



# BETHEL

## *Christian Reformed Church*

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At this past week's meeting of Full Council meeting, it was decided to proceed with in-person worship as previously discussed for **Sunday September 13, 2020**. Please check here next week for further communications regarding protocols. A subcommittee will be meeting this week to review procedures. Members are encouraged to consider thoughtfully their own comfort level with regard to attendance as well as personal risk level due to age or other underlying conditions of concern. Pastor Eric's reflections and weekly messages on YouTube or through delivered hard copy will continue.

Please contact your elder if you need alternate arrangements such as hard copies of sermons and church materials delivered to your home. To stay in touch you might consider joining the Sunday 11 AM ZOOM coffee time. A simple phone call to a Bethel member can also be a meaningful way of staying connected and practice the communion of the saints. Continue to check the website or Facebook page for relevant documents.. If you have a definite need to be in the church, please review the questions posted on the doors prior to entry. If you feel you can enter, practice good hygiene and wash your hands. Stay 2m away from anyone else who happens to be there. If you have needs or questions please contact the church office, Pastor Eric, the council chair Steve tB. or any elder or deacon of the church. Contact information is located near the end of this bulletin.

**THIS WEEK: August 31, 2020. Romans 12:9-21:** Today we take another look at Romans 12, focusing on verses 9-21.

**NEXT WEEK: September 6, 2020. Ps.130:5-6, Ps.37:7 and Titus 2:11-14** Next Sunday is part of Labour Day Weekend and the unofficial close of the summer season for many people. We will pause to look at the theme of 'waiting' from the Bible's perspective and be reminded that in the midst of all our striving and labour, ultimately "we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:13)

### 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 **Peter and Irene O.** Irene will be receiving the second round of injections to treat her Leukemia in mid-September.
- Please pray for **Keith and Alie V.** as their son-in-law Jeff (married to Jennifer) continues to weaken. Please pray for Jeff, Jennifer, their children and all their loved ones.
- Pray for **Clara BH.** as she continues with her health struggles in a weakened state.
- Pray for **Bronson G.'s** mother, Jane, who continues chemotherapy. Additional prayer is requested as Jane fell recently, fracturing her back.
- Pray for **Riek V., Albert P., Margaret S., Tina D., Frans H., Andy V. and Bernie & Harmina K.** all of whom are in long term care facilities.
- **ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH PERSONAL ISSUES?** As we pray for each other, remember we are a CAP Church. CAP is an anonymous, confidential, professional counseling service - given at no cost to you. Simply call Shalem at 866-347-0041. They'll work with you to help get the support you need.

### 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.*

**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**

## **THIS WEEK'S PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:**

**DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRIES:** In addition to these weekly denominational prayer items, you may access other updated requests through this link of CCNL (Christian Churches Network of London <http://www.ccnl.org/resources/pray/>)

**RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: EASTERN EUROPE:** Pray for a Resonate missionary who works with, mentors, and equips church planters in Eastern Europe. These church planters minister in communities where people's hearts are often closed to the gospel—but seeds are being planted, and this missionary is seeing growth. Ask the Holy Spirit to work powerfully in many lives so that people may know the hope and love of Christ.

**RAISE UP GLOBAL MINISTRIES: TIMOTHY LEADERSHIP TRAINING:** New manual - Timothy Leadership Training is developing a new manual about spiritual powers in the hope that the Spirit will use it to bring freedom from fear and to exalt Jesus, who is over all powers and authorities (Col. 1:15-20). Pray for wisdom and insight for the writing team, for field testing, and for perceptive feedback. Lift up the global church and its leaders as they strive against the powers of darkness.

**WORLD RENEW: COVID-19 RESPONSE:** We respond to the needs of families affected by natural disasters, armed conflict, drought, climate change, and more. The current pandemic places an additional burden on people already facing difficult situations. Our local partners work to ensure that life-saving assistance, including food distribution to families in refugee camps, can continue. Pray with us that God will continue to provide for the world's most vulnerable communities.

**BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL: FAMILY FIRE:** Pray for Michelle and Helen, two women who have recently reached out to Family Fire to ask for prayers for their respective marriages, which are falling apart quickly. Ask God to work in these situations to bring peace and healing.

**SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY: CONNECTIONS:** We are thankful for the connections we have been able to foster through our online webinars and book clubs that have been created in response to stay-home orders during

the pandemic. In the midst of a global crisis we have been able to build relationships within our Safe Church ministry.

**OFFICE OF RACE RELATIONS: RESPONDING:** Since the death of George Floyd, our staff responding to requests for help have faced congregants, pastors, and ministry leaders affected by the tragedy. Some are dealing with deep sadness and hurt/anger, while others are sensing a personal threat to their views and values. Pray that everyone senses Christ's embrace and embraces their neighbors.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH GIVING:** Reminder that donations can be mailed/dropped off at the church (for both budget and deaconate collections), E-transfer is regularly used for church budget as well by some members. The address to use for E-transfer is [bethelcrcdonate@gmail.com](mailto:bethelcrcdonate@gmail.com). Other members are taking advantage of the preauthorized payments through the PAR process. If you have questions about these methods please contact Steve tB, Jan DV, or Jack H.

