

**Greeters:**

**Mar 25:** Justin & Mary Taylor      **Apr 1:** Aaron & Erica Adema

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

**Mar 25:** AM Jess C, Danielle H, Allie O, Malika M  
PM Jolene M, Ashley D, Janelle B

**Mar 30 (Good Friday)** Jolene M, Rachel V, Annette O, Alayna H

**Apr 1:** AM: Erica A, Jodi L, Steph H, Brooke H  
PM: Kerri P, Natasha M, Gredina M.

**Sunday School** (contact person: Jessica K)

**Mar 25: No Sunday school class**      Apr 1: Brenda E, Chris B

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

Mar 25: Sarah B      Apr 1: Brenda E

**Janitor for the Church:** Mar 26-31: Johanna M, Sonya F  
Apr 2-Apr 7: W McEwen, L Vandergugten

**Coffee Service:**

**Mar 25:** Steve & Janelle Bandstra, Len & Tina Meints  
**Mar 30 (Good Friday)** Mike & Natasha Bandstra, Ben & Jolene Meints  
**Apr 1:** James & Kara Bisschop, Dirk & Gredina Merkens  
**Apr 8:** Nick & Ashley Duursma, 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).

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Dave Onderwater—Chair  
Rick Vandergugten - Vicar

**Deacons:**  
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James Hamelink  
Mitch Pederson

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**United Reformed Church of Smithers**

Rev. Simon Lievaart

Services: 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Church Website: [bethelsmithers.ca](http://bethelsmithers.ca)



**March 25, 2018**

TO THE ONLY GOD  
**OUR SAVIOR**  
 THROUGH  
**JESUS**  
**CHRIST**  
 OUR LORD  
**BE GLORY, MAJESTY, DOMINION**  
**AND AUTHORITY**  
 BEFORE ALL TIME AND NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.  
**— JUDE 25**

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

### Church Family

"That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers". – Psalm 1:3, NIV

Spring is a time for growth. In nature, that comes from the right combination of sunlight and water. For our spiritual lives, it comes from the right combination of time with God in His Word and time with other Christians in fellowship. The alternative is to be chaff that blows away and comes to nothing (a meditation from Stewardship.com) For many of us spring is a time for endings. Bible studies, catechism come to an end. We all seem to get busier with our own lives. Let's not forget the advice above. We should not forget the seniors in our midst firstly in prayer but visits are greatly appreciated. We especially remember **Clarence Vanderschaaf** as he celebrates his birthday today. May God give him an enjoyable and blessed day. "Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Ps 81:1

We also wish all those travelling this week safety and a blessed holiday.

We are thankful that James Bisschop's surgery on his broken ankle went well and we pray for complete healing.

When I started writing it was beautifully sunny and spring like outside and as I finish there's an inch of new snow, a reminder that all things come in God's time. May we all have a blessed Sunday worshipping God together.

Elder Dave Onderwater

### Collection Schedule:

**Mar 25:** Rev. Kayayan: has been very busy in bringing the Reformed Faith to the Armenian people. This ministry, known as "Christians for Armenia" carries on an active broadcast ministry that can reach places where missionaries may not be able to go.

**Mar 30: Good Friday:** Street Corners Ministry

**Apr 1:** Signal Hill

**Apr 8:** Needy Church Fund

### Collections for February:

Feb 4 Diaconate \$543.17                      Feb 11 Summit Youth \$657.95

Feb 18 Word & Deed \$663.80                Feb 25 MARS \$967.45

Budget \$8130.0

### Preaching Schedule

**Mar 30: Pastor Lievaart:** Good Friday. John 19:31-37 (Lord's Supper)

**Apr 1:** Pastor Lievaart AM: John 20:11-18 (Baptism)

PM: exchange with **Rev. Folkerts**

**Apr 8: Pastor Lievaart:** AM LD 46            PM Eccl 4

**The Christian Outreach Board** of the Smithers CanRC is looking for volunteers for the annual Yak'isda Bik'ah (In God's Trail) Bible Camps Kids camp, ages 7-12 **July 2 -8** (Monday-Sunday) and Teen camp: **July 11 - 15** (Wednesday - Sunday) D.V.

We are especially looking for a qualified life guard and a first aid attendant. If you have these qualifications, please consider a volunteer experience that will have lasting impact both in the lives of the campers and on you, the volunteer. For more information/application, please contact the Camp Coordinator: Denise Van Raalte ([250-847-1362](tel:250-847-1362)) [denisevr@telus.net](mailto:denisevr@telus.net)

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

*Rev. Sam Perez is a church-planter in Jersey City, NJ.*

1. Pray for leadership development at Grace and for an officer training class to get started by the end of the year.
2. Pray for those in our midst with addictions. That God would break their bondage. The son of a member tried to overdose last week, and a woman has been coming out to the Bible study with a deep alcohol and money addiction.
3. Pray for godly spouses for our singles, and strength and endurance for fathers and mothers to help train their children in Christ.

Our U.S. Army Chaplain, Rev. Andrew Spriensma, has been deployed once again to the Middle East for another 5-6 month rotation. Your prayers for his safety, the Lord's power in his ministry, and the care of his wife and five children back at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, are greatly appreciated.

### Library Report

*Joni* by Joni Eareckson

This is a story that goes back to the 1970's when a young woman was faced with the struggle against quadriplegia and depression. "Joni is a story for everyone. The spiritual principles this remarkable young woman has absorbed are universal and relevant to every reader. Joni's story will be especially meaningful for those who have difficulty accepting their life circumstances."

**A thank you** for the new shelving unit in the library for CDs and DVDs. That expands some of our book space. Much appreciated

**Bethel Ladies Bible Study** will not meet during the spring break schedule for the schools. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am**. We will begin Chapter 12 which is a review of the key principles of our study book. Please come with ideas or suggestions for bible study material for next year as well.

**Catechism wrap up:**

We wrapped up our catechism year this past Tuesday and I want to say thank you to the students for your hard work in preparing for each lesson, and for the enjoyable classes and discussion we could have. Truly it was a joy to study our confessions with you. Thanks to the parents for your support in encouraging your children and when needed helping them with their lessons, for bringing them to catechism each Tuesday, and for your encouragement to me.

With our lessons behind us, we are going to **meet once more on April 10 (7:30-8:30) for a games night**. We will be doing some trivia style games covering some of the things learned over the past year. This is for parents too, and any others who would like to join. Snacks will be provided.

**There Is a Redeemer** (Keith / Melody Green)

There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

**Chorus:**

*Thank You Oh my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit,  
'Til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Oh, for sinners slain.  
Chorus

When I stand in Glory,  
I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever,  
In that Holy Place.  
Chorus

**Church Calendar:**

**Mar 28: Last date to submit the annual reports for the AGM**

**Mar 28:** Council Meeting at church at 7:30 pm

**Mar 30 (Good Friday) Lord's Supper at 10:00 am**

**Apr 10:** Ladies Bible Study at 9:45 am

**Apr 10:** Catechism games night at 7:30 pm at church

**Apr 11:** Consistory meeting at church at 7:30 pm

**Apr 18: Prayer Day service at church at 7:30 pm**

**Apr 22:** Bulkley Lodge service at 6:30 pm

**Apr 23: Bethel AGM at church at 7:30**

**Apr 20:** Smithers Pro-life AGM Dinner & Dessert Auction at 6

\*\*Reminder to everyone that the **Good Friday** Church service will be held this **Friday, March 30 at 10:00 am** with Lord's Supper held during the service.

There will be **no Sunday school** during this morning service. A few of the children have gotten Hand, Foot and mouth, so in attempt to not spread it around further I will be cancelling for one more week:) Hopefully by then everyone will be better!

Also the spring Sunday school material was held up in the mail for several weeks. We will be starting at lesson one next week, the Lord willing. Please look for an updated schedule in your church mail boxes! Jessica Koldyk

**Church Annual General Meeting - Monday, April 23, 2018 @ 7:30pm**

Bethel Annual General Meeting April 23 at 7:30 pm

Committee Chairpersons' are asked to submit their annual report for the upcoming AGM by **Wednesday, March 28, 2018**. The reports are to be emailed to [jamesbisschop@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesbisschop@hotmail.com). AGM packages will be made available to members on Sunday, April 8, 2018.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Smithers Pro-life AGM Dinner & Dessert Auction**

**When:** Friday, April 20th

doors open @ 6 pm dinner @ 6:30 pm

**Where:** Canadian Reformed Church fellowship hall

**Cost:** \$25 per person

**Speaker:** Deborah Gilman from the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform

**Topic:** "WHY and HOW a new generation is defending **LIFE**"

**Tickets available at the Care Center (250 847-2475), Cheeky's Consignment Clothing or any Pro-life board member.**

## Order of Worship:

March 25, 2018 --10:00 A.M – Elder Dave Onderwater

### Gathering for Worship

- \* Call to Worship
- \* Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- \* Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- \* Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- \* Opening Song: # **263: 1-3 (blue)** "With Joy and Gladness"

### Affirming God's Law

Law of God: Exodus 20:1-17

Response Song: # **29: 1-3 (blue)** "Jehovah's Perfect Law"

### Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Preparation Song: # **261 (blue)** "I Lift Up Mine Eyes"

### Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: Rev 22: 1-6; Jude vs 17-25 Text: Jude 24, 25

#### **Sermon: To Him Who Is Able**

I. In an immoral world, where even the visible church is often corrupt, Jude teaches that God is able and willing to:

1. Keep us from falling away (24a)
2. Present us faultless and joyful before him (24b)

II. Applications:

1. There is only one true God
2. The blessings described are only given through Jesus Christ (25c)
3. God alone is worthy of our praise, now and eternally (25b, d)

### Responding in Faith

- \* Song of Response: # **286 (blue)** "With Grateful Hearts"

#### **Preparatory form for the Lord's Supper**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Rev. Kayayan

### Continuing our Calling

- \* Closing Song # **348 (blue)** "All Glory Laud and Honor"
- \* Benediction (God's Blessing)
- \* Doxology: **3 Fold Amen**

Musical Accompanist: Norma Hofsink

## Order of Worship:

March 25, 2018- 2:30 P.M. – Elder Dick Adema

### **Preparation for Afternoon Service**

### Gathering for Worship

- \* Call to Worship
- \* Silent Prayer followed by musical response
- \* Votum: Declaration of dependence on God
- \* Salutation (The Lord's Greeting)
- \* Opening Song: # **94: 1-4 (blue)** "God Be Merciful to Me"

### Confessing Our Faith

Apostles Creed said in unison

Song of Response: # **273: 1-3 (blue)** "From Out of the Depths"

### Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Song of Preparation: # **375: 1-4 (blue)** "Jesus the Very Thought"

### Listening to God's Word

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 9: 1-8**

Text: **LD 11**

**Sermon: "Your Sins are Forgiven"**

### Responding in Faith

- \* Response Song: # **542: 1-4 (grey)** "The Ends of All the Earth"
- Congregational Prayer
- Offering: Rev. Kayayan

### Departing to Serve

- \* Closing Song: # **504 (grey)** "Holy God we Praise Your Name"
- \* Benediction (The Lord's Parting 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