

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

NEXT WEEK: NOVEMBER 14, 2021—10:00 AM [In-person and Livestream] Pastor Derek Bouma will lead this service with a sermon title "Are You Hungry", based on 1 Kings 17:1-6. Isaiah 55:1 says "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!" In a time when so many people are hungry to fill the emptiness in their lives the Lord promises to provide for us. We discover this truth as we look at the story of the Prophet Elijah in 1 Kings 17:1-6 and how the Lord provided for him in a miraculous way. In the same way we are called to look to the Lord to provide for us and fill the emptiness too many of us experience. We will also celebrate communion in this service, so please have the elements available to participate.

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/>

WORLD RENEW: WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY: In communities facing poverty, people often struggle to grow enough food, find clean water, rebuild after a disaster, and deal with injustice. We praise God for opportunities to come together as one in Christ and to love our neighbor. Pray with us for equipping to foster justice, love, and mercy in our work with partners and congregations.

RAISE UP: TLT: CHANGES: Pray for the revision process of Timothy Leadership Training (TLT) manuals. We pray that interactive and accessible content may continue to aid facilitators and deepen participants' appreciation of God's grace. Pray for wisdom in introducing changes, and for increased opportunities in developing partnerships and new resources.

REFRAME: JAPAN: Reiko is undergoing treatment for breast cancer, and some days she has very little energy. "On those days I am truly grateful for the encouragement from your program," she shared with our Japanese ministry team. Pray for continued healing for Reiko, and praise God that she has found a source of strength in him.

RESONATE: COMMUNITIES: Pray for our church plant partners as they share the love of Christ in their communities. Ask the Holy Spirit for opportunities to connect with neighbors and share the gospel, both through actions and conversations.

COMMUNICATIONS: REMEMBRANCE DAY/VETERANS DAY: Today we remember military service personnel who have served their countries, recognizing that many gave their lives or returned forever changed. Together may we ask God to bring peace and healing for veterans and for all whose lives have been disrupted by war.

CADETS: NEW THEME: This year's theme, "God's In Control," based on Joshua 1:9, continues to remind cadets and counselors that God is always with them, including during times of stress and anxiety. We pray that this reassurance

will help our boys and men to be strong and courageous in living for Jesus.

WORLD RENEW: INDIA: This summer, as the pandemic claimed many lives in India, gifts of over \$1 million helped our international disaster response team to provide families with life-saving resources (such as food, medicines, and hygiene kits) and to supply rural medical facilities with urgently needed oxygen and other resources. We praise God for this overwhelming response!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

SINCERE THANK YOU for all the gracious help and generous donations given over the years towards Ark Aid Street Mission. Galatians 6:9 states, "Let us not become weary in doing good for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up". Please reach out to Mark Bellamy at Ark Aid Street Mission to volunteer in a way suitable to you.



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: Praying for God's Deliverance - When we find ourselves in situations that we cannot fix, it's natural to feel anxious, desperate, overwhelmed, exhausted, and scared. Join Groundwork as we study Jonah 2 to remember that God is ready to hear us, to deliver us, and to offer us his abundant mercy. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly

emails for future episodes.

TODAY IS WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY: Join us! - Today we are having an offering to support the work of World Renew and help put food on tables around the world. World Renew has the plans, the systems, the partners, and the people to come alongside communities experiencing hunger. We are excited to join this program as a faithful response to the God who can accomplish abundantly more than all we ask or imagine. Thank you for giving as you are able to help solve World Hunger.

AT-HOME FAITH PRACTICE REFLECTION TIP: Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Generosity: Read Acts 4:32-35 and ponder or discuss the following questions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject) The early church was characterized by a spirit of generosity. How does today's church (or your own congregation) measure up? Do today's Christians have a reputation for generosity? In what ways is that true or untrue?

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.

COUNTRYSIDE CAMP CHRISTMAS SHOPPE: Sweet treats, hot drinks, and Camp Shalom merch all available in our Christmas Shoppe. Whether you are buying camp merch for a past camper or a sweet treat to share with friends and family, our Christmas Shoppe is full of treasures for you, your family, and your friends. Fill your Christmas shopping list while supporting a great cause. Quantities are limited, so get your order in today at ontariochristiancamp.ca/christmasshoppe/

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