

BETHEL

Christian Reformed Church

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New Covid-19 Meeting Protocols (as of January 14, 2021) NOTE REGARDING WORSHIP SERVICES:

Due to the province's latest restrictions meant to curb the spread of Covid-19, we will **NOT** be gathering as a congregation. With the added restrictions put in place this past week, changes are also temporarily being made in delivery of the Sunday worship experience. Please look for further instruction and links that will be provided through an email from the church office as well as the website and the London Bethel Facebook page. Transcripts will continue to be made available in the same manner previously being offered.

If you have any needs or questions please contact the church office, Pastor Eric, the council chair or any elder or deacon of the church. Contact information is located near the end of this bulletin.

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/>)

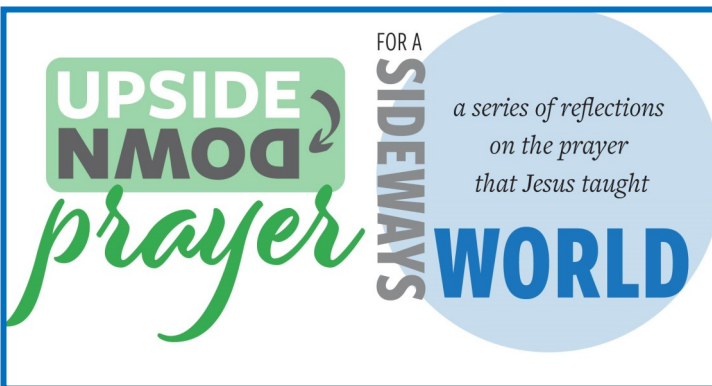
OFFICE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE: SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY:

Abortion has disproportionately affected communities of color. In the United States today, a black child is three times more likely to be aborted than a white child. For women of color in Canada and the U.S., being pregnant and giving birth brings a higher risk of death from complications than for white women in these countries. Pray for the safety and protection of women and children who are vulnerable to abortion, and of those who face risks during pregnancy and childbirth, particularly people of color.

REFRAME MINISTRIES: CHURCH JUICE: Pray for the mental health of people who are feeling especially anxious during the winter months of an already stressful year. Pray specifically for Anne, who recently sent a request to our Church Juice team: "Help me pray that I do not succumb to anxiety and depression."

WORLD RENEW: ZAMBIA: The economy of Zambia is still struggling to recover to pre-pandemic levels. The swarm of African migratory locusts in the western province is also still an issue, despite some action by the government. Pray for plentiful rains this month so that this year may see a good harvest and better food security for people living in rural areas.

RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: NORTH AMERICA: Pray for university students serving as student leaders within Resonate-partner campus ministries in Canada and the United States. Give thanks for the gifts and skills they bring to leadership, and ask God to guide them as they build relationships with students and support their communities.



TODAY: Jan. 17, 2021. 10:00 AM: Pastor Eric continues the series entitled An Upside Down Prayer for a Sideways World. The series deals with various phrases and petitions of the Lord's Prayer. We deal with the first petition of the prayer "Hallowed Be Your Name."

NEXT WEEK: January 24, 2021. 10:00 AM: Pastor Eric continues the series entitled An Upside Down Prayer for a Sideways World. focusing this week on the petition of the prayer "Your Kingdom Come."

THE LORD'S SUPPER – For those who are unable (or for whom it is unsafe), the elders are willing to suggest or arrange a means of receiving communion. If you might be interested communion, please contact your elder.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROUNDWORK: WORSHIP - What makes worship a spiritual discipline? Study 1 Chronicles 15:16-22, Hebrews 10:19-25, Ephesians 5:15-20, and Isaiah 6:1-7 with Groundwork to learn why our pattern of worship matters and how habitually engaging in thoughtful, intentional, and Trinitarian worship is profoundly formative for our faith and life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP: The Practice of Engaging Scripture: N.T. Wright wrote, "Reading and studying Scripture [is] central to how we grow in the love of God." This coming week, start each day by reading 1 Corinthians 13 and praying that God's love will flow through you to others. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)

CALVIN UNIVERSITY JANUARY SERIES: Each year Calvin University provides a publicly accessible series of speakers on various topics related to the Christian life and worldview. This year the January Series runs from January 6 through 26, 2021 and because of COVID-19 is offered to us in the safety and comfort of our homes. They are offering an impressive lineup of speakers and topics. The series is free of charge, but you need to register to watch it. More information on the content, speakers list, and REGISTRATION details can be found at www.calvin.edu/january

RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: Thank you for the generous gifts given the month of December 2020. Thank you for your generosity—you are helping people live and share the gospel of Jesus Christ in their communities! You are part of God's story of transforming lives through your partnership with Resonate. Your gifts provide encouragement and support for ministry leaders, and the resources they need to grow and flourish! Investing in God's global church includes investing both here at home and around the world. We're grateful that you are helping more people find hope and new life in Christ! Your gift will continue to grow in impact alongside the missionaries, church planters, and other ministry leaders you support. The unique advantage of your giving through Resonate is that our ministry leaders



Ark Aid Street Mission is reaching out in various ways this year to help the homeless, regardless of the CoVid pandemic. The Ark does more than

serve as a soup kitchen in which you may volunteer but also provides programs including computer classes, tutoring, art programs, a clothing depot, help & advocacy, showers and laundry services. You can help in many ways and still stay safe. Please review the table at the entrance of the church for ideas on what to donate ie, warm clothes, boots, shoes, blankets, hats, gloves, food (ie granola bars) and water, **OR** go online for more information @ arkaidmissions.com. Along with donations of food, clothing etc., a \$75.00 donation will provide a week of meals. Also, volunteers to serve daily snacks (10 am and 1:30 afternoon) and evening meals at 5:00 pm are needed, as the need has grown from 100 to 230 since the pandemic began. If interested in serving please contact Rose S. or go online to arkaidmission.com to volunteer. Scheduling of volunteers or groups is done by Ark Aid. If you need more help you can talk to Rose for help as she will attend the table over the next few Sundays. *The Deacons*

share what they learn with each other. That network of support—which you're a part of—helps strengthen ministry across North America and around the world. We work better when we work together! Thank you for being a part of this long-term vision for proclaiming the gospel. Thank you for helping grow and strengthen the church, and for sharing our Christian hope! *In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf, Acting Canada Director*

CCNL (CHRISTIAN CHURCHES NETWORK LONDON): invites you to a workshop [How to Have a Flourishing Christian Workplace](#) with Al Lopus on Jan 28th at 11 AM to 12:30 PM for a time of teaching and connecting as leaders. Al Lopus is the CEO and Cofounder of Best Christian Workplaces Institute, founded in 2002. The Institute provides research-based measurement tools and culture change advisory services with a single vision: to help Christian organizations set the standard as the best, most effective workplaces in the world.

Interested in membership at Bethel Church?

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

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