

BETHEL

Christian Reformed Church

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We are pleased to welcome you onsite for our services on Sundays at 10:00am. In adherence with government guidelines, COVID protocols of social distancing and masks are required.

Our services will continue to be live-streamed each week at 10:00 AM on Sundays. Please look for any instructions and links that will be provided through an email from the church office as well as the website and the London Bethel Facebook page.

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

NOTE: IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY DIFFICULTY ACCESSING THE **Members Only** BULLETIN, please contact the office.

TODAY: September 12, 2021 – 10:00 AM [In-person and Livestream] This week Pastor Eric continues his last series of messages at Bethel Church with the last message today. The series title is “Don’t Miss” and uses as an umbrella verse Hebrews 12:15 “See to it that no one misses the grace of God...” (NIV, 1984). Today’s Scripture includes a second glance at Luke 15 as well as Ephesians 2:8-10. The message theme has centers around the sheer unconditional nature of God’s gift of grace.

Next Week – September 19, 2021 – 10:00 AM [In-person and Livestream] Mr Calvin Davies will be leading this service, basing the sermon on Genesis 32 “Wrestling with God”.

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 various 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: LITHUANIA: Pray for a student of Steve Van Zanen, a Resonate missionary who serves at LCC International University in Lithuania. While the student has experience with faith, taking this course has been his first real experience with the Bible—and he’s been asking Steve a lot of questions! Pray that this student will come to know Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

RAISE UP: EDUCATIONAL CARE: WEST AFRICA: Praise God for 500 Christian teachers and administrators who participated in various training programs, and 11 certified advanced facilitators. Pray for provision for an EC graduating cohort and for new teacher training opportunities in central Africa. Ask the Spirit to empower participants in the training programs to strive for transformational change in their classrooms and schools.

REFRAME: JAPAN: “I’ve been away from God for a long time, absent in my faith,” said Machi in a message to our Japanese ministry team. Praise God that she recently began listening to our programs again and reading our devotions. Pray that she will continue to seek Christ.

WORLD RENEW: ZAMBIA: The COVID-19 infection rate is decreasing in Zambia as a new supply of vaccines is being rolled out, but effects of the pandemic remain a serious concern. The country is also tense leading up to elections. Please pray for peace and acceptance once the results are counted, and pray for health and safety for the people of Zambia.

RESONATE: MISSION EMPHASIS: Sunday, September 12 marks the beginning of Mission Emphasis Week, when many CRC congregations celebrate and learn more about mission. This year’s theme—Whole Church, Whole Gospel, Whole World—focuses on Acts 1:8 and how each of us has a role in God’s plan for redemption. Ask the Holy Spirit to equip, encourage, and provide opportunities for every believer to share the hope of the gospel.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

VON WALKING GROUP: The walking group will meet on **TUESDAY MORNINGS** (WEATHER PERMITTING) at the Brydges street entrance (1475 Brydges Street) in the smaller parking lot. There is a big white sign with blue lettering on it attached to the brick building “Kiwaniis Skateboard Plaza” at the entrance to the Kiwanis skatepark). We will meet there at 10:00 am and walk for an hour. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Call or email VON to join the group: 519-659-2273 ext 22392 or email vonlondoncss@von.ca

THE BANNER: Get denominational news straight to your inbox! - The Banner, the magazine of the CRC, will send you news, features, and columns straight to your email inbox! Sign up for the weekly e-newsletter by visiting the-banner.org/signup. While you're there, you can sign up to receive The Banner print magazine straight to your door as well! TheBanner.org/signup

GROUNDWORK: YOU SHALL NOT MURDER - The sixth commandment “You shall not murder” seems quite straight forward. Yet as we read the whole Bible we discover it demands more of us than simply not killing another person. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Exodus 20:13, Genesis 4:2-12, and more to gain a deeper understanding of the sixth commandment. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP: Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Sabbath: Read Mark 2:23-28 and ponder or discuss the following questions: What would a sabbath that is “made for you” look like? What would be life-giving? What would be restful? What would point you to God? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)

PRAY FOR OUR NATION: Let's pray before we vote—starting now! Canada as we know it could change dramatically unless God's people ask for His intervention. Will you commit to fervently praying for our nation and for the election? As Canadians head to the polls in September, may we lean on the wisdom and guidance of Jesus Christ. The

decisions our officials make determine our nation's future - impacting our generation and the ones to come. So let's pray that His will is accomplished in the election and for our nation.

SAFE CHURCH ABUSE AWARENESS SUNDAY: September 26 - In two weeks, the Safe Church ministry of the CRC invites congregations to imagine a more holistic approach to nurturing a safe and healthy church community where abuse itself becomes unthinkable and where survivors feel supported and safe. In preparation, learn more about Safe Church now at their website: crcna.org/SafeChurch

INDWELL: Indwell tenants and staff invite you to join them on a virtual Indwell Road Trip on September 23 at 7:30 pm. Register now at indwell.ca for this free event. You'll be glad you joined!

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