

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).

Announcements

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

MOB² (Men Of Bethany, Men Of the Bible) - The parallelisms in 1 John are striking for their simplicity: Christ vs. antichrists, light vs. darkness, truth vs. falsehood, righteousness vs. sin, love of the Father vs. love of the world, and the Spirit of God vs. the spirit of the Antichrist. While this is not a complete list, it reveals a letter that presents living in the world in an uncomplicated way—there is right and there is wrong, period. This emphasis by John, while striking, is not without love. It's quite the opposite, in fact. John recognized that love comes from God, and he encouraged the believers to love one another. John's first letter teaches that while it's important to recognize the lines between truth and error, it must always be done in a spirit of love. Come study these truths together with other men on Tuesday nights, 7-8:30 p.m., through the Choir room door. To receive Bible study questions please contact Jeffrey Funk by e-mailing him at jeffrey.funk@hcmachaplains.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITY — Our sister Elsie Ophorst has made it known to Council her intention to retire at the end of August. We celebrate her faithful service and ministry among us. We also then find ourselves in need of someone to be our Facilities Coordinator. Bethany's Personnel team is working out specific duties and pay rate, but the position is part time and requires someone to be able to open campus, lock it down at night, facilitate those who use the campus, set up and take down chairs and tables, and light custodial work (we hire out the big stuff to a company). Most importantly, as the Facility Coordinator is often the first Bethany representative people meet on campus, we are looking for someone will make people feel we are happy they are at Bethany. If you are or know of somebody who is interested in being that welcoming presence to people when they are on campus, please let Keith Zondervan know.

ANGEL GAME TOMORROW NIGHT - Tomorrow night, a group from Bethany is going to the Angel game together. If you have reserved your ticket, meet us in the parking lot a little before 6pm to board the bus and head to Angel Stadium. If you need to drive yourself, please see Pastor Lon this morning to get your ticket.

ALL CHURCH LUNCHEON — On Sunday, August 20, we will gather for a meal to say "goodbye" and "thank you" to Andrew and Abbey Nishimoto as they transition into the next phase of their lives. Please sign up for the luncheon in the Friendship Folder today. Everyone attending the luncheon is asked to bring a salad for 10.

LLLL BOOK CLUB — will be reading *The Sound of Gravel* by Ruth Wariner. We will meet on Monday, September 11 at 7:15 p.m. at Jan Whitten's home. New members are always welcome.

AIN'T IT NIFTY? LOOK WHO'S 50! Yup, that's right, both Pastor Jim and Beth are turning the Big 50 in August and we want to celebrate with you! Please come to an Open House at the parsonage on August 26th from 2-6 p.m. No gifts please!!

THANK YOU to the Bethany family for all of your prayers, support, cards, travel donations, and encouragement as we made our move to New Mexico. We are getting settled in and unpacking a few boxes each day. The community here has welcomed us with open arms, and we are excited to see what God has in store for us here.

OUR FOOD PANTRY — is in need of spaghetti sauce, Progresso Soup, Chef Boyardee meals, Top Ramen, broth, fruit cups, raisins, cheese & crackers, other individually packaged snacks, razors and travel size soaps, shampoo, lotion, etc. Donations can be placed in the cart in the foyer on Sundays or can be brought to the church office during the week.

COFFEE DRINKERS — In order to be more conservative with the resources that God has given us, the Deacons would like to suggest that members and regular attenders who drink coffee or tea after church bring their own mug from home. Grab your Bible and mug each Sunday, and show us some of your personality!

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.

COOKBOOKS — The GEMS Ministry still has cookbooks for sale. You can get them during the week at the church office. The cost has been reduced to \$5 per book. All proceeds will go to the Esther School in Zambia.

COMMUNITY HYMN-SING — You are invited to Trinity Christian Reformed Church, 18718 Grayland Ave., Artesia, on Sunday August 13 at 4:30 p.m. to join others in singing your favorite hymns, led by Pieter Goedhart and friends.

WANTED: BANNER NEWS WRITERS - The Banner is looking for correspondents to write and report news from local congregations. Are you a curious story teller with some writing skills and the desire to share from your church and neighboring regions? Please reply to news@thebanner.org with your name, church, and reason why you would like to be one of The Banner's freelance writers. The News Editor will respond regarding your application.

NEW RESOURCE: TEN WAYS TO CARE FOR CREATION - The Office of Social Justice has partnered with Faith Formation Ministries to develop a new resource for churches looking for fresh ways to address our call to care for creation. The "Ten Ways to Care for Creation" toolkit includes ideas such as starting an intergenerational gardening project, holding a storytelling series, and much more! We invite you to download this free resource and share it with your church: justice.crcna.org/tenwayscreation.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, REACTIONS - The greatest movie ever made! That's Liz's goal. Looks like it will be another disaster unless Lucille comes to the rescue. Check out this episode for the best action-adventure-romance-sci-fi-western ever made! Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. You can also go to www.kidscorner.net to download two of our best free resources: the KC Sketch book and the KC Summer Fun Book.

