



# BETHEL

*Christian Reformed Church*

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Our re-gathering requires us to follow a number of protocols and procedures. Please continue to check the congregational letter 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.

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. 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: Oct. 25, 2020. 10:00 AM – THE STORY reboot chapter 27 & COMMUNION\*\*:** Today we plan to include communion, the Lord's Supper in our worship. Our study of THE STORY moves to Chapter 27. The chapter title is "The Resurrection" and the message offered will focus on one of the appearances of the RISEN Jesus, namely the appearance in the gospel of John, chapter 21:1-14. \*\*Please note that the communion elements will be distributed in such a way that Covid-19 guidelines will be respected. The elements will be previously packaged and available upon entry. 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. \*\*Also at the next ELDERS' MEETING offering communion to those who are unable (or for whom it is unsafe) will be planned. Check here again at a later date regarding this possibility or contact your elder.

**NEXT WEEK: Nov. 1, 2020. 10:00 AM – THE STORY reboot chapter 28:** Next Sunday our study of THE STORY moves to Chapter 28. The chapter title is "New Beginnings" and focuses on the coming of the Holy Spirit in fullness and the continuation of the ministry of Jesus through the early church and its beginnings.

## 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 **Nel** (a sister of Jennie DV, Jean DV, Herman VS) who was recently hospitalized and who currently continues to reside in a long term care facility.
- Pray for **Albert P.** as he is becoming weaker. Pray also for **Janet B** as she continues to care for Albert and for **Ray B** as Ray's mother's health is also a concern recently.
- Pray for **Bronson G's** mother, Cathy, currently undergoing chemotherapy.
- Pray for **Karen L-O** in Uganda. Karen is doing much better after having been ill with malaria.
- Pray for **Riek V., Albert P., Margaret S., Tina D., Frans H., Andy V., Sid K. and Bernie & Harmina K.** all of whom are in long term care facilities.
- **Dear Bethel family:** We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your prayers, cards, encouragement and support during the lengthy illness and recent passing of our son-in-law, Jeff. It has been a very difficult journey for this young family and Jennifer and the children continue to need our prayers. We also ask for your prayers for Alie's niece, Jeanny Thalen and family whose husband passed away this past week, also due to cancer. — *Keith and Alie V*
- **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 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.; Bernie H.; Sid K.; Melissa P.; Marlene P., Gerry M.; Albert P.; Joan S.; Margaret S.; Nel DV.;** Bernie and Harmina K.

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

## 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/>)

**WORLD RENEW: LEBANON:** An explosion Aug. 4 in Beirut caused enormous damage and left more than 300,000 people homeless. This is a crisis on top of many other crises experienced in Lebanon, especially for the over 2 million refugees who live there. Economic troubles and the COVID-19 pandemic have left many vulnerable. Pray for strength and peace for all the communities recovering in Lebanon.

**DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADA: WISDOM AND LOVE:** Please pray for deacons as they lead and equip their congregations in the areas of community engagement and development, justice, mercy/compassion, and stewardship. Ask God to grant them an abundance of wisdom (James 1:5), love for God and others (Matt. 22:37-39), and faith that God is able to work in them and through them (Heb. 11:6; Phil. 2:13).

**RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: HEALING:** Give thanks for God's perfect timing. A woman in Oman participated in an online trauma healing workshop on suicide facilitated by Resonate missionary Melissa Bos. Less than 48 hours later, the woman received a call from another woman who was contemplating suicide, and she was able to counsel her. While the woman still faces challenges, she's doing much better now.

**INDIGENOUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: HOPE:** During this time of pandemic, fear and despair are haunting people who turn to addictions to cope with hopelessness. A local funeral home has provided funeral services for 40 persons this year due to drug overdoses, as compared with only two such cases last year. Ask the Spirit to help our staff provide hope and support for people overwhelmed by the current crisis.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### "THE STORY" DISCUSSION GROUPS:

Please feel free to join these discussion groups:

- 1) Monday afternoon October 26: 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- 2) Sunday morning November 1: 8:30 AM in the Fellowship hall.

