

Church Community News

- We thank the Lord that Ron is doing well and returned home from hospital last Wednesday. We pray for complete recovery.
- **Annie** would like to thank all who extended birthday wishes and sent cards on her 80th birthday. It was much appreciated.
- Please remember in prayer the members and family of members of Bethlehem CRC who are suffering through cancer right now.
- Also remember Jim and Lynda who are in Haiti with Lifewater, and pray that God will make their work fruitful and will keep them safe.
- We (Bethlehem CRC) also praise God that we can be looking forward to a new building renovation coming up soon, as approved at our recent congregational meeting. Pray that everything can go smoothly and that the renovation can indeed bring glory to God as we look forward to worshipping Him barrier-free in this building He has given us.
- Congratulations to Arend & Liz on the birth of a healthy baby girl, Paige Helena born on Thursday morning.
- Noah underwent surgery on Thursday morning for hernia repair and a gastrostomy. He is recovering well.
- Remember and pray for those going through difficulties, sickness and treatments. That God would comfort and strengthen them and also bless treatments being given to each in their particular circumstance. We think of Anne, Charlotte, Annette, Cheryl, and Norah.
- Also remember Joshua, Ashley, Dale and Laura.
- Please pray for the elderly who are known to all and are always happy to receive a visit or a card.

'Tis the season . . .

Remember your missionaries this holiday season by sending them a card. This is more than a festive greeting - it's a greatly appreciated dose of encouragement and care.

Weekly Agenda

Sun 4 th	Mon 5 th	Tues 6 th	Wed 7 th	Thurs 8 th	Fri 9 th	Sat 10 th	Sun 11 th
2 nd Sunday in Advent	Friendship 7 – 8:30 pm	Council Executive Meeting	Prayer Ministry 7 pm	Catechism 7 – 8 pm	Hope Serves @ Shelter House		3 rd Sunday in Advent
Young Adults 7:30 PM @ Pastor Bob's				Gems & Cadets 7 – 8:30 pm			
Bible Study 7:30 pm @Frans & Linda	*****Sanctuary is unavailable for use*****						

Serving Sunday, December 11, 2011

Greeters	Coffee	Nursery	Audio	Sunday School		
Frans & Linda	Pete	<u>Infants:</u> Isabel	Bill	3 & 4 year	SK/Gr 1	Gr 2/3/4
	Rob & Janice	<u>Toddlers</u> Paul Sabrina	Visual	Tammy	Jennifer	Alyssa
			Jenny	Keira	Laura	Madeline
Offering Sunday, December 11, 2011: Benevolence						

*Have you ever wondered how other churches do a particular ministry? Well, there's a website where you can find out. You can ask questions, share experiences, get resources, read blogs, and more. It's called **The Network** and it covers dozens of ministry areas and roles. Check it out: crcna.org/Network*



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"Anchored in Christ"

"Living in Hope to Bring Hope"

**Sunday December 4, 2011
10:00 AM Worship Service**

WELCOME to Hope Church. We are glad you are here.

The restrooms are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

Nurseries are to the right, through the double doors, left up the stairs, past the Sunday School rooms, library and office at the end of the hall.

The Library is open every Sunday after the service.

Please join us for refreshments after the service and visit for a while.

Today at Hope

In our need (in general as human beings, as well as in our Christian excitement that the need has been initially met in the coming of Christ),

we eagerly await our full redemption (and the festivities of the holidays).

What has been appropriate since the garden, but especially the last 2,000 years, is patient faithfulness to the promises of God to finish the job in His time and way.

Next Sunday at Hope

The third Sunday of Advent will focus on the theme:

Approaching Christmas with – hope.

Passages to reflect upon during the week include:

Job 13:15; Psalm 33:12-22; Isaiah 40:27-31;

Jeremiah 29:11; Hebrews 6:19; I Peter 1:1-8

The Advent Series

November 27 – Approaching Christmas with – Anticipation

December 4 – Approaching Christmas with – Patience

December 11 – Approaching Christmas with – Hope

December 18 – Approaching Christmas with – Peace

December 24 (Candlelight Service) Approaching Christmas with – Joy

December 25 – Approaching Christmas with – Love

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Andy & Teda	Derric & Terry	<u>Infants:</u> Kim	Ken	3 & 4 year	SK/Gr 1	Gr 2/3/4
	Christina	<u>Toddlers</u> Brian Bailey	Visual	Tammy	Jennifer	Alyssa
			Erin	Keira	Laura	Madeline

Offering Today: Sunday, December 4, 2011: Thunder Bay Christian Community Centre (reverse offering)

Hope Church News

Hope Church Family: Len is in hospital after sustaining a heart attack and accident with his car on November 24. He will likely be under medical care for some time. We plan to baptize **Novalee Jordana Nielle** (daughter of Dennis and Charlene) next Sunday, December 11.

Happy Birthday wishes to Ian, Ash, Lyndsay, Angela and Carmen. Wishing you a very blessed year that lies ahead.

POINSETTIAS – Once again the congregation is invited to bring poinsettias to decorate the church during the Advent season. You may place them at any time on the stage and include a printed card stating in whose memory they are offered. A list of those whose names we have by December 18 will appear in the Christmas bulletin.

The Worship Committee is still looking for a **Drama Director** to serve Hope Church. We have people willing to participate, and someone who will find dramatic sketches that fit the theme of the service. We need someone who can gather everyone together and help them pull it off. We will start slowly (with one sketch) and see where God leads us. If you are willing (or know someone who might be), please contact Pastor Bob.

Offerings received with thanks

Nov. 6: CRWRC-World Hunger	\$1076.36
13: Benevolence	702.94
20: Thunder Bay Christian School	619.99
27: Hope CRC	566.87
CRWRC-Peter Fish	106.03
Budget contributions for November	16978.00

Budget shortage update to the end of November

We are short \$66,455. To meet the 2011 Budget, \$87,000 is required to be submitted by year end. Thank you, The deacons

*****Calling all Peter Fish!** For those who took a Peter Fish home with them a few weeks ago for the CRWRC - World Hunger campaign, please remember to bring it back to church and give it to one of the deacons this Sunday or next Sunday (Dec. 11) at the latest. There is still time to fill it up with your loose change at home for this very worthy cause. