

Greeters:

Jul 1: Daryl & Jessie Koldyk

Jul 8: Jonny & Jenn Krabbendam

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

Jul 1: AM Ashley D, Jenn K, Alana B, Maggie M.

PM Jess C, Rachel P, Brenda E

Jul 8: AM Natasha M, Jodi L, Truus M, Lisa M

PM Kerri P, Josie Z, Steph H

Sunday School (contact person: Jessica K)

Finished for the season

Library Attendant: (contact person: Thea E.)

Jul 1: Maggie Merkens

Jul 8: Brenda Ewald

Janitor for the Church: Jul2-Jul 7: Brenda E, Carol W

Jul9-14: Kim Vanveen, Jolene Meints

Jul16-21: Kim Vanveen, Jolene Meints

Coffee Service:

Jul 1: Steve & Janelle Bandstra, Len & Tina Meints

Jul 8: James & Kara Bisschop, Dave & Annette Onderwater

Jul 15: Tim & Jess Culleton, Mitch & Rachel Pederson

(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).

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE

Visit: www.bethelsmithers.ca

Email bethelsmithers@gmail.com for bulletin notices

f Facebook: Bethel Reformed Church of Smithers

URC-NA is part of NAPARC & ICRC

Pastor:

Rev. Simon Lievaart

4460 Birch Crescent

250-877-7364

Church Address

Box 3847

3115 Gould Place

Phone: 847-5100

Elders

Dick Adema –Vice Chair

Dave Onderwater - Chair

Dave Posthuma – Vicar

Rick Vandergugten - Clerk

Deacons:

James Hamelink

John McEwen

Mitch Pederson

bethel

United Reformed Church of Smithers

Rev. Simon Lievaart

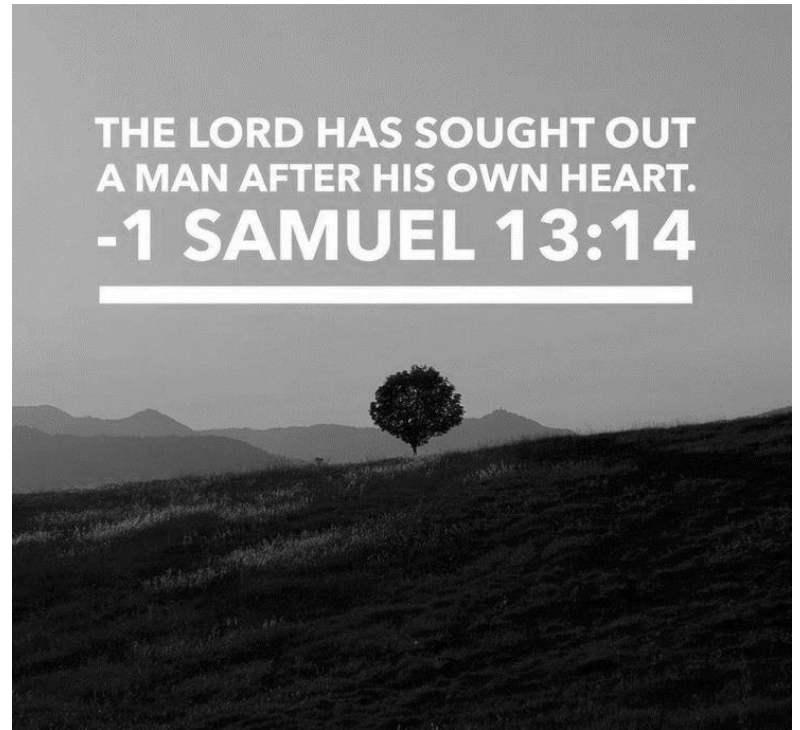
Services: 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Church Website: bethelsmithers.ca



July 1, 2018

THE LORD HAS SOUGHT OUT
A MAN AFTER HIS OWN HEART.
-1 SAMUEL 13:14



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

Church Family

We come to God in worship and prayer, mindful that *our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ* (Phil 3:20). We also give thanks for the land, nation, and government God has given us. We give thanks for the freedoms we have, the room we have, and the rights God gives and protects for us in Canada.

Let us also pray for our nation, confessing our great sins against God and God's Word. Pray for our leaders that they will be protected and led in the way that is right. Pray for our fellow citizens, that when they have the opportunity to speak and vote they may do so in a way that is wise and glorifies the King of heaven and earth. Pray... *for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.* (1 Tim 2:2)

Continue to pray for Markus VanVeen, who was released from the Children's Hospital for a few days before he has another feeding test. Pray for healing, that he may be able to breathe and feed well, and for patience and trust for Seth and Jocelyn at this time. Pray also for Alice VanVeldhuizen who remains in Vancouver General Hospital and may receive a pacemaker shortly. There are many among our friends, families, and in our communities who are going through hard times, facing cancer or ongoing illnesses, so let us remember this also in prayer.

