

Welcome to Bethany!

“Everyone Growing in Jesus
Deep Connecting

Lifelong Equipping

Compassionate Serving”

This morning we focus on the Lifelong Equipping part of our ministry vision. We also celebrate the Lord’s Supper this morning, a sign and seal of God’s grace in Christ Jesus.

Welcome! This morning’s service will include the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (also called Communion or Eucharist). The Lord’s Supper is a sacrament that points us to the fact that we are part of Christ’s Body (the Church) by the once and for all sacrifice He made for us in dying on the cross for our sins. The congregation is invited on the basis of this grace in Christ to celebrate in faith God’s gift of salvation.

If you are new here or visiting with us today and you are a baptized member of Christ’s Church, believing in Jesus as your Saviour and Lord, you are invited to join us in this sign and seal of God’s promise of forgiveness in Christ. If you are here and you have never been welcomed into the Church through baptism, we encourage you to contact the pastor to talk about God’s call in your life and explore the joyful meaning of being baptized.

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

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

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 7-8) begins this morning when they are dismissed from the service.

Upcoming

Next Sunday’s offering: Back to God Ministries

Next Sunday’s Children’s Song: “His Banner Over Me”

Sept 25th – Elders meeting at 7:30pm

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

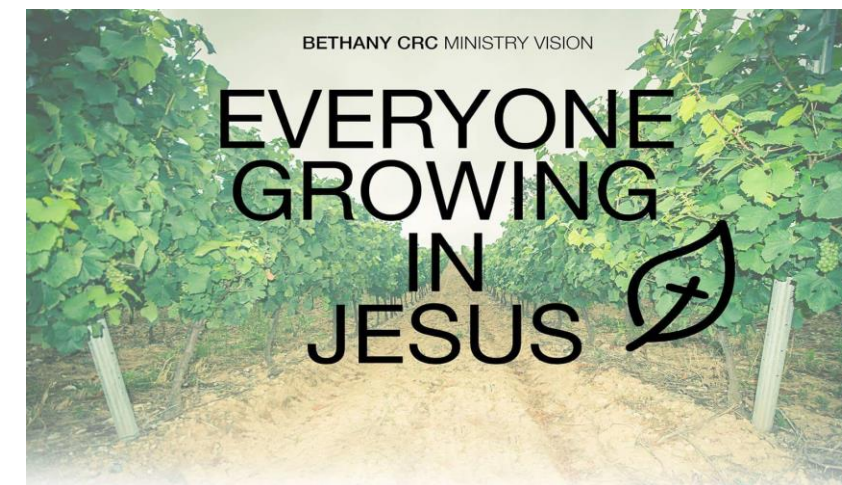
Heart to Heart (women) – Fridays at 9:30am

Women’s Bible Study – We will begin meeting at Cynthia V’s home on November 2, 2017 at 7 o’clock 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 a added bonus make some new friendships or refresh some old relationships! All ladies are welcome!

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

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Bethany Christian Reformed Church

September 24, 2017

9:30am

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

Call to worship: Psalm 46: 1-3, 7

*Opening songs

“God is Our Refuge”

*God’s Word of greeting

*Song of praise

“Ancient Words”

“Let All Things Now Living” – PH453

The Lord Shows Us His Marvelous Grace

Celebration of Lord’s Supper

*Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“His Banner Over Me”

(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 – Luke 24: 13-35 (p. 922)

Message title - “Everyone Growing in Jesus: Lifelong Equipping”

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us to Celebrate & Serve

*Song of Response

“Be Thou My Vision” – LUYH 859

*God’s Word of Blessing

*Closing song

“Lift High the Name of Jesus”

Sermon follow-up questions

1. Start by talking together about what you understand mentoring to be. What has that word meant to you? Have you done any mentoring or been mentored by anyone?
2. In Luke 24, why did Jesus not reveal himself to the travelers right away? Luke doesn’t say why, but what might be reasons? How does this speak to mentoring?
3. In what tone of voice do you think Jesus spoke the words recorded in verse 25? Why do you think that?
4. What comes to mind when you read that Jesus was revealed to them in the breaking of the bread at the meal they shared (see also verse 35)? Luke writes this account about 30 or more years after Jesus’ resurrection and ascension. What might Luke be saying to the churches of his day and today about the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper or simply about the fellowship of believers?
5. What attitudes and approaches does Jesus demonstrate that relate to lifelong equipping of one another? List off any attitude or character traits that would make for a good mentor?
6. Would you be willing to walk alongside (mentor) someone in their particular situation in life? What gifts has God given you via your life experiences that you can use to mentor another person? Be as specific as possible.
7. What would you like to be mentored in? What is going on in your life that you would benefit from someone walking alongside you in that journey? What attitudes help someone to receive mentoring? What attitudes would make mentoring difficult for the mentor or mentee?

