

Greeters:

Apr 15: Kevin & Andrea Alles
Apr 1: Mike & Natasha Bandstra

Nursery attendants: (contact person: Jolene M, Erica A)

Apr 15: AM: Ashley D, Janelle B, Brenda E, Alayna H
PM: Jess C, Jolene M, Kim V
Apr 22: AM: Jenn K, Kerri P, Truus M, Jenna M
PM: Sonya F, Erica A, Steph H

Sunday School (contact person: Jessica K)

Apr 15: Erica A, Malika M **Apr 22:** Josie Z, Kai M

Library Attendant: (contact person: Thea E.)

Apr 15: Gredina Merkens **Apr 22:** Elisabeth Wittwer

Janitor for the Church: Apr 16-21: Kathy Taylor, Gredina Merkens
Apr 23-28: Kathy Taylor, Gredina Merkens
Apr 30-May 5: M Adema, A Onderwater

Coffee Service:

Apr 15: Tim & Jess Culleton, Dave & Annette Onderwater
Apr 29: Thea Ewald, Helen Verbeek, Alan & Kathy Taylor
May 6: Garrett & Danielle Hamelink, Rick & Ludi Vandergugten
(Please Find Your Own Replacements if you cannot make it)



Church Bookings: If you would like to book the church for an event please contact Jessica Koldyk @ [250-846-6000](tel:250-846-6000).

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United Reformed Church of Smithers

Rev. Simon Lievaart

Services: 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Church Website: bethelsmithers.ca



April 15, 2018

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.



Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today!
Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the morning service

Church Family

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? (Psalm 42:1-2) What a blessing when God gives us the freedom and the health to come week after week to His house where He meets us in worship. Welcome to everyone as we come on this day to worship our Lord and Saviour.

As a congregation, let us continue to pray for one another. On Friday Henry Zandberg was to have surgery to replace a portion of his aorta. We pray for God's blessing on Henry, Tally, and the family during this crucial time. Continue also to keep in your prayers Josie Zandberg, who has had some health concerns this week. Also pray for little Levi Meerdink, who broke his femur and needs to be in a partial body cast for a number of weeks. May God give patience to Levi with his situation and strength to Trevor and Jill and the family. *You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth* (Psalm 71:5).

Pray for those dealing with various burdens, discouragements, and sinful tendencies. May the Lord be our daily help and strength! May God bless us so that we may be a blessing to those around us. Pastor Simon

Collection Schedule:

Apr 15: Rev. Zekveld is a Reformed missionary who has been working among and bringing the Gospel to the Sikh community in Toronto since its founding in 1995. Rev. Zekveld is called and sent out by the Covenant Christian Church of Wyoming, ON. Tony and his wife have five children. Check out his newsletter on the web page: Sikhspectrum.com

April 22: Cascade

Apr 29: Rev. Langendoen

Preaching Schedule

Apr 15: AM: LD 47 PM: 1 Samuel 8

Apr 18: 7:30PM Prayer Day Service (with Faith URC)

Apr 22: AM LD 48 PM: 1 Samuel 9

Apr 29: AM: Elder Adema PM: Elder Vandergugten

Church Annual General Meeting - Monday, April 23, 2018 @ 7:30pm

The Christian Outreach Board of the Smithers CanRC is looking for volunteers for the annual Yak'isda Bik'ah (In God's Trail) Bible Camps Kids camp, ages 7-12 **July 2 -8** (Monday-Sunday) and Teen camp: **July 11 - 15** (Wednesday - Sunday) D.V.

We are especially looking for a qualified life guard and a first aid attendant. If you have these qualifications, please consider a volunteer experience that will have lasting impact both in the lives of the campers and on you, the volunteer. For more information/application, please contact the Camp Coordinator: Denise Van Raalte ([250-847-1362](tel:250-847-1362)) denisevr@telus.net

United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries.

Rev. Taylor Kern is a missionary in Spanish-speaking church plant in Ontario, CA

- 1) That the Lord would continue to work on the hearts of a few new families that are in the process of membership: Daniel and Osiris, Brandon and Camilia, and Consuelo and Juan Carlos. Also pray for Maria, a recent visitor who comes from a Roman Catholic background.
- 2) That our local families would be active in inviting their friends and relatives to church and to their house for hospitality.
- 3) That the Lord would bless our summer weekend retreat on the topic of the family. We especially ask that God would use this event to strengthen our unity in Christ.

Bethesda's "Lend a Hand" Campaign

Bethesda's Lend-a-Hand Campaign is about to begin. I have received my Spring newsletter along with my membership paper. Please do not through this paper away but fill it in and return it to me with your donations. I plan on coming around next week sometime to collect so please have this ready. If you are not a member and would like to become one I have extra papers so just let me know. If ladies could please bring it to bible study on Tuesday morning that would save me lots of time! Thanks! Jocelyn Van Veen, Phone # [250-845-9573](tel:250-845-9573)

Ready Set Learn at BVCS

A fun way for you and your 3-year old child to get ready for preschool! Your child will be introduced to learning and literacy through crafts and games. FREE, but space is limited. RSVP by visiting www.bvcs.ca or calling 250-847-4238.

