

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 24, 2021—10:00 AM [In-person and Livestream] Mr Steve Baarda will be leading this service, speaking on James 2:14-15, 1 Peter 2:9-12, and 2 Peter 1:3-11, "Cultivating a Heroic Spirituality". We will be asking the question, how do we know our faith is real and that we are not just fakes and phonies?

NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 31, 2021—10:00 AM [In-person and Livestream] Mr Steve Baarda will be leading this service, preaching on Genesis 1:24-31; Romans 5:12-21 and Revelation 21:1-2:6. The title of the sermon will be "The Myth of Progress and the Biblical Story." The sermon will set the biblical message against perhaps the most dangerous and foundational of the myths of our modern secular society, the Myth of Progress.

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/>

CHAPLAINCY AND CARE: SPIRITUAL CARE: Starting today, throughout Canada and the United States, chaplains and institutions are celebrating Spiritual Care Week to recognize the work of spiritual caregivers in their midst. Please pray alongside our 155 chaplains and spiritual care practitioners as they share their stories and celebrate their ministries in their local communities.

RESONATE: CAMPUS MINISTRIES: Resonate partner campus ministries worked hard to connect with students at the beginning of this academic year. Give thanks for all the new connections formed. Pray that students, faculty, and staff will find a supportive faith community through campus ministries.

WORLD RENEW: BANGLADESH AND INDIA: Our team in Bangladesh and India asks for prayers as local churches seek to help their neighbors, especially at this time when many are out of work and need support. Pray also for the many projects our partners are carrying out in these countries as they seek to show Christ's love in all they do.

REFRAME: INDIA: Pratap is an alcoholic and often causes problems at home. His family has been reaching out to our partners in India, asking for prayers. Pray for Pratap's deliverance from alcoholism. Pray for peace for his loving family as they walk with him through this challenge.

CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: PEACE: Pray for students, faculty, and staff as they navigate school, families, and other obligations during the pandemic, and as they begin, in stages, to move into a newly renovated building this semester. Pray that all will be able to take time regularly with the One who gives us rest (Matt. 11:28).

RESONATE: CENTRAL AMERICA: Pray for our cohort in Central America. Rachel Beveridge, a missionary who leads the cohort, said that this year has been especially challenging for many of the cohort fellows and the ministries they are serving. Ask for God's grace.

WORLD RENEW: GENDER JUSTICE: Each of us is an

imagebearer of God, created with inherent value. But during times of upheaval such as the current pandemic, women and girls in many developing countries experience an uptick in gender-based injustices, making them more economically vulnerable than usual. May God continue to give us wisdom as we strive to achieve justice for all.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLD HUNGER 2021: HUNGER FOR GOOD: Over 1 billion people around the world are hungry. In two weeks, we'll be observing World Hunger Sunday. God promises in Scripture to fill the hungry with good things and invites us to join in that holy work. Pick up your World Hunger Campaign devotionals today and spend some thinking about what it means to hunger for good in our lives, our communities, and around the world. If you have children in your household, make sure to go online and download some special activities just for them at worldrenew.ca/WorldHungerChurches

DEAR FRIENDS AT BETHEL CRC: Your generous giving helps people discover and share the gospel. Thank you! All over the world, your church is helping missionaries, church planters, and other ministry leaders to live and share the hope we have in Jesus. And what's more, by giving through Resonate you are a part of a proven and effective ministry strategy: discipling people who make disciples. Your gift through Resonate multiplies ministry! You are walking alongside new Christians; pray for them, and support them in learning how to live and share their faith. That's how we are building a sustainable future for the church together! In more than 40 countries including right here at home, your Christian Reformed ministry leaders live out the gospel just as Paul tells us in Hebrews 10:24-25: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds ... and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Thank you for joining God's mission with us. *In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf, Acting Canada Director*

THANK YOU FOR GIVING: The CRC Office of Disability Concerns would like to thank you for offering up your tithes and prayers last week on Disability Awareness Sunday. If you did not have a chance to give at that time, please consider donating to this special ministry online now: crcna.org/Disability/Donate

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. While you're there, you can sign up to receive The Banner print magazine straight to your door as well! 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

GROUNDWORK: Your Questions about Discipleship, the Holy Spirit, and Death - We all ask questions to help us better understand the Bible and live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Samuel 3, Acts 10:44-48, Acts 19:1-7, 1 Corinthians 12:27-31, Philippians 1:20-26, and Luke 23:39-43 to answer some of the questions listeners like you have asked Groundwork this year. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

GREATER LONDON CELEBRATION WITH WILL GRAHAM: Bring Others to Hear the Good News! After a long wait, the Greater London Celebration outreach weekend is almost here—in God's perfect timing. From **Oct. 22 to 24**, bring someone with you who needs to hear the life-changing message of the Gospel. Will Graham will share truth from God's Word along with powerful worship from Brooke Nicholls, George Canyon, The Afters, and The Color. Visit LondonCelebration.ca for times and details. **Admission is free!** Many who hear the Good News at a Celebration are brought to the event by a trusted friend. Your invitation could be all that's needed for a friend, family member, co-worker, or neighbor to hear the Gospel, maybe for the first time. Is there someone you can invite this weekend? **Get Your Free Tickets to Budweiser Gardens You will need to reserve your seats in advance** by getting free tickets—for yourself and anyone coming with you—through the Budweiser Gardens website. **Some tickets will also be available at the doors.** Following Government of Ontario regulations, all those attending the Celebration in person at Budweiser Gardens will need to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination. **Get Your Free Tickets to a Livestream Location** Because we want everyone to hear the Gospel message, we will also be livestreaming the Celebration from churches in the community, where anyone can attend. These additional venues fall under current regulations for places of worship. You can get your free tickets to a local livestream location through our website. We can't wait to see what God will do! Let's keep praying for many to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ, "for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16, NKJV).

HOLLAND CHRISTIAN HOMES: Has taking care of a house on your own become too much work for you? Would you love to live in a community with people with common values and beliefs, where you can enjoy fellowship, friendship, and convenience in a Christian environment? Holland Christian Homes in Brampton may be the place for you! We have 1-bedroom independent living apartments available for immediate occupancy. For a 2-bedroom, there is only a short wait list. Please reach out if you think that being a part of this loving, Christian community is for you. We would love to talk with you about our available housing options. Contact Kelly at 905-459-3333, extension 5250.