



BETHEL

Christian Reformed Church

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At the August meeting of Full Council, it was decided to proceed with in-person worship beginning today **Sunday September 13, 2020**. Our re-gathering will require us to follow a number of protocols and procedures. Please check the congregational letter that was sent out and also attached to the end of this bulletin. 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. If you choose to attend, if possible please pre-register through Barb via [email](#). Pastor Eric's reflections and weekly messages on YouTube or through delivered hard copy will continue for those unable or who feel it unsafe to attend.

Please contact your elder if you need alternate arrangements such as hard copies of sermons and church materials delivered to your home. 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: September 13, 2020. 10:00 AM: Psalm 103: Today we begin to re-gather in person in the building. (see the end of last week's bulletin for more details in the September letter to congregation). The service itself is simplified, includes some singing and has a Scripture focus on Psalm 103.

NEXT WEEK: September 20, 2020. 10:00 AM: THE STORY reboot: Next Sunday we plan to pick up our review of THE STORY at the place at which the pandemic interrupted our previous in-person study, Chapter 22. The chapter title is "The Birth of the King" and places us in God's story at the birth of Jesus. Please recall that THE STORY pieces

together scripture from the New International Version of the Bible in chronological order. Gatherings for study of each chapter are indicated elsewhere in the bulletin.

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 **Chris and Jessica H** (and Isaiah, Levi and Micah) with thanksgiving and rejoicing as they welcome Emma Harmina Jane who was born September 4, 2020. We praise God for another precious gift. "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (Psalm 139:14)
- Pray for **Peter and Irene O**. Irene was called for an appointment to the Princess Margaret Research Centre in Toronto this past Thursday. The specialist advised that Irene stay the current treatment path until the next bone marrow test to be done after 3 to 5 rounds of injections. If there is no progress, Irene may be eligible to be part of a clinical trial with a possible 2 new drugs that have already been approved in the USA. This trial will begin mid to end of October. In-depth testing and analysis to confirm that Irene will qualify for the test will be required.
- 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 looks to regain strength.
- Pray for **Bronson G.'s** mother, Jane, who continues chemotherapy along with the fracture in her back from a recent fall.
- 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.

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**

- **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.

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/>)

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES: GRANDPARENTS: We praise God today for the grandparents and elders in our churches who foster faith-forming relationships with youth and young adults. We pray that churches will be responsive to the needs of and strengthened by the gifts of their senior members.

RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: WORLDWIDE: Give thanks for the many students throughout the world who study at Christian schools where Resonate missionaries serve. Pray for their health this year during the COVID-19 pandemic and ask that every one of these students will learn more about Jesus as they come to faith in Christ or grow in relationship with him.

BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL: TECHNOLOGY: Lois is 90 years old, but when she looks at changing technology, she concentrates on the way it has helped her connect to the world. She uses her Amazon smart speaker to listen to Today devotions and to connect with her family. Praise God for the many ways technology can be used for God's glory.

WORLD RENEW: BANGLADESH AND INDIA: Bangladesh and India have been in lockdown since late March, and coronavirus case numbers continue to climb. This is very difficult for laborers who rely on daily

earnings to buy food for their families. In vulnerable areas, World Renew and its partners are providing food, soap, and informational materials on COVID-19. Please pray that families may receive the daily food and shelter they need.

RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: CENTRAL ASIA: Some Resonate missionaries serve in countries in Central Asia where many people practice Islam or come from a Muslim background. One missionary couple asks for prayer that the children of their host country will hear the gospel. "Holy Spirit, pour out dreams and visions of Jesus on the children," they ask.

