

SERVICE SCHEDULE				
	MARCH 15	MARCH 22	MARCH 29	APRIL 5
ELDER	Fred DV.	Steve tB.	Janet B.	Ron H.
DEACONS	Ray B. / Richard B.	Richard B. / Harry J.	Arie R. / Denise C.	Richard B. /Harry J.
GREETERS	Ron & Harmina DS Steve & Carolyn tB.	Richard B. Arie & Marlene R.	Dick & Trudy N. Ron & Mary Lou H.	Jake & Irene dB. John VT.
HALL MONI-TORS	Mary Lou H. Steve tB.	Ron H. Fred DV.	Richard B. Janet B.	Denise C. Ron H.
WELCOME	Steve tB.	Peter O.	Henry K.	Mary Lou H.
NURSERY	Marlene R. Trudy N.	Carolyn GN. / Rita B. Miranda tB.	Barb W. / Denise C. Tim F.	Denise T. / Yvonne B. Kaly F.
USHERS	Tony N. / Ann P.	Peter & Bea M.	John & Sylvia R.	Henry & Marg K.
COFFEE	Dick & Trudy N. Ben & Helena H.	Jake & Irene dB. John & Grace B.	John & Jenny DV. Hagos & Woyni E.	Bart & Jean DV. Ron & Mary Lou H.
SENIOR DRIVER	Jake & Gay L.	Yvonne B.	Bart & Jean DV.	Dirk & Trudy N.
SOUND	Bronson G.	Fraser T.	Gary B.	Jake dB.
VISUALS	Hagos E.	Steven dB.	Barb W.	Hagos E.
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Yvonne B. / Tim F. Arie R.	Carolyn tB. Carolyn GN.	Trudy N. / Kaly F. Chris W.	Jessica H. /Andrew C. Arie R. / Evan F.
MUSICIAN(S)	Nicole B.	Irene O.	Jessica H.	Irene O.
PLANNER	Harmina DS.	Barb W.	Denise C.	Jenica GN.

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL...		
SUNDAY March 15	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sunday Worship Alcoholics Anonymous/Alanon/Ala-Teen
MONDAY March 16		
TUESDAY March 17	9:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	VON Exercise Friendship Admin Council
WEDNESDAY March 18	9:30 AM 1:00 PM	Coffee Break Shuffleboard
THURSDAY March 19	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 1:00 PM	Men's Breakfast Dorchester Arena Walk Bethel Crafters
FRIDAY March 20	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	VON BP Clinic VON Exercise
SATURDAY March 21	7:00 PM	Conquer Series
Pastor Eric Groot-Nibbelink: 519.453.0767 (<i>church study</i>) pastor.ericgn@gmail.com Chair of Council: Steve te Bokkel 519.461.0853 stevet8566@yahoo.com Office Admin: Barb Wesselius 519.453.6565 bethelcrlcdn@gmail.com		



MARCH 15, 2020

BETHEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

THE STORY

ENCOUNTER . ENGAGE . EMBRACE

TODAY: MARCH 15 2020. 10:00 AM: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT & The Story Chapter 23 - Jesus' Ministry Begins. A video sermon is being planned with Pastor John VT. leading the service.

NEXT WEEK: MARCH 22, 2020 10:00 AM: FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT & THE STORY – CHAPTER 24 - NO ORDINARY MAN. We plan to include the celebration of the Lord's Supper in this service. We will be served in the pews.

PASTOR ERIC'S SCHEDULE: Pastor Eric will be on vacation from March 9-16, 2020. For any special needs, please contact your ward elder, Steve te Bokkel council chair or the church office.

THE 25TH ANNUAL CITYWIDE PRAYER BREAKFAST is a gathering of Christians of all ages, denominations, cultures, and experiences. We come together in one place as one body to reflect on God's active presence in London, to be encouraged to both pray for and to be inspired to engage more in our community. Join us Wednesday, March 18th for breakfast at the RBC Place (tickets \$35 or tables available) as we worship together, we learn together, we connect together, we share a meal together and best of all, we are led in prayer for all who live here. 2020 Guest Speaker: Shane Claiborne - a prominent speaker, activist, and best-selling author. Shane worked with Mother Teresa in Calcutta, and founded The Simple Way in Philadelphia.

