

Greeters:

Aug 12: Dirk & Gredina Merkens
Aug 19: Ben & Jolene Meints

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

Aug 12 AM Andrea A, Alana B, Jenn K, Jenna M
PM Jolene M, Janelle B, Kim V

Aug 19: AM Ashley D, Mariam A, Kathy T, Maggie M
PM Jodi L, Jess C, Rachel P

Sunday School (contact person: Jessica K)

Volunteers needed for the new season, please see note in bulletin

Library Attendant: (contact person: Thea E.)

Aug 12: Chris Bandstra Aug 19: Alayna Hamelink

Janitor for the Church: Aug 13-18: Josie Zandberg, Jessie Koldyk

Aug 20-25: Norma H, Truus M

Aug 27-Sep1: Norma H, Truus M

Coffee Service:

Aug 19: James & Steph Hamelink, John & Kim Van Veen

Aug 26: Arnie & Norma Hofsink, Seth & Jocelyn Van Veen

Sept 2: Daryl & Jess Koldyk, Carol Wright, Sarah Braam

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

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August 12, 2018

BLESS ^{THE} LORD
O MY SOUL
and forget not all His benefits.
PSALM 103:2

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

Church Family:

When David was in the desert, thirsting for water, he wrote of his thirst for the Lord in Psalm 63:1-2, *O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.* May this be your hunger as after another week we come together in God's house to worship Him and receive His grace by the Word and sacrament. Jesus said, *"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."* (John 7:37-38)

As a congregation we thank God for His merciful care over the last week. We rejoice with **Thea Ewald** who celebrated her birthday yesterday, *But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.* (Ps 70:4), and also with **Carin Vandermeulen** who celebrates her birthday this coming Thursday. *Make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.* (Ps 80:7).

May the Lord sustain us from our infancy through all our years. We pray for those with diseases, cancer and illnesses, that the Lord will give them grace in these dark times. Remember in prayer those with spiritual struggles and those feeling anxious, depressed, or alone. Also keep in prayer those who are struggling with particular sins, struggling in their faith, or have turned away from the Lord. May the Lord bring the wayward ones back into His fold. *Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.* (Jude 21-23)

This coming week, as we are blessed to have family visiting, I will be taking half a week off. Pastor Simon

Since we were unable to secure a pianist for this afternoon, we are grateful to Garrett and Danielle Hamelink for using their gifts to accompany the congregational singing.

Collection Schedule:

Aug 5: Rev. Persaud This is a URC church plant of mixed ethnic and Canadian Christians in the Scarborough region of East Toronto. This church plant, with Rev. Mitchell Persaud as their pastor, is a mission work under the oversight of Cornerstone URC in London, Ontario.

Aug 12: Diaconate

Aug 19: Rev. Kayayan

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

Rev. Nollie Malabuyo is serving in Big Springs, CA.

- 1) Give thanks for the recent vacation Bible school and the 40 community children that attended.
- 2) Pray that God would encourage the small congregation in Big Springs despite recent hardships.
- 3) Pray that God would bring young families with children from the community to join the church.

Library Report

Though Waters Roar by Lynn Austin

This is the story (fiction) of the difficulties of life for those who supported Prohibition in the early 1900's. They learned firsthand what it means in Psalm 46 that "God is my refuge and my strength".

A note from Thea Ewald on her work in Hawaii

A group of 55 ladies from 34 countries have arrived for their 4 week training in how to evangelize in their own countries. This morning we listened to a lady who is a business executive in her home country of India. She is of Hindu background and spoke to us about how to best reach people who are Buddhists or Hindus. Much like any kind of witnessing, it is important to befriend them first, take time to listen to them and then let them know about the extent of God's love for them. Like the Muslim faith, they know little of God's love. She said we should share with them our John 3:16 story of how we came to be part of "The Family of God". Pray for Rosa from Morocco who is waiting for a visa so she can come here as a facilitator. She left the Muslim faith and became a Christian a number of years ago and now she has to live in exile in Egypt because her mother is trying to kill her for leaving the Muslim faith. Yes, people really do face those kinds of trials and threats in their home countries. Missing my church family, preaching and music! , **Thea Ewald**

BRIAN DOERKSEN IN CONCERT – The Juno and Dove Award winning Christian singer/songwriter Brian Doerksen is coming to Smithers on Saturday, **September 15th @ 7:00pm** for an outdoor concert at the BV Fair Grounds. Brian has penned many of the most well-loved contemporary songs sung in our churches today including "Creation Calls," "Hope of the Nations," "Come now is the time to worship," and many others. Join us for an unforgettable and inspirational night of contemporary praise and worship. Tickets can be purchased online at www.briandoerksen-smithers.eventbrite.com A limited quantity will be available for walk in at the gate. Doors open at 6:00pm.

Consistory meeting Aug 9 2018 Short Report

- Elder Onderwater welcomes all present. Elder Adema is absent with notice. Chairman reads Matthew 7:1-6 and leads in prayer.
- Minutes of the meeting on June 26 2018 are approved as presented. Some matters from the minutes are dealt with.
- Some correspondence was dealt with.
- Home visit to family Trevor and Jill Meerdink was reported.
- Pastor's report was heard. Catechism books have arrived, schedule has been made. Texts for future sermons are discussed.
- Elders Posthuma and Vandergugten present a sermon evaluation. Discussion takes place.
- Preparations for Lord's Supper on Aug 12 are made. One reading service is required on Aug. 19th.
- Next meeting Sept. 12 2018 (Elder Adema VIP) Rev. Lievaart closed with prayer

Additional note:

The membership of Daniel and Kaitlyn Ewald has been transferred to Immanuel Covenant URC of Abbotsford where it has been received. We Pray for God's blessing on Daniel and Kaitlyn and their church family in Abbotsford.

Council meeting Aug. 9 2018 Short Report

- The chair, Elder Onderwater welcomes all present. Elder Adema is absent with notice. He reads Romans 14:1-12, and opens with prayer. We sing #397:1, 3, 4 from the new hymnal.
- Minutes of meeting on June 26 are approved as presented.
- Member concerns are noted.
- Various correspondences is dealt with. Fall classis meeting scheduled for Nov. 20 in Calgary Ab.
- Treasurer's report is reviewed.
- Deacon Pederson presents a deacons report.
- Rev. Lievaart presents a Pastor's report
- Administration report is made by Deacon Hamelink. First aid attendants are needed. Volunteer accident insurance is being investigated.
- Some new business is discussed. Some items will be researched and discussed at the next meeting. The clerk will set up an e-mail address specifically for official Church correspondence.
- Chapter 14 in "With a Shepherds Heart "is discussed.
- Mutual censure is made use of.
- Next meeting Sept. 26 2018 (Deacon Hamelink VIP)
- Rev. Lievaart closes with prayer.

Preaching Schedule:

Aug 19 AM: 1 Samuel 15

PM: Elder

Aug 26: AM 1 Samuel 16

PM: Ecclesiastes 9

Sunday School Volunteers needed:

Another season of Sunday school is fast approaching. We are looking for adults to help teach, and boys or girls who are 10 years or older to help out.. This is a fun and simple way to get to know the younger members of our congregation and teach them about the love and grace of God. Any NEW volunteers would be appreciated, especially since many of our regular volunteers are having babies this year! Our schedule is flexible so let us know what works for you:) We also will be looking for people to make play dough (beginning of September) and some donations of simple children's books. Many hands make the work load light!

There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church until the end of August, for those willing to help out. Questions please contact Josie Zandberg 250-877-1912 or Jessica Koldyk 250-846-6000

The Spirit of the North Classical Music Festival presents over 30 concerts in 2018: August 13 in Houston, and August 15-18 in Smithers. **A number of concerts will be held right here in Bethel church!** for more information, see the bulletin board or visit www.festivalnorth.com.

Questions for the sermons:

AM:

- How is leprosy like sin? How does this help you to understand your need for Jesus?
- What do Christ's words "I will" say to you about his willingness associate with the most unclean?
- How does this encourage you to not be ashamed of your sin, but to come boldly to Christ for forgiveness and cleansing?
- Why did Jesus command the man to go to show himself to the priest? What does that teach us about how to respond to God's mercy?

PM:

- How can we have peace when those in authority give us so much trouble?
- Do you ever use success to excuse your own or someone else's sin?
- Are you ever jealous when a wicked person becomes very successful? Why is this dangerous?
- How does the truth that we are made by God and to glorify God shape the way we view life and live life?

Order of Worship:

August 12, 2018- 10:00A.M. – Rev. Simon Lievaart

Preparation for Morning Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship **Isa 55:1-3**
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **164 (red)** "God Himself is with us"

Affirming God's Law

Law of God: Exodus 20:1-17

Response Song: # **130b (red)** "From out the Depths I Cry"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Preparation Song: # **42a:1,2,3,5 (red)** "As the Deer Pants for the waters"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: **Luke 5:1-16**

Text: **Luke 5:12-16**

Sermon: Surely He took up our infirmities

1. The Sick Man's Cry (12)
2. The Savior's Compassion (13)
3. The Surgeon's Command (14-16)

Responding in Faith

- * Song of Response: # **341 (red)** "Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed"
- Congregational Prayer

Celebration of Lord's Supper (p.45)

- * Song of Thanksgiving: # **236 (red)** "To God be the Glory"
- Offering: Rev. Persaud

Continuing our Calling

- * Closing Song # **103e:1,4,5 (red)** "O come, My Soul, Bless Thou"
- * Benediction (God's Blessing)
- * Doxology: # **3 Fold Amen**

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

Musical Accompanist: Jolene Meints

Order of Worship:

August 12, 2018- 2:30 P.M. – Rev. Simon Lievaart

Preparation for Afternoon Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship **Ps 95:6-7**
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **122b (red)** "My Heart was glad"

Confessing Our Faith

Apostle's Creed said in unison (p. 148)

Song of Response: # **216:1, 3, 5 (red)** "Praise to the Lord"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Song of Preparation: # **172 (red)** "Speak, O Lord"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: **Ecclesiastes 8**

Text: **Ecclesiastes 8**

Sermon: Wise living in an oppressive world

1. Under Authority (1-9)
2. Wicked Prosperity (10-14)
3. God's Sovereignty (15-17)

Responding in Faith

- * Song of Response: # **485 (red)** "Like a River Glorious"
- Congregational Prayer
- Offering: Rev. Persaud

Departing to Serve

- * Closing Song: # **27b:1,4,6,10 (red)** "Jehovah is My Light"
- * Benediction (The Lord's Parting Blessing)
- * Doxology: # **568 (red)** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

Musical Accompanist: Garrett & Danielle Hamelink