

## 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](http://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

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS** — can be placed in the cart in the foyer on Sundays or can be brought to the church office during the week.

**MOB<sup>2</sup> (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](mailto: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.

**FUN STUFF IS COMING FOR THE BETHANY FAMILY!** On *Monday evening, August 7*, we're going to the Angel game. We'll meet at Bethany at 6pm and take a bus to the game. Tickets cost \$8 each. Sign up asap...we have 50 tickets reserved for that night. Contact Pastor Lon for details and to sign up.

**BETHANY MINISTRY FAIR** — *Next Sunday, July 30* following worship, we will gather in the Friendship Center for a Bethany Ministry Fair. The various ministries of Bethany Church will have tables offering opportunities to learn about their ministries and the chance to sign up and get involved. Plus, there will be food available for you to enjoy while you walk from table to table...and fun activities for the kids to do while mom and dad wander from table to table. Plan now to be a part of this!

**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.

**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.

### WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 7/16/17 .....	\$11,570.00
<i>(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)</i>	
Faith Promise.....	\$524.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance .....	\$120.00
Benevolence .....	\$1,232.00



**All VBS volunteers** please meet in the Choir Room at 8:15am tomorrow morning for important information! Looking forward to an **AWESOME week!**

**WE NEED HELP DECORATING FOR VBS!** If you are available TODAY at Noon to help move the VBS set from Long Beach CRC to our church, please meet in the parking lot at noon. Bring your trucks if you have them...or just bring yourselves! Contact Kendall at (562) 866-1812 with questions.

**VBS FAIR HELPERS NEEDED** — We still need help running games, inflatables, and the prize store at the Friday Night Fair from 6:30-8:30! If you couldn't help out during the week, this is a great way to help! Please contact Kendall at (562) 866-1812 if you are able to help.

**VBS PRE-REGISTRATION** is still open ONLINE at [Bellfloweryouth.org](http://Bellfloweryouth.org). All children will need to be registered online this year for VBS. (If you do not have access to a computer, you can pre-register this morning after worship or at the table tomorrow morning.)

**PHOTO DIRECTORY** — If you were not able to have your picture taken but would still like to be included in the directory, please e-mail your photo to [dgrachen@bethanycrc.org](mailto:dgrachen@bethanycrc.org) or drop it off in the church office by July 26. We are also looking for pictures of those serving in the military. If you have a son or daughter who is serving please get a photo to Deanne so it can be included on our military page. Thanks!

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

**PRAISE AND PRAYER NIGHT** — We are excited to invite you all to our Praise and Prayer night **TONIGHT** from **6-7 p.m.** in the second story of the education building. Join us as we come together before VBS to pray for the students that will be participating and readying our hearts for a busy, but impactful week! We encourage anyone involved with VBS to attend, or if you can't help with VBS, this is a great time to pray together for it! Prayer and Praise night is open to **all ages** so we would love to see everyone there!

**ROOM FOR RENT?** A regular attender of Bethany is looking to rent a room in the local area. If you have a room to rent or know someone who does, please contact Pastor Lon.

**PRAY FOR INSPIRE 2017** - Inspire 2017 is a conference to connect people from across the 1000+ churches in the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. As we plan and prepare for this event, happening August 3-5 in Detroit, Mich., please join us in praying for the event and all who will attend. This week, please pray for accessibility, and for people of all levels of ability to be included, involved, comfortable, and blessed. Pray that Inspire 2017 will be a true family reunion, reflecting the church in all its diversity and beauty.

## Children's Ministry

TODAY

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



**Hot Dogs for the Fair** ~ For the past many years, we have been offering hot dogs, popcorn, juice, and cookies to all who come to our VBS Fair and we would love to continue doing so. For those of you who wish to bring hot dogs, I am looking for the large packages of hotdogs that you can purchase at Smart and Final, Sam's Club, or Costco. These could be purchased and dropped off any time this week. Please label them VBS Fair and place in the refrigerator.

**Cookies** ~ Our Cookie ladies need lots and lots of cookies for the children that will be attending VBS. They can be homemade or store bought. When dropping off your cookies, please mark VBS on your package with your name.

