

Greeters:

Apr 8: Dick & Marian Adema

Apr 15: Kevin & Andrea Alles

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

Apr 8: AM: Jocelyn V, Josie Z, Marian A, Austyn H.

PM: Erica A, Jessie K, Tally Z

Apr 15: AM: Ashley D, Rachel P, Brenda E, Alayna H

PM: Jess C, Sonya F, Kim V

Sunday School (contact person: Jessica K)

Apr 8: Kerri P, Daniel H

Apr 15: Erica A, Malika M

Library Attendant: (contact person: Thea E.)

Apr 8: Kathy Taylor

Apr 15: Gredina Merkens

Janitor for the Church: Apr 2- 7: W McEwen, L Vandergugten
Apr 9-14: W McEwen, L Vandergugten
Apr 16-21: Kathy Taylor, Gredina Merkens

Coffee Service:

Apr 8: Nick & Ashley Duursma, Mitch & Rachel Pederson

Apr 15: Tim & Jess Culleton, Dave & Annette Onderwater

Apr 29: Thea Ewald, Helen Verbeek, Alan & Kathy Taylor

(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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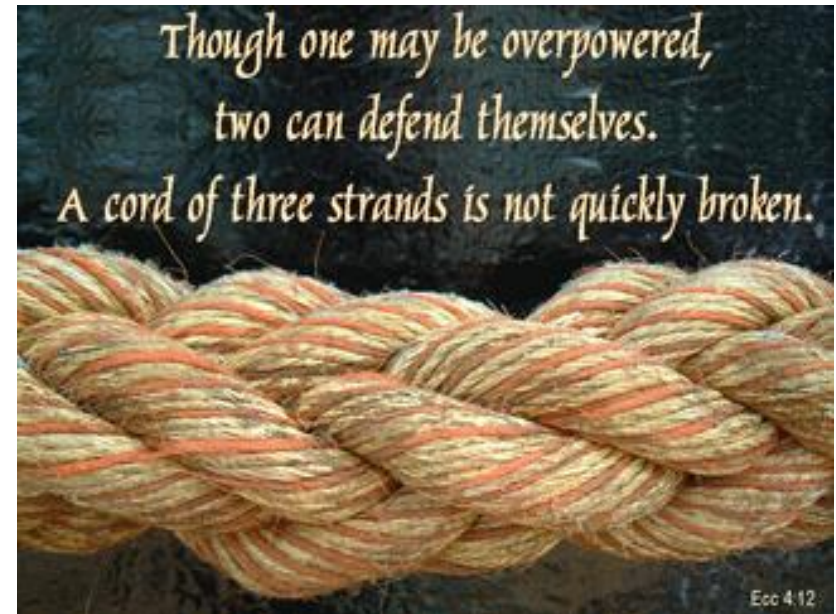
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Services: 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Church Website: bethelsmithers.ca



April 8, 2018



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

Church Family

As we patiently wait for Spring, what a blessing it is that we can come before the Giver of each season in worship. May God be praised as we lay our hearts before Him. Let us praise and give thanks for the daily blessings and eternal treasure God mercifully bestows upon us. *To the One who remembered us in our low estate His love endures for ever.* (Ps 136:23)

In our prayers let us remember Henry Zandberg, who had tests last week that revealed he has a ballooned section of his aorta that should be repaired by surgery. This is a matter of concern as the doctors are not sure if Henry will be able to handle the surgery. He has a consultation with the doctors in Calgary tomorrow, and we pray they will be able to do surgery this Wednesday. Keep Henry, Tally, and the family in prayer during this time. *The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.* (Ps 145:18)

We continue to pray for those with ongoing illnesses, those with cancer, and those recovering from treatments.

Let us also be mindful of those dealing with sorrow, depression and loneliness, and for those wandering from God's ways and struggling to keep the faithful fight against sin and temptation. We bring these to God in prayer, *praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,* (Ephesians 6:18)

Pastor Simon

Collection Schedule:

Apr 8: Needy Church Fund: This collection has been requested by Classis Western Canada that every church in our Classis will have 3 collections a year that will be collected for the needy churches in our Classis area. This helps these struggling churches to manage financially. At the recent meeting of Classis Western Canada in Edmonton it was brought to the attention of the delegates that the Needy Church Fund has been depleted to the point that it may not be able to provide for the requests from needy churches as approved by the Classis. Therefore, the deacons have decided to do a special collection today, for this request from our Classis for the Needy Church Fund. Please keep these church's in your prayers and consider this request for further financial assistance.

Apr 15: Rev. Zekveld

April 22: Cascade

Preaching Schedule

Apr 8: AM LD 46 PM: Eccl 4 **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:** Reading

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. Tony Zekveld is a missionary in Toronto, Canada.

1. Give thanks for recent baptisms and professions of faith.
2. Pray for on-going discipleship of new believers.

Pray for a new building for Hope Academy and Hope Center

Cascade Christian Counselling Association – Our therapist Jan Bryant will be in Smithers Wednesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 19th. Please call our office at 1-877-585-1411 if you would like to book an appointment to see her for individual, marital or family counselling.