**FROM COUNCIL:** With the recent COVID gathering changes, the plans for the initial Green Space congregational update as referenced in the last Full Council Summary minutes will need to change. Please watch for more information on the next steps in that conversation. The goal is to have the adhoc Green Space team present their proposal for further discussion. This would provide time for further congregational review prior to any decisions which would need to be made at the next congregational meeting. Thanks

**THANK YOU** to Ben Stegeman for making the Plexiglas stands for the front of the sanctuary.

**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 GN or Carolyn tB.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A CALL TO STRATEGIC PRAYER & FASTING:** Classis Chatham is searching with 8(ish) people, with a passion for prayer, representative of the churches of classis, to join our Prayer Ministries Team. For more information, please consider joining Pastor Marcel Kuiper on November 5 @ 8:00 p.m., via Zoom. For more information about the team, please contact Marcel at Fellowship Church, St. Thomas, or Ron Middel at [stat-edclerk@classischatham.ca](mailto:stat-edclerk@classischatham.ca). COVID-19 may restrict many things, but it cannot stop prayer! Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86549445919?pwd=SGhiYVNPvZ2ZUdW1FUWdJYzF3Y0srUT09> Meeting ID: 865 4944 5919 / Passcode: 8E8nav

**GROUNDWORK: SIGNS OF CHRIST'S POWER -** Having power means having the strength, the ability, or the influence to accomplish something. Study John 5-11 with Groundwork to discover the signs that reveal Christ's power to us. Together we'll discuss what these signs show us about Christ's power and why they point us to life. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### 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).

**AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP:** The Practice of Gratitude: “Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations” (Psalm 100:4-5). How has God been faithful to the generations in your family? Tell those stories to each other. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

**OCTOBER 2020 SAFE CHURCH WEBINAR** with Diane Langberg: We are excited to announce that for our October Safe Church Webinar, Dr. Diane Langberg will be joining us. This event will take place on Wednesday, October 28th at 12pm Eastern. Dr. Diane Langberg is a Christian psychologist, a sought-after international speaker, a columnist for Christian Counseling Today and has written several books. Her most recent, released October 20, is called, Redeeming Power: Understanding Authority and Abuse in the Church. We are excited to have her join our webinar series for an in-depth discussion on trauma, suffering and God’s power to overcome. For more information on this event, including how to register to be a part of this webinar, please visit our Network post: October 2020 Safe Church Webinar with Diane Langberg. We look forward to seeing you there!

**WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY 2020:** Did anybody eat foo-foo for dinner this week? Not sure what that is? It’s not too late to download a World Hunger Sunday devotional and find out. If you’re looking for a way to engage hunger with your family, we also have children’s devotionals and activities at [worldrenew.ca/worldhunger](http://worldrenew.ca/worldhunger). We’ll take a collection next week that will go directly to World Renew’s work with families like the ones you’ve met during your devotion time.

**THE BANNER:** Appeal was Disrupted—Give Online -The Banner is delivered free in print and online. Our annual donation appeal makes it possible, but like in-person gatherings, it has been disrupted and may have been missed altogether. To help us keep this community conversation going

and make up for lost time, please give online now at [www.theBanner.org/Donate](http://www.theBanner.org/Donate)

**ENDNOTES:** I’m quite certain that anywhere in the world, where there is an international news service, there are multiple reports and updates on the upcoming American presidential election. Being one of the United States’ closest neighbours and being so connected geographically, economically and often personally via family and friendships, we Canadians have been paying particularly close attention to what is happening politically to the south of us. Some days the level and intensity of division that is vocalized and enacted among citizens of the same nation is disturbing. That division has spilled over into US churches and among US Christians. You can imagine that I especially sympathize not only with church members but also with pastors in US Christian Reformed churches who must stand and minister in the midst of these divisions. There may be no quick solutions and easy answers for resolving these differences but certainly the Bible gives us several fundamental postures and principles for speaking together thoughtfully and existing together lovingly as followers of Jesus. We continue to pray for fellow Christians in the US and ourselves as we all strive for demonstrating ‘the mind of Christ.’ Here is just one of many fundamental postures the Bible suggests:

*Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus..” (Philippians 2:1-5)*

**-EGN**

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

DIACONAL GIVING		
LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
Denominational Min Shares     \$ 48.67	<b>Denominational Ministry Shares</b>	<b>World Renew (World Hunger Day)</b>
Resonate Global Missions         \$ 98.67		
Disability Concerns                 \$ 98.67		
World Renew                             \$ 48.67		
Race Relations                         \$ 48.67		
<b>BETHEL BUDGET GIVING—2020</b>		
<b>Budget Received Last Sunday: \$ 2, 947.00</b>		

<b>SERVICE SCHEDULE</b>			
	<b>OCT 25</b>	<b>NOV 1</b>	<b>NOV 8</b>
<b>ELDER</b>	Fred DV	John VT	Steve tB
<b>DEACONS</b>	Ray B Arie R	Arie R Rose S	Rose S Richard B
<b>GREETERS</b>	Harry J Fred DV	Fred DV Ron H	Ron H Peter O
<b>SIGN-IN PERSON</b>	Florence O	Barb W	Florence O
<b>HALL MONITORS</b>	Fred DV Harry J	Fred DV Ron H	Ron H Peter O
<b>MAIL FOYER AREA MONITOR</b>	Rose S	Arie R	Richard B
<b>USHERS</b>	Ray B Arie R	Ed W Rose S	Ben S Rose S
<b>PLANNER</b>	Helen B	Barb W	Steven dB
<b>MUSICIAN</b>	Irene O Gary B	Irene O Melinda H	Irene O
<b>SINGERS</b>	Richard V Ben S Ed W	Marlene R Agnes DG Helena H	
<b>SOUND</b>	Fraser T	Bronson G	Gary B
<b>VISUALS</b>	Hagos	Steven dB	Barb W
<b>SENIOR DRIVER</b>	Peter & Rita B	Jack & Clara H	Dick & Trudy N

<b>THIS WEEK AT BETHEL...</b>		
<b>SUNDAY</b> October 25	8:30 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	THE STORY discussion group with Fred DV Worship Service AA/AI-Anon/Alateen
<b>MONDAY</b> October 26	2:00 PM	THE STORY discussion group with Pastor John
<b>SUNDAY</b> November 1	8:30 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	THE STORY discussion group with Fred DV Worship Service AA/AI-Anon/Alateen

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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 church office 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 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**  
**October 25, 2020**  
**The Story Chapter 27 “The Resurrection”**

**Pre-service song: LUYH 187: 1, 2** Thine is the Glory  
**Welcome and Announcements** Eric lights the Christ candle.

**GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER**

**Call to Worship:** Sing a new song to the Lord, Who has worked wonders,  
Whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

**The Lord has made known salvation; Has shown justice to the nations;  
Has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.**

Sing praises to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.** (based on Psalm 98: 1-6)

**Opening Prayer:**

\* **God’s greeting and our AMEN**

\* **Sing: LUYH 181: 1, 3** See, What a morning

**LUYH 193: 1, 4** I Know that my Redeemer Lives

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Song: LUYH 451: 1, 3, 4** When Peace Like a River

**Prayers of the People** & Offertory Prayer – Denominational Ministry Shares & Budget

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

Scripture: John 21: 1-14

Message: Jesus, the Risen Saviour

Prayer

**WE RESPOND**

**Sing: LUYH 809: 1, 4, 5** Remembering with Love and Hope

**WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION**

The Thanksgiving

The Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Communion

**RESPONSE of PRAISE**

**Sing: LUYH 770: 1, 2** In Christ Alone

**GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

\*God’s Blessing

\*Closing Hymn: LUYH 770: 4 In Christ Alone