RAISE UP: EDUCATIONAL CARE: SCHOOLS AND TRAINING: All teaching sessions for Educational Care that were planned for spring and summer 2020 have been put on hold as schools in many parts of Africa have closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Pray that private Christian schools will be able to survive in these difficult economic times, and pray for the many teachers who have not received salaries since February.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

"THE STORY" DISCUSSION GROUPS: The Sunday morning sermon series will resume on September 20. The Monday afternoon discussion group will resume on Monday the 21st at 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall. The Sunday morning discussion group will resume on Sunday the 27th at 8:30 AM, also in the Fellowship hall. The Wednesday evening group is discontinued. All this, of course, in the spirit of "the Lord willing". Fred and John will be contacting the members of the various groups. Feel free to contact them if you wish. May the Lord bless us again with wonderful times of learning, fellowship and mutual encouragement.

NOMINATION: The council of Bethel Christian Reformed Church presents the following nominee for office: For elder – Barb Wesselius. Voting is scheduled to take place on September 27, 2020. The vote will be a simple "yes" or "no". Voting procedures are still being finalized.

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. 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.

Interested in membership at Bethel Church?

In making profession of faith? To talk further, contact Pastor Eric at pastor.ericqn@gmail.com.

YARD SALE: The yard sale will be held in the parking lot, weather permitting, on Saturday, **September 19, from 8 am to 1 pm.** Come out to see what wonderful treasures you can find! Proceeds to the Fellowship Hall Sound System. Thanks for donations already received. If you have anything else to donate, please drop off at the church parking lot on Thursday, September 17 or call Ben S or any member of Bd of Stewards to arrange pickup.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: John & Trudy K. address: 3714 Beverly Glen, Plympton-Wyoming, Camlachie, ON N0N 1E0

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: September 13 through 20 is Mission Emphasis Week on the CRCNA calendar. Mission emphasis events provide a special opportunity to praise and thank God for what He is doing to advance his kingdom. It is a time when a local congregation can focus attention on the work of mission at home and abroad. Today in your mail slots—a prayer card for Moses and Karen Lubbers-Odel, your partners in ministry in Uganda. Please place this card on your refrigerator, in your Bible, or any place where it will remind you to keep them in your prayers. We encourage you to write them a letter, email, send a card and let them know you are praying for them.

FANSHAWE STUDENTS (& OTHER YOUNG ADULTS): If you are starting at Fanshawe next week please let the Fanshawe Campus Ministry know so we can connect with you directly about our autumn semester programs, fellowship, and supportive care. Be sure to like us on Facebook & Instagram and check out our website www.fanshawecampusministry.com for more details. Our fall small groups will start the week of September 28th (non-Fanshawe students are also invited to join us). Be sure

to invite a friend or two and join us this autumn season.

WORLD RENEW: When Hurricane Laura hit the Texas and Louisiana coast on August 27, it created a path of destruction that has left more than 16,000 people in temporary shelters in Texas and New Orleans—and caused more than \$12 billion in damages. World Renew is responding to this devastating hurricane in Louisiana and Texas—but the needs are great!

GROUNDWORK: A HOLY GOD LIVES AMONG US - Our Holy God chooses to live in our midst, among unholy people. Join us as we study Leviticus 1:1-2, Leviticus 10:1-7, Hebrews 10:19-25, and Mark 7:1-5, 14-23 to discover what this Old Testament book teaches us about living well in the presence of a holy God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP: “God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.” List all the things you “created” last week: work projects, meals, social media posts, family schedules, clean clothes, conversations.... Which of your creations were “very good”? Which helped others flourish? Which did not? Take some time to bring your list to God in prayer. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

INTRODUCING THE FAITH PRACTICES PROJECT! Faith Formation Ministries invites you to take a dive into transformational Christian practices (also called “spiritual disciplines”) with the Faith Practices Project. Each month, find new resources for a particular practice at crcna.org/faithformation/practices. Join us as we start with the practice of Sabbath. We hope these resources will provide new insights for how to engage with God and open our-

DIACONAL GIVING		
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
Denominational Min Shares Friendship Diaconate Resonate Global Mission Gift Fund Tuition Assistance Fund	Resonate Global Mission	Diaconate
BETHEL BUDGET GIVING—2020		
Budget Received Last Sunday: \$		

selves to God's work in our hearts.

