

Welcome to Bethany Christian Reformed Church!

September 21, 2014

**Striving to grow as a God honouring community
witnessing for Christ.**

Join the journey!

To contact Bethany:

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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

Call to worship: from Revelation 4 & 5

*Opening Song.....PH253 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*God's Word of greeting

*Greeting one another in Jesus' name

(speak words of welcome to those around you)

*Songs of praise.....The Lord Is.....&.....Blessed Be The Name

✠ THE LORD SHOWS US HIS GRACE

Baptism of Asher Timothy Enzlin (infant son of John & Rosie)

Song of Baptism.....By Faith vs. 1,2,3

*Gathered Family prayer of blessing

*Song of Response.....By Faith vs 4,5

(Children ages 3-8 invited downstairs for Sunday School)

Prayers of God's People

Giving in thanks in proportion to God's provision:

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Shalom Manor "Raise the Roof Campaign"

Presentation from Devon Van Hoffen: Hands at Work: Africa

Prayer

✠ THE LORD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Song of Preparation.....Be Still for the Presence

Prayer that our hearts may be opened to the Word of God

Bible reading: various passages

Message title "What Does it Mean to Be Reformed:

Creation, Fall, Redemption Gospel"

Prayer of thanksgiving and blessing

✠ WE RESPOND WITH JOY & COMMITMENT

*Song of response.....PH556 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*God's Word of blessing

*Closing praise.....All is Well

*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

4:00pm Reflections Bible Study is starting the new season with a Barbeque at Bill and Ann Van Geest. New members are always welcome. Any questions give Ann a call 905-892-1429.

5:00pm Merge Kickoff evening at Diana DeVries house

This Week

Mon. 6:00am Men's Bible Study

7:00pm GEMS Counsellor meeting

Tues. 9:30am Coffee Break at Grace CRC in Welland

7:30pm Youth/Catechism information evening-see Bugle for details or speak to Elder Ray VanHuizen- parents & youth encouraged to attend

Thurs. 7:00pm Cadets

Fri. 9:30am Heart to Heart Opening morning

Nursery: Sylvia Damm, Ann Hook, Karen

Langendoen, Diane Dam

Toddler: Rita Forestell, Caroline Janssens

Rover: Nellie Scholman

Next Sunday

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

9:30am Worship

Future dates

Sept. 26th-28th Konnect 20 camping

Bethany Updates & Prayers

Birthdays: Sean Bouwers, Karson Vahrmeyer, Chase Benson, Dan Scholman, Peter Bulk, Carter Boverhof, Jerry Kiers, Laura Janssen

Anniversaries: John & Joanne Hanemaayer, Kevin & Jenny Deboer, Kyle & Stephanie Wegelin

Wedding bells! May the Lord bless **Kristina Vahrmeyer & Codie Hoad** in their upcoming wedding. The wedding ceremony will take place at Bethany CRC on Saturday September 27, 2014 at 1:00pm. Pastor Bart Keefer will be officiating.

Prayers requested:

-Pray for **Pastor Wesley & Stephanie Collins** (pastor at Riverside CRC, Wellandport) who are recovering from a serious car accident. Wes was moved out of ICU as he continues to slowly improve. Steph's injuries are healing but she too will remain in hospital for a while yet. Give thanks to the Lord for this measure of healing and pray the Lord strengthen them daily.

-Pray for **Netty Damm** - due to complications with her pregnancy, Netty has been on bed rest for the past couple weeks and it will continue indefinitely. Pray for patience and peace of spirit during this time, especially with two little active boys!

-**Eb Bokma** continues her recovery at home. She is getting more mobile. It has been slow but steady progress.

-Remember those who are dealing with cancer:

-**Nancy Maans** has had her cancer return. She is scheduled for surgery next week Wednesday. Pray for strength and peace in this time.

-**Wilma VanHuizen (Ray's mother)** has recently been diagnosed with Esophagus cancer. Pray for the family as they meet with doctors, await test results and decide what the course of treatment will be. Pray for healing for her and strength for the family as they walk alongside her through this journey.

-**Grace Vander Veen** is home recovering and awaiting test results to determine any next steps concerning her cancer. Pray for healing for her and strength through the recovery journey.

-Harry Hielema's brother **Ralph Hielema** is home and still dealing with multiple health issues. He trusts in the Lord to uphold him.

- **Kevin Vanderlee** (Denise Glasbergen's brother) who is recovering at home from his last round of chemo.

-Heather Lapenna update: Heather's tiredness increases as her cancer progresses. She struggles with other side effects that are arising. She is ready to enter her heavenly Father's presence whenever He calls her. She is not able to have visitors except those pre-arranged with her and the family. Pray that the Lord may answer her prayers and may surround the family with His grace and peace as they wait on the Lord's will. John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update

Doing ministry together: report up to August 31st

	PLAN	ACTUAL
Bethany Income	\$258,930.56	\$246,844.05
Bethany Expenses	\$258,930.56	\$258,052.59
Collected for Classis	\$9,827.84	\$9,827.84
Collected for CRC	\$38,953.68	\$38,953.68
2 nd Offering last two weeks (Aug 31 st & Sept. 7 th)		
Open Arms Mission.....		\$300.00
The Bible League.....		\$317.00
Deacons.....		\$424.00

Offerings

The 1st offering today will be for the ministries here at Bethany & the CRC and the 2nd: Shalom Manor "Raise the Roof Campaign"

Next week's 2nd offering: NACE-Covenant Christian School



*God relishes the praises of His people.
"Sing to the Lord a new song."*

Is it your turn to serve today? ☺

Children's Church/Sunday School:

Little Lambs-Stephanie Beldman, Andrea DeVreis, Teryl Dam

3 year olds- Sarah Janssen, Tawnya VanHoorn

4 year olds- Vicky DenBak, Lauren VanHuizen

5 year olds- Kevin DeBoer, Owen 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: Kathy VanHoffen, Diane Dam, Laura Janssen

Toddlers: Karen Bylsma, Sharon Hielema, Ayden Garner

Projection: Veronica

Sound: Ed

Ushers: Mike DenBak, Chris Jorritsma

Coffee Servers: Jerry & Jen Kiers, Brian & Wendy Kremer

Email / Letter to de Ruiters: Byron & Erika Garner

Address: Mr. Tom and Deb de Ruiters, B.P.2210, Bamako, Mali, West Africa – adiallo_78@hotmail.com

Is it your turn to serve next Sunday? ☺

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Little Lambs-Aimie VanLochem, Holly Robson, Mackenzie Kremer

3 year olds- Sarah Janssen, Tawnya VanHoorn

4 year olds- Vicky DenBak, Lauren VanHuizen

5 year olds- Kevin DeBoer, Owen VanHuizen

Nursery-Babies: Laura Klapwyk, Karissa Vantwel, Chloe LaPenna

Toddlers: John Enzlin, Karen Veldhuizen, Emma Wubs

Projection: Kurt

Sound: Mike

Ushers: Chris Smit, Mary Bokma

Coffee Servers: Len Krygsman, Jeremy & Ellen deRoos

Email / Letter to de Ruiters: Humphrey & Debbie Geerlinks