We give thanks to the Lord for His care as Henry and Tally Zandberg celebrate their 40th anniversary today. May the Lord continue to bless Henry and Tally and their family! We also give thanks as Jane Vanderschaaf celebrates her birthday this coming Tuesday. *We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.* (Ps 78:4)

From July 4-10 my family and I will be away on a brief vacation. We are grateful that Rev. Brian Najapfour will be able to lead both services on the 8th.
Pastor Simon

Consistory has received and accepted the communicant membership of Agnes Boonstra from Faith URC of Telkwa. We welcome Agnes to the congregation and pray for the Lord's blessing to her as a member with us in this church of our Lord Jesus Christ

Collection Schedule:

Jul 1: Costa Rica Mission – Rev. Bill Green lives in Costa Rica, where he has a team of 5, assisting him in writing, translation, publishing and leading conferences throughout Latin America. He labours under the oversight of the Bethany URC, their objectives are to see God's Church in Latin America built and strengthened upon Christ the Rock, and His infallible Word.

Jul 8: Sparrows

July 15: Rev. Langendoen

Summit Youth Conference

"In an effort to support the Christian development of the youth here at Bethel, the council has agreed to pay for half of the registration fee for the Summit Youth Conference that occurs annually in Calgary. Also, depending on the demand a special collection may be considered. Please contact the deacons if you are planning to attend."

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

Rich & Yukung Bultje are church-planters in Niagara Falls, Canada

- 1) Pray for wisdom to deal with the baggage of those coming to faith and seeking membership.
- 2) Pray for both loving words to speak, and for boldness as we continue to do our door to door ministry and other outreach activities.
- 3) Pray for a new building for our church that would be more suitable for worship and ministry.

Save the date: July 8, 2018. Lord willing we will once again have the joy of worshipping our Lord with fellow Christians at Jamie Baxter Park in Houston. Come spend the day with us. Meet old friends and make new ones. Corporate worship starts at 10:30 with hearing God's word, singing and testimonies. Lunch is provided and there will be local performers in the afternoon.
Contact: Gerrit and Theresa Keegstra. 845-7707

BVCS Preschool: BVCS has created more preschool spaces with Wed & Fri afternoon preschool (12:45 - 3 pm). Space is limited and filling quickly. Don't wait...register today at www.bvcs.ca

Seeking Office Manager/ Lay Counsellor for the Smithers Crisis Pregnancy Care Centre. The Pro-Life board is hiring a part-time Care Centre manager with a heart and passion for helping women who are unsure about a pregnancy. The position is 3 hours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Computer proficiency required; Lay counsel training will be made available. If you are interested but can only commit for one day per week we are certainly flexible. For more information or to apply for all or part of the position, please contact the Board by sending an email to: bband55@telus.net

Sermon Questions: For the am.

- How much confidence do you place in God's word? When every feeling in us wants to go one way and God's word say go another way, which way do you choose?
- Do we ever have a legitimate explanation for not trusting God's word?
- What is the difference between helplessness and hopelessness? How do our times of helplessness, remind where our hope comes from?

For the pm

- How do you handle the disappointments that come to us in life? Do they make you angry or anxious? Or do they teach you to fear the Lord?
- Is the lesson of verse 18 that we should just live more simple and modest lives? What is the difference being "content with what we have" and "content with what God has given us"?
- Some say time heals everything. Do you think that is true, if you lived long enough would you find satisfaction in your life?
- Why don't we need to argue with God, how can we trust God when life is filled with disappointments?

Blessings to the following people who will be celebrating their Birthdays in the month of July

July 3	Jane Vanderschaaf	July 20	Keziah Meerdink
July 7	Ryan Bandstra	July 22	Jacob Bandstra
July 8	Rick Vandergugten	July 24	Marvin Zandberg
July 9	Josh Onderwater	July 30	Steven Bandstra
July 10	Kathy Taylor	July 30	Jantina Meints
July 19	Jonny Krabbendam	July 30	Symon Koldyk

Library Report:

To Be Where You Are- 14 disc CD set (new)

This is a full unabridged reading of Jan Karon's latest book in the Mitford series. To enjoy it you will have to be familiar with the earlier books and characters of the world of Mitford. Great for a long driving trip since it is 18 hours worth of reading.

