 2017

9:30am

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

Call to worship

*Opening songs

“God is Here” – PH516

*God’s Word of greeting

*Song of praise

“In Christ Alone”

“Jesus Messiah”

The Lord Shows Us His Marvelous Grace

Baptism of Zara Aniek D

Song of Thankfulness

“Jesus Loves Me”

Gathered Family Prayer

Responsive Reading

*Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“By Faith”

(Bethany Kids ages 3-5 & Jr. Cadets/GEMS ages 6-7 are dismissed)

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Shalom Manor

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

The Lord Leads Us by His Word & Spirit

Sharing about deep connections ...

Bible readings – John 15:1-17 (p. 942)

Message title - “Everyone Growing in Jesus: Deep Connecting”

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us to Celebrate & Serve

*Song of Response

“The Servant Song”

*God’s Word of Blessing

*Closing song

“Praise the Lord”

Sermon follow-up questions

(review last week’s questions on John 15 ... any more discussion on those?)

- Read Romans 14 & 15, highlight or take note of the parts of these chapters that speak to how we might go deeper with one another.
- What gets in our way of being more honest with each other? What are the barriers?
- How can we overcome those barriers? For real ... not in theory!
- Chapter 14:13-23 again ...
- Identify the phrases of these verses that speak to how to relate to each other in our struggles, as we share what we struggle with.
- What is Paul getting at by mentioning the “Kingdom of God” and “serves Christ” ... isn’t this about people relating to each other?
- Chapter 15:7+ speaks of Jews and Gentiles and accepting one another. What “groups” of people today do we have a hard time accepting as equals before God? Who is God’s grace for actually?

Serving Assignments

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

Adventurers Kaitlyn J, Haley G
Travelers Tawnya V, Austin O
Discoverers Colleen K, Evan VH
Explorers Lisa O, Joanne B, Cadence K
Seekers Sierra K, Karen V, Kylar G
Dylan Room#6 - Bernice S
Jr. Cadets Cadet Building – Ryan VL, Dan VG
Jr. GEMS Council Room – Rosie E, Jenny D
Autism Support Person – Council Room - Karen B (Deb P)
Nursery Brenda B, Heidi T, Tracy VS, Lauren VH
Toddlers Deb P, Chris J, Evan VH
Ushers Dustin V, Kevin D
Coffee Servers Brandon & Andria B, Pete & Karen V
Greeters Ken & Nell O, Harry & Sharon H, Andrea V, Annie V
Sunday School Sign In: Pete & Denise Glasbergen

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

Adventurers Kaitlyn J, Jessica O
Travelers Tawnya VH, Austin O
Discoverers Colleen K, Evan VH
Explorers Ray & Nicole VH
Seekers Cynthia N, Andria B
Dylan Room#6 – Coby B
Jr. Cadets Cadet Building – Ryan VL, Kevin W
Jr. GEMS Council Room – Rachel S, Rosie E
Autism Support Person – Council Room – Deb P (Annie V)
Nursery Veronica D, Kaleigh S, Elaine VH, Kristy VS
Toddlers Christine VG, Chloe L, Brandon VS
Ushers Dustin V, Kevin D
Coffee Servers Brandon & Andria B, Pete & Karen V
Greeters Hans & Hilda D, Ans R, Joanne D
Sunday School Sign In: Rudy & Debbie B
Heart to Heart: Friday – Nursery: Nellie P, Wendy L, Nellie S
Toddler 1: Tina V, Marijke VD
Toddler 2: Wendy V, Kathleen K

Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Eb B (17th), Jen K (17th), Karen B (18th), Connor J (18th), Ans R (19th), Hermien K (20th), Patrick K (20th), Heidi T (20th), Tim VH (20th),

Anniversaries this week

Nate & Angela A (19th), Humphrey & Deb G (19th), Henry & Barb J (20th), Mark & Wendy V (20th)

Prayers requested

- ❖ Pray for the **CRC’s Aboriginal Ministries**. Between 1980 to 2012, over a thousand First Nations’ women and girls have been murdered in Canada. Add to that the legacy impact of residential schools and the ongoing 3 world conditions in many First Nations communities, and we have a national tragedy that continues to persist. Pray for the CRC’s ministry with First Nations peoples, for healing, reconciliation and justice to prevail centred in the unearned grace of God in Christ Jesus. Pray for the Canadian Aboriginal Ministries Team as they work to resource ministry and deepen understanding among our churches of the Lord’s calling for us in these situations.
- ❖ Our first **Syrian refugee family** should be arriving in a couple of weeks. Pray for them as they prepare for travel and for the second family as they continue the process of sponsorship. Pray also for the team working so diligently to make preparations.
- ❖ Pray for the hurricane cleanup and restoration efforts in the south.
- ❖ **Olivia B** (infant daughter of Dan & Kristina) had a feeding tube surgically inserted for the time being, so as to augment her eating when necessary. Pray for strengthening and improved eating for her and peace and patience for her parents.
- ❖ Give thanks that **Tina B** was able to return home from hospital this past week. Praise the Lord.
- ❖ Continue to pray for those who are dealing with cancer: **Ann VL** is scheduled for surgery in early November. Pray for peace and courage in the face of this recurrence of cancer for Ann.
- ❖ **Anita W** has entered the second half of her chemo therapy starting on a different kind this past week. Pray for daily grace and peace and that side effects will be minimal and that healing will be taking place.
- ❖ **Harry H’s son Gregg** continues his treatments. Pray for strength day by day and the Lord’s healing hand in his body.
- ❖ **Steve VH’s** mother **Ann** is dealing with cancer. Pray for healing, strength and peace for her and the family.
- ❖ This past week **Wendy V’s** mother **Halina T** passed away. Services were held this past week. May the Lord uphold this family with His comfort and grace.
- ❖ **Peter B’s** 88 yr. old mother **Johanna B** passed away in the Netherlands recently. Pray for comfort for Peter & Yvonne and also for Peter’s 96 yr. old father.
- ❖ **Don T’s** father **Evert T** passed away recently in Strathroy, ON. Services were held this past week. Pray for comfort for Don & Theresa and their family.
- ❖ **Pastor Colin** has recently had two uncles (his dad’s brothers) pass away in Owen Sound ON, in the last month. Pray for comfort for the Vander Ploeg extended family as they mourn their passing.

BIBLE
Reading Plan

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| ☑ September 17 | Amos 1-3; John 7:1-27 |
| ☑ September 18 | Amos 4-6; John 7:28-53 |
| ☑ September 19 | Amos 7-9; John 8:1-27 |
| ☑ September 20 | Ezekiel 1-2; John 8:28-59 |
| ☑ September 21 | Ezekiel 3-4; John 9:1-23 |
| ☑ September 22 | Ezekiel 5-7; John 9:24-41 |
| ☑ September 23 | Ezekiel 8-10; John 10:1-23 |