The Story small groups this week, discussing Chapter 23:
 Mar 16 2:00 PM - led by John V T. at the church
 Mar 18 7:00 PM - led by Denise C. at her house
 Mar 22 8:30 AM - led by John & Grace B. at the church

CHURCH FAMILY

We pray for each other in the ongoing challenges, hardships and health concerns we experience within our community; we pray also in thanksgiving for the gifts of blessings and joys.

- Pray for **Jane K.** who remains in the palliative care wing of Parkwood Institute (B4-126B).
- "Jeff completed his chemo treatments last month. It was a challenging time which also included some hospital stays. However, the doctors are pleased with his progress. The tumour has shrunk significantly but is still there. He is slowly starting to feel a bit stronger. This coming week he will be commencing 4 weeks of daily radiation. We appreciate your continued prayers for Jeff and the family." Keith & Alie

PRAYER MINISTRY AT BETHEL

Each week we are encouraged to formulate our personal prayers using such categories as our city, our community, our world; the deepening of God's people; the extending of God's Kingdom; the flourishing of love, justice, peace and the spread of the gospel.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRIES:

WORLD RENEW: DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICES (DRS): Disaster response work includes not only repairs but also early damage assessment so that local organizations can meet the most pressing needs effectively. By God's grace and through the generous gifts of our donors and volunteers, we can remind disaster survivors of God's love and promises that we are never alone. Join us in praying for people affected by disasters.

PRAYER LIST: Pray for Bethel members and friends with ongoing health concerns or unable to attend as well as those whose ministries we support: **Janet B.; Tina DV.; Truus DV.; Bernie H.; Sid K.; Melissa P.; Marlene P., Gerry M.; Albert P.; Joan S.; Margaret S.; Rita J.; Keith and Alie's son-in-law; Nel DV.; Rose S.; Bernie and Harmina K.**

In Ministry: **Leah Hopp; Karen Lubbers-Odel**

RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: WEST AFRICA: A believer in West Africa, where Resonate missionaries serve, asks you to join him in prayer. He wants to see the rest of his family come to faith in Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to draw his family into a relationship with the living God!

DISABILITY CONCERNS: ROUTINE: Upcoming spring breaks can make for busy times for many families of young children within our congregations. These times can be challenging for some of our youngest friends who thrive on schedules and routine. Pray for families as they navigate this busy season of life.

BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL: CHINA: Our Chinese ministry team has been working on several new videos and biblical messages in response to the coronavirus outbreak. Pray for their online audience, many of whom have been isolated amid China's quarantines and travel restrictions. Pray for people's mental health as well as physical wellness. Safe Church training events will happen this month in Ontario and in Washington State. Pray for wisdom in planning, good participation, and safe travels. Pray that in all our church communities each person is respected and protected, and that our response to abuse is compassion and justice, which foster healing.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL is requesting nominations for 2 elders and 4 deacons. Nomination forms are available in the council room. Please prayerfully consider members to nominate and give completed forms to Ron H. prior to March 15, 2020.

LOST & FOUND: The custodians have accumulated a large amount of lost and found items. Please check out the table and reclaim what is yours. Any

items not claimed by **March 21, 2020** will be donated to Your Neighbour's Closet.

YARD SALE: Since the Cadets will not be holding their annual yard sale, the Board of Stewards has decided to host a yard sale on **JUNE 6** with the proceeds going to an improved sound system for the Fellowship Hall. All donations gratefully accepted—books, plants, household items, crafts, clothing, etc. Speak to a member of the Board of Stewards or Ben S. about any donations you have.

