

Greeters:

Aug 26: Dave & Annette Onderwater

Sep 2: Mitch & Rachel Pederson

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

Aug 26: AM Natasha M, Kerri P, Brenda E, Lisa M

PM Erica A, Rachel P, Truus M

Sep 2 AM Josie Z, Jocelyn V, Danielle H, Malika M

PM Jessie K, Andrea A, Annette O

Sunday School (contact person: Jessica K)

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

Library Attendant: (contact person: Thea E.)

Aug 26: Ludi V Sep 2: Sara B

Janitor for the Church: Aug 27-Sep1: Norma H, Truus M

Sept 3-Sep 8: Johanna M, Sonja F

Sept 10-15: Johanna M, Sonja F

Coffee Service:

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

Sept 2: Aaron & Erica Adema, Carol Wright, Sarah Braam

Sept 9: Johnny & Jenny Krabbendam, Marvin & Josie Zandberg

(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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Rev. Simon Lievaart

Services: 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Church Website: bethelsmithers.ca



August 26, 2018

All I have needed

Thy Hand Hath Provided,

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Lord Unto Me



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

Church Family:

How good it is that we can come to the Lord in worship and find rest in His care. *“The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”* (Ps 92:15) Welcome to all worshipping with us; may the Lord bless you as we give our hearts in worship and receive His Word of grace to us.

As we come to God in prayer, let us give thanks for the times of health and strength we have. Give thanks as we reflect on the summer past and all the Lord has given to us. Let us not try to count what we think is lacking, but give thanks for what God has given.

We pray for those with ongoing troubles of health, that the Lord will show them His mercy. We pray for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, be it recently or years past; may the Lord show His care. *Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.* (Ps 68:5)

As college resumes, we remember in prayer Evalin Miema (Kings) and Jesse Ewald (Dordt), and we pray for the teachers at our schools as they prepare for the upcoming year. Pastor Simon

Collection Schedule:

Aug 26: M.A.R.S. This is a Reformed seminary located in Indiana, USA, which prepares men for the ministry and proclamation of God’s Word. We believe in a thorough knowledge of, and submission to God’s Word, together with a solid grounding in its essential doctrines, is requisite to a God-glorifying and fruitful ministry.

Sept 2: WORD & DEED

Sept 9: M.E.R.F.

Preaching Schedule:

Sept 2: Pastor Lievaart: AM: 1 Samuel 17; PM: 2 Timothy 1:3-18

Sept 9: Pastor Lievaart: AM: 1 Samuel 18; PM: LD 1

Sept 16: Pastor Lievaart: AM: 1 Samuel 19; PM: LD 2

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

Rev. Andrew Spriensma is a chaplain in the US Army.

1) Praise the Lord for his protection over the past five months of deployment. All of our soldiers are coming home this weekend. Pray that the Lord would continue to bless the gospel ministry that was planted overseas, as they grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord.

2) This winter, the Army will move us to a new assignment and duty station. Pray the Lord would prepare our family for what lies ahead, while also blessing the last five months of ministry to the soldiers here at Fort Campbell.

Library Report

Shadows under the Midnight Sun by Ken Anderson

This is a WWII story for young people set in Norway. It can be enjoyed by adults as well.

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.

Choir:

After a wonderful break, it is time to sing and praise our Good God as a choir again! Calling on all of you who love to sing!

Choir will begin again on Wednesday evenings on September 12, 2018.

Practices are from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Telkwa URC. Cost of choir will be \$20 for the Fall Session. Please email me your interest, so I can plan for music purchases at: jcfenn@telus.net

If we have a big group we will do a performance on our own in December. If we have a small group we will perform with Ebenezer.