**FELLOWSHIP HALL SOUND SYSTEM (YARD SALE):** Hopefully, you are saving lots of good items to donate for the Yard Sale. The plan is still to have it in September, date to be confirmed in next Sunday's bulletin. Thanks for donations already received. More information, contact Ben S or any member of Bd of Stewards.

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FREE WEBINAR:** Reimagining Church Budgets to reflect Kingdom Values - COVID-19 has caused us to rethink everything, including church budgets. We are called to steward the gifts that God has given us. This webinar will explore how to approach church budgets from a Kingdom perspective and offer practical ways to adapt to our changing world. Join special guests, Andy Ryskamp, Diaconal Initiative Consultant and previous Co-Director of World Renew, and Shayna Harvey, Associate Pastor of Spirit and Truth Fellowship and Managing Director of The Insight Advisory Group, on Wednesday, September 2, 7:00 PM Eastern. Hosted by Jodi Koeman, Church with Community Coordinator, World Renew. REGISTER HERE: [bit.ly/churchbudget](http://bit.ly/churchbudget)

**GROUNDWORK: WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER -** The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how we participate in church. Join Groundwork as we study Acts 2:42-47, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, and Hebrews 10:19-25 to understand the importance of our spiritual commu-

### **Interested in *membership at Bethel Church?***

*In making profession of faith?* To talk further, contact Pastor Eric at [pastor.ericqn@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.ericqn@gmail.com).

nity especially during trying times. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP:** Philippians 4:8 is a wonderful verse to memorize on your own or as a family. "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

**CHRISTIAN CHURCHES NETWORK OF LONDON (CCNL)** is hosting our first live zoom meeting and are hoping that you are able to join us **September 24, 2020, 11:00 AM—12:30 PM**. It is going to be a great time of reconnecting and sharing. With special guest speakers and lunch being served right to your door (if you live in London) we are so excited to connect and grow together and see all that God has been doing this season. [Register NOW!](#)

**INDWELL:** Help build Hope and Homes in London! [That Dam Hill](#) is a spectator-friendly race that attracts elite athletes and recreational runners alike. On September 19 at Springbank Park in London, you can join the race as an individual or team. A portion of your registration fee and all funds you raise through CanadaHelp's easy-to-use platform will be used to build Embassy Commons, a new 72 unit building at 744 Dundas. Construction began [last month](#) on Embassy Commons, which will offer Hope and Homes to some of London's most marginalized individuals. Learn more and register [here](#). If you have questions, please contact me at [jryan@indwell.ca](mailto:jryan@indwell.ca) or by calling 519-286-1390 x364.

<b>DIACONAL GIVING</b>		
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b>
Denominational Min Shares      \$ 48.67	<b>Bethel Friendship Club</b>	<b>Gift Fund</b>
Friendship                              48.67		
Diaconate                                48.67		
Gift Fund                                 48.67		
Tuition Assistance Fund            48.67		
<b>BETHEL BUDGET GIVING—2020</b>		
<b>Budget Received Last Sunday: \$ 3,197.00</b>		
<b>CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP SERVICES DONATION: \$ 4,191.72</b> (Funds distributed to various accounts as requested by donor)		

**ENDNOTES:** This week in our concentrated reflection on Scripture for Sunday, we are turning again to Romans 12. As we noted last week, we again will notice just how jam-packed with teaching and insight this scripture selection for the day is. Again, like the previous section, each one of us would do well to give it a week's worth of careful and thoughtful rumination and reflection, phrase by phrase. This week's passage, consisting of verses 9-21, seems especially needed after viewing two weeks of repeated news segments featuring both American and Canadian political conventions and the formal nominating or choosing of leaders. This second half of Romans 12 places LOVE front and center, especially in how we relate to others and has pointed implications for how we speak about others or even characterize their words. No doubt, all of us would love to see all of our public figures practice more of the many loving and life-giving practices of Romans 12. However, instead of waiting for their lead, we can start with ourselves. Likely, we will find those pieces 'easier read, than done.' But let's try anyways! - **EGN**

To access Pastor's Eric's regular COVID-19 MEDITATIONS, click here ... <http://www.bethel-crc.ca/blog/covid-19-meditations/>

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL...		
<b>SUNDAY</b> August 30	6:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon/Alateen
<b>TUESDAY</b> September 1	7:00 PM	Church Start-up Meeting
<b>SUNDAY</b> September 6	6:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon/Alateen
<b>SUNDAY</b> September 13	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sunday Worship AA/Al-Anon/Alateen

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