EASTER SINGERS: All those interested in singing together for Easter morning, we are planning for 3 **MONDAY** evening practices - March 23, 30 and April 6, 2020 Please let Irene know if you will join in, so there can be sufficient music provided.

FELLOWSHIP HALL PA: is in dire need of upgrading to a total bill of \$8—9000. A special account has been opened for this. Donations are gratefully accepted and the proceeds of the yard sale will also be applied. Here.

VON SMART SENIORS' EXERCISE: Every Tuesday at 9:30 AM and Friday at 10 AM, seniors are invited to participate in gentle exercise followed by coffee fellowship time in the library. Come at 9:30 AM Fridays for a blood pressure clinic .

SHUFFLEBOARD: meets on Wednesday at 1 PM.

DORCHESTER WALK: Meet Thursdays 9 AM at Tim Hortons in Dorchester. We walk the Mill Pond in good weather, or in the Dorchester Arena.

BETHEL CRAFTERS: We meet again on Thursday at 1:00 PM. Teresa will teach us, but bring any projects or questions or just join us for tea.

CONQUER SERIES: meets on Saturday, at 7 PM. Contact Richard B.

KENSINGTON: Join us to worship there Monday, at 7:00 PM. Also please remember we are scheduled at DEARNESS on March 29 at 9:30 AM. Thanks to Pastor John for leading us in both of those services.

Interested in membership at Bethel Church?
In making profession of faith? To talk further, contact Pastor Eric at pastor.ericgn@gmail.com.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Men, plan on joining us for a hearty, hot breakfast, good fellowship and spiritual encouragement on Thursday, March 19 at 8:30 AM. Please let Ben S. or Peter O. know if you plan to attend .

CARE & SHARE: Need a meal? Know of someone who could use a meal? Maybe a neighbour, friend or co-worker? The meals are free and available to anyone who could use one. Contact Carolyn or Jenica G-N or Carolyn tB.

FOUND: a pair of glasses and gloves in a classroom on Sunday, March 8, 2020. Please see Barb W. to get them back.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

LONDON CHRISTIAN HIGH PRESENTS.... *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. We are thrilled to be presenting *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* as our spring drama production this year! It is an honour to be re-creating this classic story in which four ordinary children discover an extraordinary world and journey through it to meet the great lion, Aslan, defeat the White Witch, and become kings and queens of the magical land of Narnia. Not only is C.S. Lewis's story well-beloved, but the allegory it presents is still more timeless as it depicts "a willing victim killed in a traitor's stead." Tickets can be purchased at londonchristianhigh.ca beginning on February 21st. Evening show dates are April 1, 3, and 4 and the Seniors' Matinee is on April 1 at 1pm. For more information, call the school at 519-455-4360 or email tickets@lchonline.ca. We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful production!

SAVE THE DATE! You are invited to: The Art of Dying Well ~ You Are Not Alone Conference at

Talbot Street Church on **Saturday April 25, 2020**. Topics such as the physical and spiritual elements of decision making at end-of-life, medical assistance in dying (MAiD) and delivering compassionate care will be presented by experts. For more information & registration please click the link. <https://conta.cc/2SjmuON>

REGISTERING FOR FALL 2020 @ London Christian High: Registration is now open for the 2020-21 school year and applications are starting to come in! We're very excited about welcoming new students to our school and growing in community together! For more information, explore our website: londonchristianhigh.ca or connect with Gabriella at ghoogstra@lchonline.ca to book a tour. We look forward to hearing from you!

HELLO TO ALL QUILTERS! Please join this group of Christian women who plan to meet at Campfire Bible Camp in Markdale for our Spring quilting retreat being held April 27-30, 2020 DV. We enjoy a great time of sharing ideas, devotions, Christian fellowship and forging many bonds while enjoying the love of quilting. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have on costs, lodging ect. Spaces fill up quickly and are limited, so don't delay. I will begin taking registrations on Monday March 2, 2020. Registration must be made through me and can be done by email to thequiltingsisters@hotmail.com or text or phone (905-563-6262). Looking forward to hearing from you!