Bethesda's "Lend a Hand" Campaign

Bethesda's Annual Membership & Donation Drive will begin soon and I will be getting in contact with you to invite your support. Please watch for our Spring Newsletter in the next couple weeks. With your newsletter there will be a membership application/donation form. Please do not throw this paper out but have it filled in and ready for my visit; or put it in my mailbox with any donations. That would me muchly appreciated! Membership fees are \$5 per person. All membership fees and donations are tax deductible. Your Church coordinator will be in touch with you shortly after she receives her spring newsletter as she would like the money collected before baby comes.

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

BVCS BAZAAR & AUCTION - A bit of nostalgia and a whole lot of fun!

Saturday, April 14 from 3 – 9 PM.

Donations for silent auction and live auction are welcome. Please contact Tom Grasmeyer tgrasmeyer@bvcs.ca.

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

Psalm 40

I waited long upon the Lord; He stooped and heard my cry.
He drew me from destruction's pit and from the dungeon mire.
My feet upon a rock He set, and steadfast made my ways.
A new song in my mouth He put, to God a song of praise.

O LORD our God, how many are the wonders you have done!
How many are the gracious thoughts that you to us have shown!
LORD, no one can compare with You, Your works are wonderful.
Were I to tell and speak of them, their number can't be told.

To do your will O LORD my God is surely my delight.
Your law is deep within my heart, and precious in my sight.
Within the congregation great, good news I have proclaimed,
In telling your salvation, LORD, my lips are not restrained.

Though poor am I and needy too, in all humility,
The LORD has heard my cry for help, and He takes thought of me.
My help you are in time of need, to you I plead and pray.
My help, my Savior come to me! My God, do not delay!

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

Church Calendar:

Apr 10: Ladies Bible Study at 9:45 am
Apr 10: Catechism games night at 7:30 pm at church
Apr 11: Consistory meeting at church at 7:30 pm
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

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

Catechism wrap up:

With our lessons behind us, we are going to **meet once more on April 10 (7:30-8:30) for a games night.** We will be doing some trivia style games covering some of the things learned over the past year. This is for parents too, and any others who would like to join. Snacks will be provided.

Questions:

AM - Why is it important to call God "Father", as opposed to the religious inclusive "creator" or the gender inclusive "mother" or more neutral "heavenly being"?

- Do we trust God enough lay our lives, our dreams, and our treasures in His hand?

- Is there anything we cannot trust God with?

- Has God ever forgotten one of His children? As you pray in faith, do you expect God to work what is good?

PM - How shall we respond to the cruel oppression we see in the world around us?

- How are both laziness and overworking forms of hating your neighbour?

- Are you allowing others to help you, or do you seek to withdraw from others?

Can you think of others around you that you can be a blessing to?

- Christ came as a friend of sinners and was rejected. How does His love help us love our neighbours?

Library Report

"No God But One" a CD audio book by Nabeel Qureshi

This is a nine hour reading by the author of the book to *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*. While his first book tells about his conversion from Islam to Christianity, this book explains how Muslims view the trinity, Jesus, and the many other core beliefs of Christianity. Listening to his reading is like taking a course in understanding how to approach Muslims with the gospel. I highly recommend it for high school to adults. Great for listening to as you are going on a long drive!

Order of Worship:

April 8, 2018- 10:00A.M. – Rev. Simon Lievaart

Preparation for Morning Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship: **Psalm 133:1-3**
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **224 (blue)** "Praise God, Ye Servants of the Lord"

Affirming God's Law

Law of God: Exodus 20:1-17

Response Song: # **284 (blue)** "Give Thanks to God for Good is He"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

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

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 7:7-11**

Text: **Lord's Day 46**

Sermon: Ask Your Father

1. Adoration
2. Trust
3. Expectation

Responding in Faith

* Song of Response: # **22 (blue)** "When in the Night I Meditate"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Needy Church Fund

Continuing our Calling

- * Closing Song # **470 (blue)** "Abide With Me"
- * Benediction (God's Blessing)
- * Doxology: **3-Fold Amen**

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

Musical Accompanist: Klaas Kort

Order of Worship:

April 8, 2018- 2:30 P.M. – Rev. Simon Lievaart

Preparation for Afternoon Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship: **Psalm 95:6-7**
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **207 (blue)** "The Seasons Are Fixed by Wisdom .
Divine"

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: # **426 (blue)** "Jesus With Thy Church Abide"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: **Ecclesiastes 4**

Text: **(same)**

Sermon: No Man is an Island

1. Cruel Oppression (1-3)
2. Meaningless Labour (4-8)
3. Strength in Numbers (9-12)
4. Position is Meaningless (13-16)

Responding in Faith

* Response Song: # **545 (grey)** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Needy Church Fund

Departing to Serve

- * Closing Song: # **442:1-4 (blue)** "For All the Saints"
- * Benediction (The Lord's Parting Blessing)
- * Doxology: # **493 (blue)** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

Musical Accompanist: Thea Ewald