OPEN DOORS CANADA: In light of their 65th anniversary, Open Doors Canada has launched an interactive photo gallery, [One With Them: 65 Stories](#): 65 stories that represent the thousands of Christians living in places where their faith threatens their lives and futures. These are stories that show what a deep faith in God looks like and how Open Doors has been able to stand with our brothers and sisters so that they can remain salt and light! Click [here](#) to read the stories of 65 persecuted Christian's Open Doors has helped over the years.

QUILTING SISTERS FALL 2020 QUILT RETREAT AT CAMPFIRE BIBLE CAMP: Hello to all quilters! Please join this group of Christian women who plan to meet at Campfire Bible Camp in Markdale for our fall quilting retreat being held November 2-5, 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. There will be covid regulations in place and amount of guests will be restricted. I will begin taking registrations on Monday, September 14. Registration must be made through me by email to thequiltingsisters@hotmail.com or text or phone (905-563-6262). Looking forward to hearing from you!

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 or by calling 519-286-1390 x364.

DISABILITY CONCERNS OCTOBER CAREGIVER SERIES - Join us every Thursday in October, at 12 pm EDT for a conversation on Caregiving. This training event will help caregivers navigate the emotional landscape of their role and will give practical ideas how churches can help these families address the challenges for the person living with a disability as well as their siblings, parents, spouse, or other caregivers. Registration required. View our Network post: Disability Concerns Canada Conference Re-Imagined.

COUNTRYSIDE CAMP ANNUAL FUN FAIR: "Camp Shalom" may have been closed this summer due to COVID-19, but Countryside Camp and Conference Centre is pressing on. From 9 am on September 14 to 4 pm on September 19, Countryside Camp will be hosting its 43rd Annual Fun Fair ONLINE. The platform will offer videos, games, camp merchandise, a camp connection, and a fantastic online auction. This year's auction will feature Mountain Oak Cheese, the Dutch Store's Gouda cheese wheels, works from chainsaw artisan Bob DeVries, and many more items you will want to check out. For more information, go to campfunfair.ca. This online event is sponsored in part by the township of North Dumfries.

SEPTEMBER 2020 SAFE CHURCH WEBINAR WITH JAY STRINGER: Join Safe Church on Sept. 30 at 12 pm EDT for a Zoom call with Jay Stringer, CRC minister and licensed mental health therapist who has done years of research and uncovered the deep-rooted issues that lead to sexual brokenness. Learn more at <https://network.crcna.org/safe-church/september-2020-safe-church-webinar-jay-stringer>

ENDNOTES: Last week I mentioned Pope Francis declaring a day of prayer for the country of Lebanon in advance of his trip there. I also suggested that on our own we could declare a day of personal prayer, for our own designated area of personal, community or world concern.

When we think of global issues, another community of people in dire need of our prayers and our prophetic voice and action are the Rohingya people. They have been described by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as "one of, if not the, most discriminated people in the world"; and are one of Myanmar's many ethnic minorities. (BBC news). You may have seen several news clips over the last few years of overcrowded boats barely afloat as Rohingya people try to escape violence and genocide in their own country. Many Rohingya have also escaped to Bangladesh and refugee camps there. Just this week hundreds ended up on a beach in Indonesia after several months at sea.

The Rohingya people in their desperation, definitely also a concern which is worthy of our declaring a day of prayer.

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

SERVICE SCHEDULE		
	SEPT 13	SEPT 20
ELDER	John VT	Fred DV
DEACONS	John P Ray B	Ray B Richard B
GREETERS	Ron H Peter O	Ron H Harry J
SIGN-IN PERSON	Steve tB	Steve tB
HALL MONITORS	Ron H Peter O	Ron H Harry J
MAIL FOYER AREA MONITOR	Rose S	Arie R
USHERS	Harry J Fred DV	Ed & Barb W
PLANNER	Steve dB/Barb W	Steve dB/Barb W
MUSICIAN	Irene O	Irene O
SOUND	Ben H/Bronson G	Gary B
VISUALS	Barb W/Hagos E	Steven