DIACONAL GIVING			
LAST WEEK		THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
Redeemer University	\$ 5.00	Tuition Assistance Fund	Diaconate
World Renew—World Hunger	2261.00		
PA System—Fellowship Hall	50.00		
BETHEL BUDGET—GIVING 2020			
Budget Received Last Sunday: \$ 1657.00			

DUTCH DAY: Enjoy a "Gezellige Dag" at the annual "Dutch Day" to be held Tuesday March 31, 2020 at the Salvation Army Tillsonburg Community Church, 110 Concession Street West in Tillsonburg. Please note the location. The cost is \$15.00 per person including lunch. The day will start at 10 AM. with "koffie en gebak". Space is limited so R.S.V.P. early. Deadline for reservations is Thursday March 26. Contact Ineke Droogers at 519-765-2143 or idroogers@live.com or Janny Kroondyk at 515-877-2724 to reserve your spot.

CHORAL CONNECTION would like to invite you to their performance of Mozart's *Mass in C Minor* on Friday, April 10th This concert will take place at Centre Street Baptist Church at 7:30pm. To purchase tickets, please call Lucy Van Pelt at 519-661-6902 or Jennings Furniture and Design at 519-631-0410. www.choralconnection.ca

WITH GRATEFULNESS TO GOD, Fellowship Christian Reformed Church in St. Thomas joyfully invites you to the ordination service for Marcel Kuiper, as he is installed as our pastor of Spiritual Formation and Community Life. This service is planned, D.V., for Sunday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. Opportunity will be given during the service for churches to bring greetings. We look forward to celebrating God's goodness together!

GROUNDWORK: I BELIEVE - What is a creed? Is the Apostles' Creed biblical? Join Groundwork as we begin a study of the Apostles' Creed and the scriptures that inform it. Dig into Romans 10:9 and Deuteronomy 6:1-9 to discover the function these summary statements have in the life of faith and the value they offer us yet today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

GREATER LONDON CELEBRATION WITH WILL GRAHAM: you're invited to a night of worship and inspiration as we anticipate all God will do in this region this fall on Nov 7 & 8. Join us on Sunday, March 29 at 6 PM, as Dave Overholt, our keynote speaker, shares the heart of what God wants to do in Greater London, and Brooke Nicholls leads us in worship. You'll also

have a chance to hear how you and your church can be part of the Celebration journey.

REFUGEE SUNDAY is coming up on **March 29** and World Renew is inviting congregations across Canada to help refugee families around the world find a new home and a new hope. The theme verse for **Refugee Sunday 2020** is from Ephesians 3:14-15, "*For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.*" This year's Refugee Sunday campaign highlights the Nazeer family who fled Pakistan because of religious persecution. Their prayers for a new home were answered through sponsorship to Canada by Immanuel Christian Reformed Church in Brampton. What a gift this sponsorship has been to both the Immanuel CRC community and the Nazeer family!

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The Third Sunday of Lent

THE STORY - "Jesus' Ministry Begins" Chapter 23

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

Sing: Be Still For the Presence of the Lord LUYH 532

- * **God's greeting and our AMEN**
- * **We greet each other with the peace of Christ.**

* **Songs of Praise:**

10, 000 Reasons – LUYH 559
Beautiful Saviour – LUYH 17

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession
Assurance

Sing: Because He Lives – LUYH 361

Children ages 3 - gr. 5 please come forward after the song.

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 - gr. 5 leave for Sunday School.

Offertory Prayer

1st Offering: Tuition Assistance Fund
2nd Offering: Bethel Budget

Offertory

Prayers of the People

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Scripture: Mat 3: 13-17; 4: 1-11; John 4: 21-26
Video Message: "**Jesus' Ministry Begins**"

WE RESPOND

***Sing: There is A Redeemer** LUYH 833

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

- * **God's Blessing**
- * **Closing Hymn: Go My Children With My Blessing** LUYH 532

**You are invited to stand as you are able*