**Candy** ~ The MAKER FUN FACTORY candy box is in the kitchen by the window. Feel free to drop off your candy anytime between now and Fair Day, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Donation checks may be made out to Bethany CRC ~ memo: VBS*

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

(7th & 8th Grades)

(9th-12th Grades)

(Age 18-28ish)

**July 25 (MS) & July 27 (HS)** – We have a yearly tradition that each group goes out to eat following a day of helping at VBS. We will leave church at 12:30 and return around 2 p.m. Come help at VBS, and then join us for a delicious meal!

**July 27 — Young Adult Night** - Join us from 7-9 p.m. in the 2nd Story as we continue our series "Grayscale: Is There Any Black and White in this Gray World?" We will be discussing truth and what that really means.

**July 28 — Overnighter (MS & HS)** - Come and enjoy a night of fun! We will spend the entire night playing games and going on an outing. Sleep is optional! The cost is \$15 which covers late night dinner, outing and entertainment!

### Join us this week or pray for...

<b>Today</b>	Morning Celebration Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
<b>Monday</b>	VBS, 9 a.m. - noon
<b>Tuesday</b>	VBS, 9 a.m. - noon Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	VBS, 9 a.m. - noon <b>NO</b> Community Outreach Dinner
<b>Thursday</b>	VBS, 9 a.m. - noon Young Adult Night, 7:00 p.m., 2nd Story
<b>Friday</b>	VBS, 9 a.m. - noon VBS Fair, 6:30-8:30 HS and MS Overnighter, 10:00 p.m. to 8 a.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	

### Opportunities for Service

#### ~ Serving This Week ~

**Pre-Service Prayer:** Cok, Cole  
**Coffee After Worship:** Camp Barnabus—Kamstra/Dykstra  
**Post-Service Prayer:** Lil Hogan and Greta De Young  
**Foyer greeters:** Sherm and Ardelle Kredit, Ron and Geraldine Kruid  
**Patio greeters:** Darrin Mesman  
**Ushers:** Rich Rens (*cap.*), Corwin Schenk, Henry Mariotti  
**Parking Lot:** Paul De Vries, Jack De Young  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Todd Huckins  
**Nursery:** Carmen Machado (*Greeter*), Sherry Boer, Hilda Bouma, Bethany Wagner  
**2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds:** Rebekah Rhodes, Brooke Tolen, Ann Vande Vegte  
**Library:** Carolyn Kamstra, Carissa Kamstra

#### ~ Serving Next Week ~

**Pre-Service Prayer:** Cok, Cole  
**Coffee After Worship:** Camp Barnabus—Kamstra/Dykstra  
**Post-Service Prayer:** Terry and Sandy Binns  
**Foyer greeters:** Henry and Paulette Mariotti, Dave and Becky Meekhof  
**Patio greeters:** Henry and Ruth Van Zee  
**Ushers:** Rich Rens (*cap.*), Corwin Schenk, Henry Mariotti  
**Parking Lot:** Matt De Young, Ron Den Hartog  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Jake Hoogeveen  
**Nursery:** Teresa Peterson (*Greeter*), Ginger Bouma, Greta De Young, Katherine De Groot  
**2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds:** Sue Leck, Nancy Winters, Meg Pheifer  
**Library:** Nancy Curley, Susie Ruditis

### 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 ( <i>leave message</i> ) ..... 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. ( <i>leave message</i> )..... ext. 221
Janis Westra ~ Worship Leader ( <i>leave message</i> ) .... ext. 221	

**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 July 23, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude  
 Call to Worship  
 Opening Song  
 Greetings  
 Songs of Praise  
 Confession/Assurance  
 Song of Response  
 God at Work in the World  
 Song of Response  
 Children's Message  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Message:  
**"BETTER THAN LUST"**  
*Matthew 5:27-30*  
 Offering  
*Special Offering: VC Tuition Assistance*  
 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 leads us in a time of worship and the Word.

*Special Offering: Faith Promise*