THE KINGDOM PARABLES - Whether our curiosity gets the best of us or we desire to secure our place in heaven, most of us want to know more about God's kingdom. Join Groundwork as we study four short parables Jesus told in Matthew 13 to reveal to us the way things work in the kingdom of God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Children's Ministry

TODAY

- Little Lambs (2 ½ to 4) in Room 9a at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Night Programs Kick off with our annual
Chili Cook Off
August 23
from 6:30-8:00 p.m.



Don't miss this evening which will include fun competitions, games, jumpers, and delicious chili to taste! You will be the judges this year and decide who goes home with the coveted trophy. If you would like to enter your chili in the cook off, please contact Kendall at 562-822-9444.

On the Edge, STEP Out! & Y.a.
 (7th & 8th Grades) (9th-12th Grades) (Age 18-28ish)

Young Adult Night - Thursday, August 10 Join us from 7-9 p.m. in the 2nd Story as we conclude our series "Grayscale: Is There Any Black and White in this Gray World?" We will be discussing truth and what that really means.

Service Night Kickoff — (HS) Wednesday, August 23 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.



Youth Group Kickoff — (JH) Wednesday, August 23 We will join in the Chili Cook Off for fun competitions, games and inflatables....and eat some yummy chili too. Don't miss it!

Youth Group Kick Off — (HS) Sunday, August 27 Join us in the 2nd Story at 7:00 p.m. as we kick off another exciting year!

Join us this week or pray for...

Today Morning Celebration Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Monday
Tuesday Camp Barnabus hosts Artesia Christian Home Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.
 Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
Wednesday Community Outreach Dinner, **4:00** p.m., North Friendship Center
Thursday Young Adult Night, 7:00 p.m., 2nd Story
Friday
Saturday

Opportunities for Service

~ Serving This Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Dyer, Kamstra
Coffee After Worship: Camp Barnabus—Kamstra/Dykstra
Post-Service Prayer: Greta De Young, Mary Jo Van Duyn
Foyer greeters: Darrin Mesman, Scott and Judy Murray
Patio greeters: Sheryl Dielens and Mary Murray
Ushers: Dave Ligtenberg (cap.), Joe Ruditis, Milton Vanderburg, Rick Dykstra
Parking Lot: Richard Dickinson and Dave Dyer
Parking Lot Assistant: Ron Van Meeteren
Nursery: Mary Jane Zondervan (Greeter), Elizabeth De Groot, Barb Zondervan, Olivia Vande Vegte
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Anna Willoughby, Earlene Van Den Berg, Claire Westra
Library: Eileen Walraven, Jan Whitten

~ Serving Next Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Dyer, Kamstra
Coffee After Worship: Camp Barnabus—Kamstra/Dykstra
Post-Service Prayer: Stan Cole and Ron Anema
Foyer greeters: Mary Murray, Terry Musick
Patio greeters: Brad and Teresa Peterson
Ushers: Dave Ligtenberg (cap.), Joe Ruditis, Milton Vanderburg, Rick Dykstra
Parking Lot: Don Dykstra, Rick Dykstra
Parking Lot Assistant: Joe Wiersma
Nursery: Wynnette Bouma (Greeter), Emily Ulstrup, Shannon Slager, Emily De Young
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Sheryl Dielens, Olivia Vande Vegte, Anneka Bakker
Library: Eileen Walraven, Rachel Walraven

Church Staff and Council

Jim Kuiper ~ Minister of the Word ext. 223	Sue Leck ~ Financial Administrator..... ext. 229
Lon Wagner ~ Minister of Discipleship..... ext. 224	Deanne Grachen ~ Office Administrator ext. 221
Jim Kok ~ Pastoral Care (leave message) ext. 221	Andrew Nishimoto ~ Student Ministries/Outreach.. ext. 228
Kendall Abud ~ Children's Ministry Director.... ext. 230	Caleb Miller ~ Director of HS and MS..... ext. 228
Faith Rietveld ~ Minister of Music..... ext. 225	Elsie Ophorst ~ Facilities Coord. (leave message)..... ext. 221
Janis Westra ~ Worship Leader (leave message) ext. 221	

Deacons: Karla Anema, Ed Bakker, Sandy Binns, Chad Bomgaars (Deacon President), Rick Dykstra, Pam Eaker, Gerard Martinez, Art Pena, Todd Pfeifer (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 August 6, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 Call to Worship
 Greetings
 Songs of Praise
 Confession/Assurance
 God at Work in the World
 Children's Message
 Congregational Prayer

Message:
"DISLOCATION"
 Genesis 32:22-31

Offering
 Special Offering: Outreach Fund

Blessing

Closing Song

Postlude

Preaching: Pastor Dave Jeltema

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 Zac Vanden Berg leads us in a time of worship and the Word.

Special Offering: World Renew