

General Information



COFFEE, PUNCH & COOKIES are served in the Friendship Center following morning worship. You are invited to join us. We would like to meet you.

HAS GOD BEEN SPEAKING TO YOU THIS MORNING THROUGH WORSHIP? Have you been carrying some burdens that you would like to give to the Lord? Do you want to spend some time in prayer this morning? If so, we would encourage you to linger after worship right where you sit. Spend a few moments in silent prayer. There will also be some members of Bethany's prayer team that are available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary.

BETHANY PRAYER CONCERNS – Please call Pastor Lon at (562) 866-1812 ex. 224 no later than Thursday afternoon to place your praises and needs on the prayer sheet.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS — are listed each week in the bulletin. To give to the listed cause, please use a blue envelope available in the pew OR use your regular giving envelope and indicate the amount you are giving toward the special offering. All cash placed in the offering plate goes to the general budget.

YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE by logging in at bethanycrc.ccbchurch.com. If you need assistance call Deanne in the office.

 **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK...AND FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!**  If you would like to use social media to keep up with things happening here at Bethany, then "like" us on Facebook at (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bethany-CRC/468329003279601>) and follow us on Twitter (@Bethany_CRC).

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (for children who are in Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade) will exit with the banner to join us for our worship time. Children may be picked up at 10:50 in Room 26/Following Jesus Room (which is the room above the kitchen).

Announcements

FLOWERS — If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary please contact Lois Prins.

OUR FOOD PANTRY — is in need of bottled water and granola/meal replacement bars. Donations can be placed in the cart in the foyer on Sundays or brought to the church office during the week.

LLLL BOOK CLUB — will be reading *Dancing with Max* by Emily Colson. We will meet on Monday, February 19 at 7:15 pm at Adrea Boerigter's home to discuss the book. New members are always welcome. Call Sue Leck for more info.

TALK TIME — Are you confused, hurting or grieving? Do you just need to talk? Pastor Jim Kok is available on Friday mornings here at the church. (Other times possible as well). Please call the church office at (562) 866-1812 Ext. 221 to make an appointment.

BOUNDARIES FOR THRIVING — Boundaries are the basic, yet invisible, rulebook that guides us in all our interactions in life. Boundaries define how and what we communicate, what we give and receive, and even what we expect from others. They reflect how we love ourselves and others and what we value most deeply. They impact how we function at work and the use of the money we earn from work. They influence when we say no and when we say yes. They determine where our own needs start and end. Some of us have boundaries that are porous and some have very rigid boundaries. Some of us aren't even aware of many healthy boundaries. All of us have some level of struggle in establishing and maintaining healthy boundaries so that we can flourish in life. These four sessions on Boundaries for Thriving will help us better understand our boundaries and why they're so important and how to strengthen ones that may have weakened. We will meet in the Hospitality Room during the Sunday School hour beginning on March 4. Our facilitator for our discussions is Jeffrey Funk—chaplain, professor, author, and fellow-struggler.

NOISY COLLECTION - to support our Kabale Team (who will visit PAG Church in Uganda this summer) will be taken this morning.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW — what is going on with Lianna Tanis in Uganda, check her blog at liannajoy.weebly.com. If you would like to stay in touch you can send her an e-mail at liannatanis@gmail.com. She will be happy to hear from you!

ALL CHURCH STUDY — Our 2018 All Church Study based on Lee Strobel's book, *The Case for Faith*, continues today. This 6 week study includes a sermon series on Sunday mornings, small groups to take the study a little deeper, and an optional (but highly recommended) book to read along with the study. Contact Pastor Lon with any questions you have or to join a small group. We look forward to God doing great things in and through us during this study!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — will gather again this Tuesday as we study *The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel as part of Bethany's All Church Study. We will meet at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room. Please join us!