Cheryl Fennema, choir director

BVCS Little Sunshines Playgroup: playgroup starting in September. This is a free program welcoming kids from 0 - 4 with their caregivers. Play, learn, sing, craft in our preschool room with our coordinator leading activities. Little Sunshines will run every Monday (except holidays) from 9:30 until 11 AM. For info visit www.bvcs.ca or call 250-847-4238 (ext 109)

A note from Thea Ewald in Hawaii:

This week we have been privileged to listen to 4 groups of women in a global forum in which they have presented the current state of Christianity in their countries. All of them gave some history of how the gospel came to them in the past by way of the work of foreign missionaries. But for the past number of years that has not worked so well because of restrictions on missionary activity. The people from various African nations said that the biggest challenge for them is the continual practice and even rise of animism, witch craft and ancestor worship. There are even "Christian pastors" who blend those beliefs with their preaching, thus causing lots of confusion. And then there is the allure of the prosperity gospel. There is also the challenge of aggressive outreach by the Muslim community by offering material things that appeal to young people. Then there is the situation where in many African countries statistics show that half the children grow up in families with no father and many children raise each other because both parents have died of Aids. One lady asked for special prayer for a girl from her community who was kidnapped by Boko Haram and hasn't been heard from for a year. We hear about these things in North America, but it leaves a very deep impression to hear it from people who face that every day. There women feel so blessed to have a month of living in a situation where they truly experience the Body of Christ. That's a huge privilege for me too. Praise God! ~Thea Ewald

Catechism Classes:

We plan to begin Catechism classes on **Tuesday Sept. 11**. We will be dividing into three classes this year. Grades 6-7 will meet from 7:00-7:45 in the library and will be taught by Mr. Garrett Hamelink. Grades 8-9 will meet from 7:00-7:45 and will be taught by Pastor Simon, as well as Grades 10-12 which will meet from 7:45-8:30.

Devotional on the psalms:

Do you love the Psalms? There currently is a Devotional called "**Christ's Psalms, Our Psalms**" edited by Rev. Peter Holtvluwer. The book contains a year supply of meditations (covering all 150 Psalms. For more information see the bulletin board or visit the web at www.peterholtvluwer.com. The books are \$25 with proceeds going to benefit Mission Brazil. Make cheques payable to "Peter Holtvluwer. Contact Annette Onderwater for more information.

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.. **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

Questions for the sermons:

Am

- Do we mourn over the sins of others?
- When you look for friends or people to bless your life, do you look at the heart or at the outward appearance?
- What is the main difference between Saul and David?
- How does this show us our need for Jesus?

Pm

- How does one live well and die well?
- How does God call us to view the present?
- In what ways do eating and drinking help us think about the future?
- Where can we place our confidence for today and the future?

Order of Worship:

August 26, 2018– 10:00A.M. – Rev. Simon Lievaart

Preparation for Morning Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship: **Psalm 100:1-3**
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **24a: 1, 4, 5 (red)** "The Earth and the Riches"

Affirming God's Law

Law of God: Exodus 20:1-17

Response Song: # **22c (red)** "Amid the Thronging Worshippers"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Preparation Song: # **1a (red)** "That Man is Blest"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: **1 Samuel 16**

Text: **1 Samuel 16**

Sermon: A Servant King

1. God's Sight (1-13)
2. God's Servant (14-23)

Responding in Faith

* Song of Response: # **245 (red)** "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: M.A.R.S.

Continuing our Calling

- * Closing Song # **542 (red)** "Now Blessed Be Jehovah God"
- * 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:

August 26, 2018– 2:30 P.M. – Rev. Simon Lievaart

Preparation for Afternoon Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship **Psalm 149:1,2**
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **166 (red)** "Ye Who His Temple Throng"

Confessing Our Faith

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

Song of Response: # **224 (red)** "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Song of Preparation: # **526 (red)** "He Leadeth Me"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: **Ecclesiastes 9**

Text: **Ecclesiastes 9**

Sermon: What does God have in His Hand for us?

1. Death is certain (2-6)
2. Daily gifts (7-10)
3. Disappointed by gifts (11-12)
4. Disappointed by man (13-18)

Responding in Faith

* Song of Response: # **49:1,3,4 (red)** "Hear This All You Peoples."

Congregational Prayer

Offering: M.A.R.S.

Departing to Serve

- * Closing Song: # **222:1,2,6,7 (red)** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
- * Benediction (The Lord's Parting Blessing)
- * Doxology: # **568** "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

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

Musical Accompanist: Janna Van Driel