

Greeters:

Jun 18: Dave & Annette Onderwater

Jun 25: Mitch & Rachel Pederson

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

Jun 18 AM: Ashley D, Rachel P, Gredina M, Lisa M

PM: Jessie K, Kathy T

Jun 25 AM: Jolene M, Kara B, Ali O, Anja W

PM: Jenn K, Jess C

Sunday School (contact person: Jessica K) **All children ages 3-5** are welcome.

June 18: Kara B, Christopher B

June 25: Rachel P, Jenna M

Library Attendant: (contact person: Thea E.)

Jun 18: Kathy T.

Jun 25: Gredina M.

Janitor for the Church: Jun 19-24: Jenn K, Jocelyn V

Jun 26-Jul 1: Thea Ewald, Wilfred Dykstra

Jul 3-8: Thea Ewald, Wilfred Dykstra

(Please find your own replacement if you are unable to clean when it's your turn)

Coffee Service:

Jun 18: Rick & Ludi Vandergugten, Ed & Brenda Ewald

Jun 25: John & Kim Van Veen, Dave & Kerri Posthuma

Jul 2: Dick & Marian Adema, Garrett & Danielle Hamelink



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Services: 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

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June 18, 2017

Baptism

For we were all baptized
by one Spirit into one body.

1 Corinthians 12:13

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

Church Family News

-Once again on this first day of the week, we can praise God that we can come to worship freely in the House of God and see what a privilege this really is.

-This afternoon we have the privilege of witnessing the baptism of **Levi Hendrik**, son of Trevor and Jill Meerdink. Baptism is a sign and seal of God's covenant of grace with us, and confirms for us the washing away of all our sins, through Christ's blood.

-We thank God for answered prayers! Clarence Vanderschaaf has received word that he is in remission from his cancer and will not need the last 4 treatments that were planned.

-As the world celebrates Father's Day today, we give thanks for the blessing we receive from our fathers here on earth, but most of all the blessings and gifts we receive from our Father in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **"Children are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate."** Psalm 127: 3-5

-We are thankful that **Pastor Lievaart** was officially installed last Friday and that he can take up his task as Shepherd of this flock. May God bless him in the work he does among the congregation and in his preaching of the Word. May Simon and his wife Jodi and family soon feel at home in our midst.

-We continue to pray for healing and comfort for all those who are struggling physically, emotionally or spiritually. May God be with them all in their time of need. We also remember the seniors and the widows and those who are not able to worship with us regularly.

-We remember the young parents in our congregation as they raise their children. We also keep in prayer those mothers who are expecting and pray that the Lord upholds them during their pregnancy.

-At this time of year, as the children finish off their courses for this year and the students in high school prepare for their exams, we pray for the students and the teachers that all they do will glorify and honour God. May they be given all they need as they finalize their studies for this year.

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Collection Schedule:

June 18: Gleaners; Founded in 1994 we have been gleaning the crops of the Southern Okanagan Valley since 1996, to produce food for the hungry of the world. Located in Oliver, BC and operated by a group Christian believers, the Okanagan Gleaners takes vegetables that would have normally been wasted and turns them into soup mixes. We also process and dry apples. The Okanagan Gleaners is run on volunteer power and donations. Current production averages over 6 million servings per year. Each Step along the way God has faithfully supplied our every need. We gratefully accept donations. Perhaps God is calling you to come alongside and help.

June 25: Rev. Zekveld

Vacation Bible School

We have planning well underway and are getting very excited about this years school. Make sure you save the dates of July 10-14th and think of children outside of the church community to bring. We are wanting to share the story of Noah and Gods amazing acts to those who may not know!! If you wish to send your children this year we ask that you bring a child from outside the church as well as volunteer some time to make this year another memorable one. If you are able to participate or help out in any way, please contact Chrisandra at [250.917.9020](tel:250.917.9020) as there are still many positions to be filled.

This summer, DV, I will be working with the **Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethic Reform (CCBR)** in Toronto as a part of their two month summer internship. CCBR is a pro-life group whose mission is to make abortion unthinkable by exposing what abortion really is. Kim Keegstra, who is presently working there, will be giving a presentation about CCBR and what I will be involved in there. Please come and join us on **Monday, June 26, at 7:30pm** at the Wikkerink home. We would be encouraged to see your support in attending. Any questions you can call me at 846-9606. Angela Wikkerink

WATATO Choir

A Vibrant worship experience from a family of orphans. June 27, 7pm, at Mountain View Assembly

Library Report:

Papa's Place by Margaret Jensen

This is the story of the author's reflections on her childhood growing up as the daughter of a pastor with roots in Norway but pastoring churches for Norwegian immigrants in Canada and the USA. This is a sequel to her book *First We Have Coffee* which is also in the library.

My Father Is A Christian

My Father is a Christian
He leads our household well;
With Instruction from the Bible,
Right behavior he'll compel.