COMMUNION — We will be celebrating the sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of each month, which includes next Sunday, February 4. Scripture calls us to examine ourselves before God prior to taking communion (*1 Corinthians 11:28-29*). May we come in the assurance that by it we will be spiritually revived and strengthened in faith, hope, and love through Jesus Christ our Lord. (PH p. 976)

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 1/24/18.....	\$10,580.00
<i>(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)</i>	
Faith Promise	\$145.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance	\$120.00
World Renew.....	\$625.00

THANK YOU — for all your cards and prayers that helped me through the hard spots. My knee is healing well and I am up to walking one mile per day and am doing my exercises faithfully. I appreciate your encouragement and the food that was brought during my recovery. I am thankful to God for touching all your hearts to show His love through you. *✞ Nancy Curley*

BETH MOORE EVENT — Over the years, many Bethany women have been blessed to be part of Bible studies using teaching by Beth Moore. There is a 2-day event coming to San Diego on April 27-28 that you may want to consider. It is "LIVING PROOF Live" with Beth Moore and worship with Travis Cottrell. It is happening at The Rock Church. The early bird rate is \$69 if you register by Jan. 30. Go to www.LifeWay.com/LivingProof to register or to learn more.

LIGHTSHINE 2018 – presents *Trust God!* under the Direction of Kay Van Weerhuizen tonight at 6 p.m. at Trinity Christian Reformed Church (18718 Grayland Ave., Artesia). No tickets are required. No nursery available.

AFFORDABLE TREASURES THRIFT STORE is in need of volunteers in our store located at 17829 Bellflower Blvd. Please call 562-866-0060 to volunteer or to get more information.

FIRST CRC OF ARTESIA has a weekly celebration of Christ's presence on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Begin your new week with the in-filling and empowerment of the Holy Spirit by joining with the family of God and the body of Christ for worship

THE ESTHER SCHOOL IN ZAMBIA, AFRICA — has multiple job openings for a Country Director and Teachers. These fundamental positions are integral to the school's mission to connect with the local Zambian children, families, and community. You can view the job descriptions at <https://www.esterschool.org/get-involved/#opportunities>. For questions and inquiries, contact Jill Postma, Executive Director, jill.p@esterschool.org. Ideally, the chosen applicants should be available to begin service in August 2018.

GROWTH THROUGH CONTROVERSY - Whenever we're confronted with something new, we're forced to consider and re-evaluate the legitimacy of what we know. Join Groundwork as we study Acts 15 to see how God works to create growth as the early church believers discern their way through controversy. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails.

JUSTICE BIBLE STUDY - Calvin College is offering a Bible study on the theme of justice for 7 weeks, beginning on February 1. Seven different writers from the Calvin and wider church community have addressed such topics as race, pro-life, creation care, and poverty from a biblical perspective. All studies are available for download (pdf) at www.calvin.edu/faith. At Calvin, we equip students to think deeply, act justly and live wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world. This study looks at what "act justly" really means. Join us!

Children's Ministry

TODAY

- **Little Lambs** (2 ½ to 4) in Room 9a at 9:30 a.m.
- **Children's Worship** (Pre K—1st Grade) will meet this morning. Follow the banner after the worship time.
- **Sunday School** — THE SCRIPTURE LADY WILL BE VISITING! The Scripture Lady comes with a fun performance full of games, magic tricks, songs and much more! Don't miss out on this! We will be in the Sunday School Room for the entire hour. Please pick up children from Rm. 12/13 at noon (or stay for the show).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Family Dinner from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Activities for kids from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

- Nursery (0-3 year olds)
- Kingdom Kids (Pre-k to 1st Grade)
- Cadets (2nd – 6th grade boys)
- GEMS (2nd- 6th grade girls)

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE!

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

Hebrews 10:25



On the Edge, Step Out! & Y.a.

(7th & 8th Grades)

(9th-12th Grades)

(Age 18-28ish)

Sunday, January 28 — **AWAKE** (HS) will meet in The 2nd Story at 11:00 a.m. **Weekend Edition** (MS) will not meet this morning because our kids are at camp.

Sunday, January 28 — **Step Out** (HS) will meet for large group at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd Story. Hope to see you here!

Wednesday, January 31 — **On-the-Edge** (MS) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in The 2nd Story for large group. Hope you will join us!

February 9-11— Our **High School Retreat** will be held in Running Springs. Cost is \$175 with skiing or \$135.00 without. Go to bethanycrcyouth.org for more information or to register.

All details can be found at bethanycrcyouth.org.

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Join us this week or pray for...