Creation Magazine – the latest issue is on the shelf in the library

Church Calendar:

Jul 8: Rev. Brian Najapfour "The Wonderful Ministry of Prayer & Visitation"

Jul 15: Bulkley Lodge Service, 6:15PM – The residents love it when we join them in song and visit with them

Preaching Schedule:

July 8: Rev. Najapfour

July 15: AM: LD 52a PM: Eccl. 7

July 22: AM: 1 Sam. 14 PM: Reading

July 29: AM: Reading PM: Reading

During the summer months, it seems that for about half the services we will be without someone to play piano or organ. This means we will be singing some a capella (without accompaniment) and some songs along with pre-recorded audio. In all circumstances, let us joyfully lift our voices to God in song. If there is anyone who willing to play on a certain Sunday (even on short notice), let Pastor Simon or the bulletin secretary (Kathy or Erica) know, and we can get you the songs.

Save the date/time: Sunday, July 8 at 7:30pm

Come to Bethel Reformed Church to hear Rev. Brian Najapfour

Rev. Najapfour will be speaking on "The Wonderful Ministry of Prayer and Visitation" at Bethel Reformed Church on Sunday, July 8 at 7:30pm. Rev. Najapfour is the pastor of Dutton United Reformed Church in Dutton, Michigan and is currently on sabbatical as he continues his studies before heading into the mission field. We encourage everyone to attend, especially men who are serving or may one day serve as an elder or deacon.

Community need

"The deacons would like our members to prayerfully consider helping the Harris family from our local community. If you wish to provide some financial relief for this family please drop cash or cheque in the lock box with the memo "**Harris family**" (note, cheques would still be payable to Bethel URC)."

A **highlight of the recent Synod** was when we adopted "affirmations regarding marriage." These affirmations simply state what we have always believed and, more importantly, what the Bible has always taught regarding marriage and sexuality. These affirmations not only lay the truth of God's Word, but also lovingly call the sinners to faith and repentance. These are available at www.urchna.org under "Documents". A few copies have been made available.

Council meeting June 26 2018 Short Report.

- I.The Chairman welcomes all current as well as newly elected office bearers. He reads Ezra 8:1-12. # 184 :1,2 is sung from the blue hymnal, followed by prayer.
- II.Minutes of May 23 2018 meeting are adopted as presented.
- III.Elder Bisschop reads the form of subscription, which is then signed by Elder Dave Posthuma and Deacon John McEwen.
- IV.Roles within Council/Consistory are chosen:Elder Adema-Vice Chair; Elder Onderwater-Chair; Elder Posthuma-Vicar;Elder Vandergugten-Clerk.
- V.Business from the minutes:**a.**Rev.Najapfour will preach on July 8 2018,and will lead a presentation that evening.**b.**Motion is made to destroy the ballots from the election of office bearers.(m/s/c).**c.**Deacons will cover 50% of the registration fee of members attending the Summit Youth Conference.
- VI.Member concerns are discussed.
- VII.Correspondence in/outgoing is reviewed.
- VIII.Treasurers report is heard.
- IX.Deacons report is discussed.
- X.Pastors report on his activity within the congregation is made.
- XI.Coordination committee between local CanRC and URC Churches met. Some changes to Northern BC Reformed News bulletin are coming.
- XII.New Council representative to the refugee committee is John McEwen.
- XIII.Some new business items are discussed. Will be on the agenda for next meeting. Pulpit supply for July 22 and 29 2018 is discussed. The new hymnals are in transit.
- XIV.Next meeting scheduled for August 8 2018.(Rev. Lievaart VIP)
- XV.Elder Adema closes in prayer

Council meeting June 26 2018 Short Report.

- I.The Chairman welcomes all current as well as newly elected office bearers. He reads Ezra 8:1-12. # 184 :1,2 is sung from the blue hymnal, followed by prayer.
- II.Minutes of May 23 2018 meeting are adopted as presented.
- III.Elder Bisschop reads the form of subscription, which is then signed by Elder Dave Posthuma and Deacon John McEwen.
- IV.Roles within Council/Consistory are chosen:Elder Adema-Vice Chair; Elder Onderwater-Chair; Elder Posthuma-Vicar;Elder Vandergugten-Clerk.
- V.Business from the minutes:**a.**Rev.Najapfour will preach on July 8 2018,and will lead a presentation that evening.**b.**Motion is made to destroy the ballots from the election of office bearers.(m/s/c).**c.**Deacons will cover 50% of the registration fee of members attending the Summit Youth Conference.
- VI.Member concerns are discussed.
- VII.Correspondence in/outgoing is reviewed.
- VIII.Treasurers report is heard.
- IX.Deacons report is discussed.
- X.Pastors report on his activity within the congregation is made.
- XI.Coordination committee between local CanRC and URC Churches met. Some changes to Northern BC Reformed News bulletin are coming.
- XII.New Council representative to the refugee committee is John McEwen.
- XIII.Some new business items are discussed. Will be on the agenda for next meeting. Pulpit supply for July 22 and 29 2018 is discussed. The new hymnals are in transit.
- XIV.Next meeting scheduled for August 8 2018.(Rev. Lievaart VIP)
- XV.Elder Adema closes in prayer

Consistory meeting June 26 2018 Short Report.

