

# 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: OCTOBER 10, 2021—10:00 AM** [In-person and Livestream] Mr Richard Poortinga will be leading this Thanksgiving service, speaking on Psalm 104, "Thanksgiving Snapshots".

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 IS THANKSGIVING DAY.** It's also an opportunity to support World Renew's Free A Family® program. For many of us, celebrating Thanksgiving means sharing a special meal with family. And as God's faithful, when we sit to eat, we reflect on and celebrate God's bountiful hope and unfailing love. Through Free A Family®, families once burdened by hunger now know the freedom that comes with food security, and they too can rejoice in a God who is loving and merciful.

**NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 17, 2021—10:00 AM** [In-person and Livestream] Pastor John Van Til will be leading this service, speaking on Genesis 1:1-2, 28 Matthew 3:13-17 Acts 1:8, with the sermon titled "Aiming for a Balanced Christian Life". The message is about how the Father, Son and Holy Spirit each are active in our lives and how we are meant to cooperate with them.

## **PRAYER MINISTRY AT BETHEL**

*Each week we are encouraged to formulate our personal prayers using such categories as our city, our communi-*

*ty, 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/>

**REFRAME: JAPAN:** Pray for Emiri and her son, who listen to our audio programs together in Japan. "I have been asking more and more questions about God and Jesus," Emiri writes. Pray that she will continue to seek Jesus and follow him.

**WORLD RENEW: CANADIAN THANKSGIVING:** We praise and thank God for his faithfulness and mercy in our lives, and for guiding and allowing us to serve brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. Thank God for the generous support World Renew receives to sustain its ministries. May God bless all individuals, churches, organizations, and agencies supporting this work in various ways.

**CLIMATE WITNESS PROJECT: LAMENT:** As we see extreme weather devastate communities—from voracious fires to overwhelming floods—we ask you to pray in lament for the chaos in creation brought on by climate change. Ask God to help communities grieve, recover, and rebuild in ways that are sustainable so that we can love others better.

**RESONATE: WORLDWIDE:** Pray for believers working through the curriculum *Witness: Equipped to Share the Good News*. This new resource from Resonate helps to equip people to share the gospel with family, friends, and neighbors. Ask the Holy Spirit to use this tool to transform lives and communities.

**REFRAME: UKRAINE:** A man named Ludovic found our ministry website and asked for prayers for his wife, who was hospitalized with respiratory problems. Praise God that she was recently discharged and able to return home. Pray for continued strength, both physical and spiritual, for Ludovic and his family.

**WORLD RENEW: ZAMBIA:** Recent elections in Zambia were relatively peaceful, and the resulting mood in the coun-

try is buoyant. COVID-19 rates have declined, but people are still hesitant to receive vaccinations even though plenty are available. Pray for wisdom for the new government and patience for the population as citizens are eager to see improvements in their country.

**RESONATE: CENTRAL ASIA:** Resonate missionaries in Central Asia give thanks for Christians in their region who are strong in faith and have a compulsion to share the good news with others! Ask the Holy Spirit to work powerfully through these believers.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORLD RENEW:** Happy Thanksgiving from World Renew! - Happy Thanksgiving! God calls us to care for the vulnerable and Thanksgiving is the perfect time to share God's love with men, women, and children struggling with poverty. Through the Free a Family® program, World Renew equips families with the tools and training to overcome poverty for the long term. To donate, call 1-888-WRLD-RNW or go online to: [www.worldrenew.ca/free-a-family](http://www.worldrenew.ca/free-a-family)

**THE BANNER:** Get The Banner 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 [thebanner.org/signup](http://thebanner.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](http://TheBanner.org/signup)

**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 "Kiwanis 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](mailto:vonlondoncss@von.ca)

**CRC PRAYER - INVITATION TO PRAY:** The next **CRCNA Prayer Gathering** hosted and led by the CRCNA Prayer Team will be held on **October 13, 2021, at 11:00 am EDT.** We encourage everyone in the CRC to join us in prayer. Please [sign up here](#) to participate and receive the Zoom link for the virtual prayer meeting.

**GROUNDWORK:** You Shall Not Covet - The desire to possess what God gave someone else reveals insufficient trust that God provides enough. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Exodus 20:17 so that we understand the spiritual and relational implications of coveting and learn how we can combat covetousness and enhance gratitude in our lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**FAITH PRACTICE REFLECTION TIP:** Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Gratitude: Read Luke 17:11-19 and ponder or discuss the following questions. How have you experienced healing in your life, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual? How did you, or how might you, express your gratitude to God? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))

**DISABILITY CONCERNS SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK:** The CRCNA encourages churches to celebrate Disability Concerns Sunday on October 17. The theme for this designated Sunday is "Who's missing in my church?" Please consider supporting this empowering ministry and learn more about it at: [crcna.org/Disability](http://crcna.org/Disability)

**GREATER LONDON CELEBRATION WITH WILL GRAHAM:** Just a note to encourage you to join with other churches in London and area for the upcoming **Will Graham Celebration on October 22-24.** **Celebrations with Will Graham** is a ministry of the **Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.** Their mission is to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to all by every effective means available, and equipping others to do the same. **Celebrations with Will Graham** will culminate with a multi-day evangelistic outreach weekend. The Celebration will feature a children's event, Christian musicians and other artists, dynamic video testimonies, and Gospel presentations by Will Graham, who will invite attendees to commit their lives to Christ. Our heart's desire at the **Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Canada** is to work with churches and the Christian community. The Celebration's success hinges on prayer and the involvement of churches, children's & youth ministries, Christian business representatives, and leaders with a passion to see people come to Christ and grow in their relationship with Him. The follow-up of all who respond to the invitations to receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour will be tasked to those churches who are a part of this great initiative. **For more information, go to the website:** <https://london.billygraham.ca/>

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