

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 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.

NEXT WEEK: NOVEMBER 7, 2021—10:00 AM [In-person and Livestream] Mr Steve Baarda will be leading this service, completing his series of messages.

CHURCH 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/>

COMMUNICATIONS: REFORMATION DAY: In 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 theses and started a discussion and eventually a movement in the church that still shapes our faith today. Ask God to give each of us the courage to continue to follow Christ's calling in our lives so that the church around the world and through the ages may be built up.

REFRAME MINISTRIES: PRAYER MINISTRY: Pray with Stella, who recently told our prayer ministry team that she feels guilty for calling the police on her son, who was abusing drugs. Pray for her son's recovery and for a sense of peace for Stella as she reflects on and navigates her difficult circumstances.

RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: ASIA: Give thanks for a successful Timothy Leadership training in eastern and central Asia. "Everything was new to me!" said one participant. "I have never heard of such things, but I desire now to apply them all into my ministry setting." Pray for participants as they put their learning about Christian leadership into practice.

WORLD RENEW: DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICES: The past 16 months have seen a brutal onslaught of natural storms across the United States. The people who are affected are often left confused, hopeless, distressed, and feeling forgotten long after the storms have passed. Please join us in praying for these survivors, and ask for wisdom as we search out the best ways to help.

DISABILITY CONCERNS: RESOURCE AND COMMUNITY: Each Thursday last month, our Disability Concerns community gathered to explore our newest resource: *Everybody Belongs, Serving Together*. We're thankful for all who shared their knowledge within the field and supported our learning experience. Pray with us that conversations begun there may have a significant impact on ministry throughout the church.

KUYPER COLLEGE: NEW STARTS: We give thanks and praise for an overall healthy and in-person first semester this school year. Please pray for students in the new Workplace Partnership Program, a collaboration between Kuyper

College and area businesses providing urban students an affordable Christian college education, combining work-place experience and access to Kuyper classes.

RESONATE: CAMPUS MINISTRIES: Pray for campus ministers as they continue to navigate ministry during the pandemic. Many limitations continue on what they may or may not do, and rules and regulations often change. Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance in making plans and connecting with students while helping to ensure everyone's health and safety.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GROUNDWORK: Jonah: Running Away from God - What happens when we try to run away from God? Join Groundwork as we begin our study of Jonah. Together we'll discuss the resonance of Jonah 1 for our lives today and find assurance in God's persistent and relentless love for his people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

HELP END WORLD HUNGER: Host a Dinner for Good. - Have you signed up to host a Dinner for Good? Not sure what we are talking about? It's not too late to pick up a World Hunger devotional to learn more. We'll also take a collection next week that will go directly to World Renew's work with people like the ones you've met during your devotion time. Join us in the hunger for good!

AT-HOME FAITH PRACTICE REFLECTION TIP: Reflection and Discussion Starter: the Practice of Gratitude: Today is "Reformation Sunday." Read "Ten Ways My Reformed Identity Shapes My Life" (tinyurl.com/10WaysReformed) and ponder or discuss the following questions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject) If you identify with the Reformed tradition, what difference does holding this worldview make in your daily life? What parts of the Reformed worldview especially spark gratitude in you? How might you more fully experience God's abundant grace so that you can live out of gratitude?

DUTCH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: Sunday, December 5, 2021 @ 2:30 PM @ Emmanuel Reformed Church, 170 Clarke St. N. Woodstock, ON Meditation by: Rev. Ralph Koops Public Health guidelines will be followed.