April 16 · 9 – 11 AM: Full

April 23 · 9 – 11 AM: Space available

Bethel Ladies Bible Study will meet again this **Tuesday, April 10th @ 9:45 am** to discuss Chapter 12 of our Study books. We look forward to a time of fellowship, reviewing some of the key principles from Chapters 1-11, and sharing what we have learned from 1 Kings 1-11, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. * ***In order to prepare for the next season of Bible Study, please bring along ideas or sample study books.***

Nursery: Grandma Joanne, Jess Culleton, Rachel Vandermeulen
Coffee Service: Jolene Meints **Story Hour:** Kara Bisschop
Leaders: Gredina Merkens, Brenda Ewald

Catechism

Catechism Games night was full of fun. Congrats to the parents, who won graciously.

Summit Youth Conference The deadline for Summit early bird registration is coming up. If you would like to go or are interested in knowing more, speak to Pastor Simon.

Library Report

Sincerely Yours & A Measure of Grace by Al and Joanna Lacy
This volume has #7 and 8 of the Mail Order Bride series. Set in the USA west in the mid-1800s.

Highlights from the Consistory meeting held on Wed, Apr 11, 2018

1. Elder Adema welcomed all present, read from Psalm 121, and opened in prayer. We then sang #260 from the Blue Psalter.
2. The minutes from the Consistory meeting held on March 12, 2018 were approved as presented.
3. Business arising from the minutes was discussed, including:
 - a. Consistory has received a membership request from Daryl and Alana Barendregt, along with their children. Consistory welcomes them as communicate members. Their membership will take effect April 29, 2018, in accordance with Article 44 of the Church Order.
 - b. Synod Wheaton 2018. Registration completed.
4. Membership news and concerns was discussed.
5. Matters of new business were discussed including:
 - a. Home visit reports were made to the following members: Mike & Natasha Bandstra
 - b. Pastor Lievaart's submitted report was reviewed and discussed.
6. Next meeting: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 (Elder Onderwater – VIP)
7. Elder Vandergugten closed the meeting in prayer.

Church Calendar:

Apr 17: Ladies Bible Study at 9:45 am
Apr 18: Prayer Day service at church at 7:30 pm
Apr 20: Smithers Pro-life AGM Dinner & Dessert Auction at 6pm
Apr 22: Bulkley Lodge service at 6:30 pm
Apr 23: Bethel AGM at church at 7:30pm
Apr 25: Council meeting at church, 7:30pm

Bulletin announcement:

Council requests names from the congregation for both elder and deacon for the upcoming vacancies. Please submit names to a Council member prior to the meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

Mark Your Calendars!

Smithers Pro-life AGM Dinner & Dessert Auction

When: Friday, April 20th
doors open @ 6 pm dinner @ 6:30 pm
Where: Canadian Reformed Church fellowship hall
Cost: \$25 per person
Speaker: Deborah Gilman from the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform
Topic: "WHY and HOW a new generation is defending LIFE"
Tickets available until April 18th! (to insure the caterers have the correct numbers) at the Care Center (250 847-2475), Cheeky's Consignment Clothing or any Pro-life board member - Brenda Ewald, 250-847-5464

Questions:

AM - When you pray, are you seeking to honour your own name first or God's?
- If we are seeking the holiness of God's name, how should we pray when a trial comes?
- If our lives blaspheme the name of God and we have no remorse, can we expect God to hear our prayers?

PM - When you face trouble do you look to God or to what your neighbours are doing?
- Do we ever ask for things that might be allowed and yet know that our motives are wrong?
- Can you think of times when God has said "no" to your prayer and you have discovered afterwards what a good answer that was?
- How is Jesus a better King and solution than anything the world can offer? Why do so many resist Him?

Order of Worship:

April 15, 2018- 10:00A.M. – Rev. Simon Lievaart

Preparation for Morning Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship: **Psalm 99:1-3**
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **194 (blue)** "Jehovah Reigns in Majesty"

Affirming God's Law

Law of God: Exodus 20:1-17

Response Song: # **94 (blue)** "God, Be Merciful to Me"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Preparation Song: #**431:1,2,3,9 (blue)** "Our Father Clothed in Majesty"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: **Joshua 7:1-15**

Text: **Lord's Day 47**

Sermon: God's Glory First

1. In Our Minds
2. On Our Lips
3. In Our Lives

Responding in Faith

- * Song of Response: # **147:1,2,4,6 (blue)** "I Thought Upon the Days of Old"
- Congregational Prayer
- Offering: Rev. Zekveld

Continuing our Calling

- * Closing Song # **452 (blue)** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"
- * Benediction (God's Blessing)
- * Doxology: **3-Fold Amen**

(*Please stand for these songs if you are able to)

Musical Accompanist: Norma Hofsink

Order of Worship:

April 15, 2018- 2:30 P.M. – Rev. Simon Lievaart

Preparation for Afternoon Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship: **Psalm 138:1-2**
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **286 (blue)** "With Grateful Hearts My Thanks I Bring"

Confessing Our Faith

Apostles Creed #**518 (grey)** "In God the Father I Believe"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Song of Preparation: # **84 (blue)** "God is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: **1 Samuel 8**

Text: (same)

Sermon: "Like Everyone Else"

1. Our Sinful Desire
2. God's Wise Response
3. Our Need for God's King

Responding in Faith

- * Response Song: # **399 (blue)** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"
- Congregational Prayer
- Offering: Rev. Zekveld

Departing to Serve

- * Closing Song: # **326 (blue)** "Saviour, Again, to thy Dear Name We Raise"
- * Benediction (The Lord's Parting Blessing)
- * Doxology: # **3-Fold Amen**

(*Please stand for these songs if you are able to)

Musical Accompanist: Klaas Kort