- I. This is a continuation from the Council meeting.Rev. Lievaart opens with a word of prayer.
- II. Minutes of the meeting on May 9, 2018 are adopted as presented.
- III. Business from the minutes is discussed.Rev. Lievaart is researching new material for the older Catechism class.
- IV. Correspondence: **a.**E-mail from Sioux Centre URC regarding a member of Bethel participating in their Lord's Supper. **b.**Membership transfer from Faith URC Telkwa for Agnes Boonstra. **c.**Bible Study material request from the women's morning Bible Study.
- V. Home visit reports.Some concerns are discussed.
- VI. Rev. Lievaart gives his report. Plan for Catechism instructors is given.
- VII. Elder's ward lists will be updated for the next meeting.
- VIII.Next meeting planned for August 8, 2018 following the Council meeting. (Rev. Lievaart VIP)
- IX. Elder Onderwater closed in prayer.

Consistory meeting June 26 2018 Short Report.

- I. This is a continuation from the Council meeting.Rev. Lievaart opens with a word of prayer.
- II. Minutes of the meeting on May 9, 2018 are adopted as presented.
- III. Business from the minutes is discussed.Rev. Lievaart is researching new material for the older Catechism class.
- IV. Correspondence: **a.**E-mail from Sioux Centre URC regarding a member of Bethel participating in their Lord's Supper. **b.**Membership transfer from Faith URC Telkwa for Agnes Boonstra. **c.**Bible Study material request from the women's morning Bible Study.
- V. Home visit reports.Some concerns are discussed.
- VI. Rev. Lievaart gives his report. Plan for Catechism instructors is given.
- VII. Elder's ward lists will be updated for the next meeting.
- VIII.Next meeting planned for August 8, 2018 following the Council meeting. (Rev. Lievaart VIP)
- IX. Elder Onderwater closed in prayer.

Order of Worship:

July 1, 2018- 10:00A.M. – Rev. Simon Lievaart

Preparation for Morning Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship: **Psalm 22:27-28**
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **483 (blue)** "Come, Ye that fear Jehovah"

Affirming God's Law

Law of God: Exodus 20:1-17

Response Song: # **273 (blue)** "From Out the Depths I Cry"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Preparation Song: # **296:1-4 (blue)** "Thrice Blest Be Jehovah"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: **1 Samuel 13**

Text: **1 Samuel 13:1-15**

Sermon: **Failure and Shame**

1. Faith tested (1-10)
2. God's Rebuke (11-15)
3. Helpless People (16-22)

Responding in Faith

* Song of Response: #**352 (blue)** "Alas! And Did my Saviour Bleed"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Costa Rica

Continuing our Calling

- * Closing Song #**252 (blue)** "Thy Wondrous Testimonies Lord"
- * Benediction (God's Blessing)
- * Doxology: # **3-Fold Amen**

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

Musical Accompanist: Robynn Hofsink

Order of Worship:

July 1, 2018- 2:30 P.M. – Rev. Simon Lievaart

Preparation for Afternoon Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship: **Psalm 111:1-3**
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **222:1-3,7 (blue)** "O Give the Lord Whole Hearted Praise"

Confessing Our Faith

Apostle's Creed #**518 (grey)** "In God the Father I Believe"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Song of Preparation: # **104 (blue)** "What Time I am Afraid"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: **Ecclesiastes 5:7-6:12**

Text: **Ecclesiastes 5:13-6:12**

Sermon: **Living with Disappointments**

1. Wealth without gain (5:13-20)
2. Prosperity without Meaning (6:1-9)
3. Fear the Lord (6:10-12)

Responding in Faith

* Response Song: #**452 (blue)** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Costa Rica

Departing to Serve

- * Closing Song: # **221 (blue)** "The Lord Unto His Christ has Said"
- * Benediction (The Lord's Parting Blessing)
- * Doxology: # **487 (blue)** "May the Grace of Christ our Saviour"

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

Musical Accompanist: Norma Hofsink