

Greeters:

Sep 3: Dick & Marian Adema
Sep 10: Kevin & Andrea Alles

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

Sep 3: AM Erica A, Sonja F, Kara B, Maggie M
PM Jocelyn V, Gredina M, Carol W
Sep 10: AM Rachel V, Steph H, Ali O, Malika M
PM Kerri P, Jenn K, Truus M

Sunday School (contact person: Jessica K)

Sunday school will be starting on Sept. 10 Volunteers are needed to teach

Library Attendant: (contact person: Thea E.)

Sep 3: Malika Meints Sept 10: Helen Veerbeek

Janitor for the Church: Sept 4- 9: K Bisschop, E Adema
Sep 11-16: K Bisschop, E Adema
Sep 18-23: N Hofsink, T Meima

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

Coffee Service:


Sep 3: Rachel & Mitch Pederson, Jenn & Jonny Krabbendam
Sep 10: Dirk & Gredina Merkens, James & Steph Hamelink
Sep 17: Tim & Jess Culleton, James & Kara Bisschop



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Aaron Adema
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United Reformed Church of Smithers

Rev. Simon Lievaart

Services: 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Church Website: bethelsmithers.ca



September 3, 2017

**FOR
GOD**
so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that
whosoever
believeth in
Him should
not perish,
but have
everlasting
life.
JOHN 3:16

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

Church Family News

On the first day of the week, as we gather we give thanks to God for His care to us, for His love and faithfulness. We pray that God continues to grant comfort to Carol and the Seinen family as Henry's funeral was this past Monday. May the Lord be near to all those who mourn, that we may grieve with the hope that when we trust in the Lord, we will be with the Lord forever (1 Thess 4:17)

Let us also remember in prayer Josie Zandberg who has been in Calgary for testing to seek relief from her headaches. Continue to pray for Tally Zandberg's brother Henry Schuurman who is in need of surgery to remove his cancerous pancreas but cannot have surgery as he is fighting some infections from stents that were put in. Pray for Rick and Ludi Vandergugten's daughter Kristin who is being treated for cervical cancer. And continue to pray for all those going through trials and hardships of a physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional nature. They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

As schools begin again, let us pray for those who have gone off to college and university, and our children at home as they adjust to the routine, travel to and from school, and learn. May their education prepare them for a life in service to the Lord. We pray for their teachers and the bus drivers as well.

As we enter the Fall season, we will begin our year of house visitation. Our theme this year is: "Applying God's Word to your Heart" and our text is Proverbs 3:1-12. The sermon will be preached next Sunday. Please pray for the elders as they visit our homes, and may the time of visits be a blessing to the congregation and bring honour to our Lord. Pastor Simon

Collection Schedule:

Sep 3: Word and Deed: This is a Canadian based, Reformed organization operating worldwide, offering not only physical help to those areas stricken with poverty and disaster, but also spiritual help and teaching.

Sep 10: M.E.R.F.

Sep 17: Needy Church Fund

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

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

September 2 Jenna Meints
September 5 Seth Van Veen
September 8 Amy Meima
September 12 Ed Ewald
September 15 Kevin Alles
September 19 Tim Culleton
September 25 Mitch Pederson
September 30 Blake Zandberg

Jesus Loves Even Me

I am so glad that our Father in heaven
Tells of His love in the book He has given.
Wonderful things in the Bible I see,
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

Chorus

I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me

I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.

Though I forget Him and wander away,
Still He does love me wherever I stray.
Back to His dear loving arms would I flee,
When I remember that Jesus loves me.

O if there's only one song I can sing,
When in His beauty I see the great King.
This shall my song in eternity be:
"O what a wonder, that Jesus loves me!"

Library Report:

The Solitary Tales by Travis Thrasher

This is a series of three novels of mystery and suspense written for high school age students but can be enjoyed by all.

Book 1- *Solitary* This story takes you "from the cold halls of high school to the dark room of an abandoned cabin-and reminds you of what it means to believe in what you cannot see."

Sermon Questions:

AM:

- Where do we think the value of our life is found? Do our priorities, actions and thoughts reflect this?
- When the Lord gives us abundance, how should we respond?
- How do verses 29 and 30 help us trust God with our wealth?
- What does it mean to be rich toward God?

PM:

- How do you view your sin? Do you hate it because of the consequences that might come? Or do you also hate it because it displeases God?
- What should we do if we love God but do not love to do the good God wants us to do?
- What role does faith in Jesus Christ have in the good we do?