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL...		
SUNDAY September 13	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Worship Service AA/Al-Anon/Alateen
TUESDAY September 15		
THURSDAY September 17	9:00 AM	Set up for Yard Sale
SATURDAY September 19	8:00 AM	Yard Sale

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Dear Bethel Members,

As we continue to journey through these challenging times, we encourage each other to trust in God. In every challenge God remains our refuge and strength (Psalm 46). As we begin meeting again for Sunday worship (September 13, 2020), we also look to various God-given resources and wisdom to guide us in the practical aspects of physically re-gathering. Below is a list of guiding principles for returning to worship in the church building. This document has been developed by an ad hoc committee appointed by council.

Procedures and Protocols for Returning to Worship in the church building

Council has based these procedures and protocols on Middlesex-London Health Unit Guidance for Places of Worship and other available guidance documents.

1. We request that if you are feeling unwell or are experiencing any of the common symptoms of Covid-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat) that you refrain from coming to church that Sunday. If you have travelled internationally in the last 14 days or have had close contact with a confirmed Covid19 case, you may not enter the building.
2. We can stay within the 30% of capacity that the provincial government has mandated. If required, we will need to adjust. If possible please pre-register through Barb via [email](#) or Facebook.
3. Attendees are reminded to maintain a safe physical distance from each other when in the parking lot or lining up to enter the church building or when within the building. We will use every third row in the sanctuary instead of the recommended every 2nd row.
4. All attendees will need to wear a mask unless there are medical reasons for not doing so. The pastor and worship singers will not wear a mask only while on the pulpit. Those who are not wearing a mask will not be allowed to sing.
5. Please enter the building from the south entrance. When you enter, please sanitize your hands and proceed into the sanctuary. You may empty your mailbox and deposit collections prior to the service but please do not loiter in the foyer. Ideally we will be seeking to fill the church from front to back so please arrive in a timely fashion.
6. After the service attendees will exit from back to front and proceed directly outside. Please use hand sanitizer as you exit as well. We will need to exit the church directly out the west or south doors.
7. Washrooms are available if necessary. We request that you limit occupancy to 1 person to maintain distancing.
8. Bulletins will only be available online. You should bring your own Bible. The Bibles and Psalters have been removed from the pews.
9. Children may attend worship service and must remain with their family. There will be no nursery or Sunday School until further notice.
10. The church library is currently closed. The room is open for one household to listen to the service if required on a first come, first served basis.
11. Elders and deacons will be encouraging you not to congregate in high traffic areas.
12. There will be cleaning and disinfecting of high traffic surfaces such as doorknobs and faucets by the hall monitors.
13. Caution should be taken to limit access to hand sanitizer by young children without supervision.
14. The collection plate will not be passed during the service but opportunity to donate will be available upon entering and exiting the church in baskets in the foyer. You may continue to donate online as well.
15. Please be sure to social distance upon leaving the church in the parking lot. We need to be aware of our neighbours and want to promote a positive image.
16. As with any social gatherings, there is an elevated risk faced by the elderly or those who are immunocompromised.
17. Please avoid activities that require close-contact (hand-shaking, hugging) or sharing items.
18. The sermon will continue to be online and the manuscript will continue to be available.
19. If you have questions or comments, please reach out to your elder.

Please recognize that we cannot cover all probable situations but are seeking our best to mitigate risk so that all members who desire to attend church in the building may do so.

BETHEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

September 13, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Eric lights the Christ candle.

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

Call to Worship: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Eric

Music: LUYH 538: 1, 2 Holy, Holy, Holy

* **God's greeting and our AMEN**

* Music of Praise: **LUYH 363: 1-3 Blessed Assurance**

LUYH 440: 1, 3 He Leadeth Me

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Music: LUYH 690: 1,3 I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace

Prayers - Offertory Prayer & Prayers of the People

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Scripture: Psalm 103

Message:

Prayer

WE RESPOND

Music: LUYH 548: 1, 3, 6 My God, How Wonderful You Are

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

***God's Blessing**

***Closing Hymn:** LUYH 965 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow