

**Greeters:**

Jan 15: Henry & Tally Zandberg  
Jan 22: Marvin & Josie Zandberg

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

Jan 15: AM: Rachel P, Kara B, Annette O, Maggie M  
PM: Jan 15: Erica A, Steph H  
Jan 22 AM: Kerri P, Jess C, Andrea A, Malika M  
PM: Jenn K, Truus M

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

Jan 15: Josie Z, Jenna M Jan 22: Erica A, Maggie M

**Library Attendant:** (contact person: Thea E.)

Jan 15: Elisabeth W Jan 22: Evalin M

**Janitor for the Church:** Jan 16-Jan 21: Jenn K, Jocelyn V

Jan 23-Jan 30: J Koldyk, J Zandberg  
Jan 30-Feb 4: J Koldyk, J Zandberg

If you are unable to clean church on your scheduled week, please find your own replacement. Thank You, from the Administration Committee.

**Coffee Service:**

Jan 15: Nick & Ashley Duursma, Henry & Carol Seinen  
Jan 22: Alan & Kathy Taylor, Tim & Jess Culleton  
Jan 29: Dirk & Gredina Merkens, Jenn & Jonny Krabbendam



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**United Reformed Church of Smithers**

(URCNA, NAPARC & ICRC)

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

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## January 15, 2017

*Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*  
*“Every Heart Beats with Purpose...”*



*So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him; male and female  
he created them.” Genesis 1:27*

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

## Church Family News

While I am writing this I'm nice and toasty inside but outside it is -28 Celsius. In Matthew 24:12 Jesus says: "**Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.** Let us ask the Holy Spirit to keep our hearts warm today as we listen to the elders read a message from God's Word today.

It was good to have Rev Lievaart and his wife Jodi and Keziah with us for the past week. The time of fellowship was greatly appreciated. Let us all pray for God to guide him with the decision that lies ahead.

Let us all remember our elderly members especially Margie McEwen and Francis Vandervaart who are homebound. We also hold up in prayer all those with health concerns both mental and physical.

Our prayers and concern goes out to the Kort and Meima families with the passing of Truus and Klaas's father in Holland. May God be near in your time of grief.

We welcome all our visitors may we all have a blessed day together worshipping our Great God. D.O.

### Preaching Schedule:

**Jan 15:** Reading Services

**Jan 22:** Reading Services

### Collection Schedule:

**Jan 15:** Cascade Christian Counselling

**Jan 22:** Costa Rica-Rev. Bill Green

**Jan 29:** Gleaners

### **Abounding Grace Radio**

Tonight, January 15, 2017 at 7:30pm on CJFW radio 105.5 FM

Abounding Grace Radio will have their next broadcast

## **Highlights of the Consistory meeting held Wednesday, January 11, 2017**

1. Dave Onderwater opened with scripture reading and prayer.
2. Minutes from the previous Consistory meeting were adopted as presented.
3. Membership news and concerns were discussed.
4. Business arising from the minutes were discussed.
  - a. Special visits were reported on.
  - b. Pulpit supply for the coming months was discussed.
5. Matters under new business:
  - a. Following up with church family members who live abroad was discussed.
  - b. Our next Lord's Supper is being planned for Easter weekend.
6. The next Consistory meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2017

## **Bulkley Valley Christian School Thursday, January 26 at 7 PM - 8 PM**

Come hear some of the musical talents of BVCS students! Featuring the grade 7-10 band and individual soloists from grades 2-10. Tea and coffee will be served. Parents attending are encouraged to bring a plate of something to share.



## **"Every Heart Beats with Purpose..."**

Churches continue to recognize the third Sunday in January as **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**. As Canadians, we remember the "Morgentaler v. R" decision on January 28, 1988, when the Canadian Supreme Court justices, in a 3-2 decision struck down the criminal code law regarding abortion. Since parliament did not enact a new law, this decision has left Canada with a legal vacuum so that there is no protection for the child at any point of time while still in the womb. Please join on **Sunday, January 15, 2017**, to celebrate God's gift of life, to commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, to commit to protecting human life at every stage, and to reach out with compassion to those hurting from these losses.

**Every Life Matters**

### **Catechism Classes begin again on Tuesday, Jan 17, 2017**

**7:00 pm: Grades 7-9:** Prepare by reading and doing Lesson 16.

Read and prepare for: HC Q 10 and West. Catechism question & answer 84Q. 10 page 136 in the book.

**7:45 pm: Grades 10-12:** Prepare by reading and doing lesson 16.

Read 1 Corinthians 1: 23, 24 page 110 in the book.

### **Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study:**

We will be studying chapter 11 of the book of Mark at the church on January 21 at 8:00 am

**Bethel Ladies Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, January 17th at 10:45 am. We will begin Chapter 6: Mary: Blessed Among Women.

Please join us for this time of fellowship and great discussions!

**Nursery: Jess Culleton Coffee Service: Sonja Fordyce Leader: Thea Ewald**

**Thursday Night Bible study** will be held at Seth and Jocelyn VanVeen's house on Thursday January 19 at 7:30. We will be studying lesson 4.

### **Library Report:**

I have laid out a number of devotionals in case you are looking for one for 2017. Last year I used *The One Year book of Hymns* which tells the story behind 365 of our best known and often sung hymns. You may of course sign it out for a year without getting a "late slip"! 😊

### **Cascade Christian Counselling**

Thank you for your willingness to donate to our annual drive. Without the donations from our annual drive Cascade would not be able to offer affordable Christian counselling. Your support is greatly appreciated. Bethel collected \$1055.00. Thank you for giving cheerfully. Winette

### **ARPA Canada Youth Conference**

Are you a student interested in Canadian Politics? Do you want to make a difference? ARPA Canada has an opportunity for you! We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting our first ever God and Government Youth conference from May 9 – 11, 2017 at our new Ottawa office! Applications are open to any Grade 11 or 12 students attending a Reformed church in Canada. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2017. For more details on the conference and how to apply, please visit [arpacanada.ca/ggy2017](http://arpacanada.ca/ggy2017)

### **Calendar at a glance:**

Jan 17: Ladies Bible study at church at 10:45 am

Jan 17: Catechism Class: 7:00 pm Gr 7-9, 7:45 pm Gr. 10-12

Jan 19: Thursday Night Bible Study at S. Van Veen's at 7:30 pm

Jan 21: Men's Bible Study, 8 am at the church

Jan 25: Council meeting at church at 7:30 pm

Feb 8: Consistory Meeting at church at 7:30 pm

**A big thank you** to the Fellowship Committee and all those who helped to make last Sunday's potluck supper such a wonderful experience. The food and fellowship were amazing and it was so good to see how many people were a part of the evening. Our guest pastor and his wife also enjoyed themselves very much. We have some great cooks in our congregation!

### **Thank you:**

Dear congregation, thank you for having Jodi, Keziah, and me over.

We greatly enjoyed the fellowship, hospitality, and our time worshipping and visiting with you. I hope to respond to the call by January 22, and ask for your continued prayer as I seek God's will. We pray God's will is clear and that we all trustingly follow it. You will be in our prayers and thoughts.

Pastor Simon Lievaart

### **Christian Renewal:**

The Christian Renewal subscription for the 2017 year is now due. Those wishing to renew their subscription and those members who wish to subscribe for the first time, please contact John McEwen for this. The cost for a year's subscription is \$40.00 Please make your cheque out to the Bethel Reformed Church. Thank you.