Volunteers Needed

Due to 2 members completed terms, the administration committee is in need of 2 volunteers. Please contact Carol Wright if you have any questions or would like to help. Thank you!

Bethel Ladies Bible Study

Thank you to all the ladies for the great response to the sign-up sheet! Bible Study books have been ordered and we hope to meet for the first time on **Tuesday, Sept. 19th** at 9:45am for fellowship and refreshments and then have our Bible Study from 10-11. (If you are able, please bring a **small** snack to share.) If you were unable to sign up and would still like to participate, we have ordered a few extra books; so please join us!

Questions? contact Brenda Ewald [250 847-5464](tel:250-847-5464) (ebewald64@gmail.com)

Pre-Confession

There will be a pre-confession class beginning in the Fall. This is open to anyone who is considering making public profession of faith, and also to those who are interested in learning more about the Christian faith. Times and dates are to be determined. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Simon or an elder.

Preaching Schedule:

Sept 3: Rev. Lievaart AM: Luke 12:13-34 PM: Lord's Day 33

Sept 10: Rev. Lievaart AM: Proverbs 3:1-12 PM: Luke 12:22-34

Sept 17: Rev. Lievaart AM Psalm 103 (Lord's Supper) PM: Lord's Day 34

Church Calendar:

Sept 3: Sunday school meeting with leaders after morning service

Sept 10: Sunday school classes begin

Sept 13: Consistory meeting at church at 7:30 pm

Sept 19: Ladies Bible Study begins

Sunday School Volunteers:

Thank you to everyone who already volunteered for Sunday School. We would like to have a quick meeting with the leaders **TODAY** following the morning service in the Sunday School room. And we will have our first class on Sunday, Sept 10. If you would still like to volunteer to teach or help out in one of these classes please let me know. Thanks Again! Jessica Koldyk

NURSERY UPDATE!

Our nursery is bursting with babies and toddlers! What a blessing! In order to make the pick-up and drop off of children smoother we need to change a few things.

We've had some children escaping after the service, and parents can't find their kids. We ask that only PARENTS (or designated pick up person) come and grab the children. We have many eager hands wanting to get the children but it's getting too full in the nursery. We ask that everyone else wait outside the nursery and then they can take babies off of the parent's hands. We will also be implanting an "In" door and an "Out" door. Please look for those in the next few weeks. Thank you! If you have any questions please ask Jolene or Erica.

Thursday Night Couples Bible Study

We are hoping to start our Thursday Night Bible Study in September. If you are interested in joining us please sign up on the bulletin board at the back of Church so we can order books! Any questions talk to Erica Adema or Jolene Meints

Order of Worship:

September 3, 2017 10:00 A.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: # **432 (grey)** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Affirming God's Law

Law of God: Exodus 20: 1-17

Response Song: # **72 (blue)** "Before Thy People I Confess"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Preparation Song: # **174 (blue)** "O Teach Thou us to Count our Days"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-34

Text: Luke 12:13-21

Sermon: "A Fool and His Money"

1. Man's Priorities (13-15)
2. Man's Pursuits (16-19)
3. God's Requirement (20-21)

Responding in Faith

- * Song of Response: #**462:1-4(blue)** "Take My Life and Let it Be"
- Congregational Prayer
- Offering: Word & Deed

Continuing Our Calling

- * Closing Song: # **471 (blue)** "Jerusalem the Golden"
- * 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: Robynn Hofsink

Order of Worship:

September 3, 2017– 2:30 P.M. – Rev. Simon Lievaart

Preparation for Afternoon Service

Gathering for Worship

- * Call to Worship **Psalm 66:1-4**
- * Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- * Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- * Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- * Opening Song: # **120 (blue)** "Come All Ye People Bless Our God"

Confessing Our Faith

Confession of Faith: Apostles Creed

Song of Response: # **296:1-3 (blue)** "Hallelujah! Hallelujah"

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Song of Preparation: # **391 (blue)** "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-21

Text: Lord's Day 33

Sermon: "Are you Born Again"

1. Dying of Old Self
2. Coming to Life of New
3. Living in Faith

Responding in Faith

- * Response Song: # **450 (blue)** "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"
- Congregational Prayer
- Offering: Word & Deed

Departing to Serve

- * Closing Song: # **328 (blue)** "My God How Wonderful Thou Art"
- * Benediction (The Lord's Parting Blessing)
- * Doxology: **3-Fold Amen**

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

Musical Accompanist: Thea Ewald