Yet he steers us with compassion;
His gentle love is true;
He conforms to our Lord Jesus,
So we know just what to do.
He teaches us with purpose,
Guides us in all Godly ways,
So we will take the right path,
And serve our Lord with praise.

I'm glad you're a Christian, Dad;
You help me see things clearly.
I'll always look up to you,
And love you very dearly.

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

Rev. Brian & Karen Zegers work in a ministry to the Muslims in Ajax, ON.

1. Ajax-area Discussion Evening – We thank the Lord for providing us with a facility for the new discussion evening we plan to begin in July. Pray for the Lord's blessing upon the promotional work underway.
2. Karen and I began an online course in which we plunge more in-depth into studying the Islamic faith. Pray that He will use the knowledge we gain through these studies to equip us to better engage Muslims with the truth of the gospel.
3. Ramadan - This is a time where Muslims around the world devote themselves to fasting and prayer and seeking Allah for mercy and forgiveness. Pray that as they seek Allah, Jesus would invade their hearts and show them their need for him.



You Are My All in All

1. You are my strength when I am weak;
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel;
Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame;
Rising again, I bless Your name.
You are my all in all.
When I fall down You pick me up;
When I am dry You fill my cup.
You are my all in all.

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Calendar at a glance:

Jun 25: Lord's Supper during the morning service
Jun 25: Installation of Office Bearers in the pm service
Jun 27: Council meeting at church at 7:30 pm
Jun 27: Watato, 7pm at Mountain View Assembly
Jul 14: Bethel 25th Anniversary Celebration at 7:30pm

Preaching Schedule

Jun 18: Rev. Lievaart

Jun 25: AM: Rev. Lievaart PM: Rev. Folkerts

Jul 2: Rev. Lievaart

Dear Congregation: Thank-you for the warm welcome. The potluck and fellowship last Sunday evening was a blessing. Thank-you for the welcome basket with all the gifts, cards and invitations! We are also so grateful for the work done in our house and the words of encouragement that we have

received. We are glad to be part of the church family, and we look forward to serving the Lord with you. Pastor Simon, Jodi, Joash, Sophia, Annalise, and Keziah.

Thank You

The fellowship Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Soup Supper/Welcome Evening. It was a success with a scavenger hunt, bingo game, great

food, and of course wonderful fellowship. Thank you to all the members for your help in setting up and cleaning up. It is always a group effort and we appreciate everyone's work as the body of Christ.

Bethel Church 25th Anniversary Celebration on **Friday, July 14** at 7:30 pm to be held at church. If anyone has anything they wish to contribute to the program, such as poems, songs, history of the church, or have pictures to share, please pass them onto Thea Ewald, Kathy Taylor, Marian Adema or John McEwen, who are organizing this evening.

Abounding Grace Radio Tonight, at 7:30 pm on CJFW radio 105.5 FM Abounding Grace Radio will have their next broadcast

Order of Worship:

June 18, 2017 10:00 A.M – Rev. Simon Lievaart

Preparation for Morning 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: # **222:1-3 (blue)** "O Give the Lord Whole Hearted Praise"

Affirming God's Law

Law of God: Exodus 20: 1-17

Lord's Supper Preparatory Form (p. 149)

Response Song: # **45:1-3 (blue)** "Grace and Truth Shall Mark the Way"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Preparation Song: # **493 (grey)** "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: Genesis 11:27-12:9

Text: Genesis 12:1-9

Sermon: "Called Out and Into Blessing"

1. Command with a Promise (1-3)
2. Obedience in Faith (4-6)
3. Confirmation and Worship (7-9)

Responding in Faith

- * Song of Response: #**222:4-7(blue)** "O Give the Lord Whole Hearted Praise"
- Congregational Prayer
- Offering: Gleaners

Continuing Our Calling

- * Closing Song: # **470 (grey)** "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"
- * Benediction (God's Blessing)
- * Doxology: #**493 (blue)** "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

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

Musical Accompanist: Norma Hofsink

Order of Worship:

June 18, 2017- 2:30 P.M. – Rev. Simon Lievaart

Preparation for Afternoon Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship **Psalm 5:7-8**
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **8:1-3 (blue)** "O Jehovah Hear My Words"

Confessing Our Faith

Confession of Faith: Apostles Creed

Song of Response: # **466:1-2 (blue)** "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Baptism of Levi Hendrik Meerdink

Song of Response: # **380 (blue)** "Amazing Grace"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Song of Preparation: # **121 (blue)** "O God to Us Show Mercy"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Text: Lord's Day 25

Sermon: "How to come to Faith"

1. The Holy Spirit
2. The Living Word
3. The Confirming Sacrament

Responding in Faith

- * Response Song: # **418 (blue)** "Savior, Who Thy Flock Art Feeding"
- Congregational Prayer
- Offering: Gleaners

Departing to Serve

- * Closing Song: # **169:1-4 (blue)** "My Song Forever Shall Record"
- * Benediction (The Lord's Parting Blessing)
- * Doxology: **3-Fold Amen**

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

Musical Accompanist: Thea Ewald