Today	Morning Celebration Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary Sunday School, 11:00 a.m., Room 12/13 NO Weekend Edition Awake (HS Sunday School), 11:00 a.m., 2nd Story Step Out, 7 p.m., The 2nd Story
Monday	BSF, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Tuesday	Tutoring, 3:30 p.m., Friendship Center Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room
Wednesday	Coffee Break, 9:30 a.m., Friendship Center Community Outreach Dinner, 4:00, North Friendship Center Family Dinner, 5:45 p.m., Friendship Center Family Night @ 6:30 p.m. — Nursery • Kingdom Kids (Pre-K to 1st Grade, Room 9a) • GEMS (Girls Grades 2-6, Room 12/13) • Cadets (Boys Grades 2-6, Cadet Room) • On-the-Edge (Grades 7 & 8, The 2nd Story) • Coffee Break (Hospitality Room) • The Case for Faith (Choir Room)
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room
Friday	
Saturday	

Opportunities for Service

~ Serving Next Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Kruid, Ligtenberg, Mariotti
Coffee After Worship: Camp David — Boerigter/ Slager
Post-Service Prayer: Mary Jo Van Duyn and Stan Cole
Foyer greeters: Derek and Mary Jane Zondervan, Keith and Barb Zondervan
Patio greeters: Bud and Leann Bakker
Ushers: Rich Rens (*cap.*), Corwin Schenk, Henry Mariotti
Parking Lot: Jeff Westra, Mike Whitten • **Parking Lot Assistant:** Joe Wiersma
Nursery: Breanna Kuyper (*greeter*), Megan Huckins, Jane Compton, Derek Murray
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Sheryl Dielens, Nancy Winters, Jesse Rhodes
Library: Eileen Walraven, Nancy Curley

~ Serving Next Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Anema, Boerigter
Coffee After Worship: Camp David — Boerigter/ Slager
Post-Service Prayer: Ron Anema and Lil Hogan
Foyer greeters: Nelson and Patricia Abud, Ron and Karla Anema
Patio greeters: Louise Bazen and Lil Hogan
Ushers: Dave Ligtenberg (*cap.*), Joe Ruditis, Milt Vanderburg, Rick Dykstra
Parking Lot: Joe Wiersma, Fred Willbanks • **Parking Lot Assistant:** Ron Vande Vegte
Nursery: Teresa Peterson (*greeter*), Jaci Hugen, Geraldine Kruid, Matthew Machado
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Susie Ruditis, Claire Westra, Olivia Vande Vegte
Library: Meg Pheifer, Jan Whitten

Church Staff and Council

Jim Kuiper ~ Minister of the Word ext. 223	Janis Westra ~ Worship Leader ext. 225
Lon Wagner ~ Minister of Discipleship ext. 224	Sue Leck ~ Financial Administrator ext. 229
Jim Kok ~ Pastoral Care (<i>leave message</i>) ext. 221	Deanne Grachen ~ Office Administrator ext. 221
Kendall Abud ~ Children's Ministry Director ext. 230	Caleb Miller ~ Director of HS and MS ext. 228
Faith Rietveld ~ Choir Director ext. 226	Angel Chun ~ Facilities Coordinator ext. 235

Deacons: Karla Anema, Ed Bakker, Sandy Binns, Chad Bomgaars (*Deacon President*), Rick Dykstra, Pam Eaker, Gerard Martinez, Art Pena, Todd Pheifer (*Vice President*), Jon Slager, Cindy Tanis (*Secretary*), Derek Zondervan
Elders: Ron Anema (*Council President*), Charlie Boerigter, Stan Cole, Keith Cok, Dave Dyer (*Vicar/Clerk*), Rob Kamstra (*Elder President*), Ron Kruid, Dave Ligtenberg, Henry Mariotti

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Morning Celebration Worship January 28, 2018 ~ 9:30 a.m.

THE CASE FOR FAITH SERIES

Prelude
Call to Worship
Opening Song
Greetings
Songs of Praise
Confession & Assurance
Song of Response
Children's Message
Congregational Prayer

Message
"EVIL AND SUFFERING PT. 1"
Job 1:6-22

Offering
Special Offering: Building Fund

Blessing
Closing Song

Postlude

Preaching: Pastor Jim Kuiper

We provide loving care for your little ones during worship. The nursery is located close to the main entrance of the sanctuary in the southwest corner of the Friendship Center. 2 ½-4 Year-Olds are invited to "Little Lambs" in Room 9A which is located in the Education Building at the north end of the campus.

Next Sunday at Bethany...

Please join us as Pastor Jim Kuiper continues our series "The Case For Faith".

Special Offering: Faith Promise