Serving Assignments

Today [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 Chris S, Mary B
Coffee Servers Humphrey & Debbie G, Steve & Elaine VH
Greeters Hans & Hilda D, Ans R, Joanne D
Sunday School Sign In: Rudy & Debbie B

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

Adventurers Tanya L, Austin O
Travelers Ann K, Avery W
Discoverers Brenda B, Haley G
Explorers Tim & Kathleen VH
Seekers Julia G, Trevor VH
Dylan Room#6 – Betty T
Jr. Cadets Cadet Building – Chris J, Kevin W
Jr. GEMS Council Room – Rachel S, Teryl D
Autism Support Person – Council Room – Annie V (Aimie VL)
Nursery Marg D, Sharon H, Naomi S, Jody VH
Toddlers Matt D, Riley K, Nathan D
Ushers Brian P, Scott VD
Coffee Servers Pete & Karen V, Brian & Wendy K
Greeters Jerry & Jen K, Epp D, Vicky D
Sunday School Sign In: Bill & Tina V
Heart to Heart: Friday – Nursery: Colleen S, Diana D
Toddler 1: Betty G, Kathleen K, **Toddler 2:** Nellie S, Morgan G

Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Carter B, Jerry K, Laura J, Jordan VS, Frank D, Joyce P, Noah VS

Anniversaries this week

Kevin & Jenny D, Kyle & Stephanie W

NEW BABY!

Congratulations to **Richard & Becky VL** who were blessed with the birth of **Isabelle Leanne** on Tuesday September 12th weighing 7lb 1oz. A new sister for Logan, Allison & Spencer. Praise the Lord!

Wedding Bells! Congratulations to **Devon & Lerato VH** who were married on August 19, 2017 in Africa. Continue to pray for Devon and Lerato as they begin their life together in the context of their ministry work with Hands at Work. The Lord be praised!

Prayers requested

- ❖ Our first **Syrian refugee family** should be arriving this week. 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 communities devastated by recent hurricanes and the earthquakes in Mexico. We have a lot of workers in our area from Mexico so this is close to their hearts as well. In that context pray also for **World Renew** (our disaster response and community development ministry globally) as they equip Redeemer University College students next week in a conference on serving. Pray for student David Schuurman and team as they prepare this conference.
- ❖ **Tina B** has had good follow up tests and is recovering well at home. Give the Lord thanks for His mercies.
- ❖ **Mary B** recently underwent foot surgery and due to some complications she is largely immobilized at home. Pray for healing for her and patience for her and Frank during this time.
- ❖ Continue to pray for those who are dealing with cancer:
 - **Ann VL** is scheduled for surgery in early November.
 - **Anita W** is encouraged by good follow up results with her surgeon and continues her second half of her chemo therapy. Anita will be having another chemo treatment this week. Pray that all goes well. Pray for continued family strength and peace as they go through this journey.
 - **Harry H’s son Gregg** continues his treatments.
 - **Steve VH’s mother Ann** is dealing with cancer.
 Pray for healing, strength, peace and a measure of healing for each of these as they walk these difficult pathways.
- ❖ Remember those who mourn, that they may receive the Lord’s comfort.

- **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

☑ September 24	Ezekiel 11-13; John 10:24-42
☑ September 25	Ezekiel 14-15; John 11:1-29
☑ September 26	Ezekiel 16-17; John 11:30-57
☑ September 27	Ezekiel 18-19; John 12:1-26
☑ September 28	Ezekiel 20-21; John 12:27-50
☑ September 29	Ezekiel 22-23; John 13:1-20
☑ September 30	Ezekiel 24-26; John 13:21-38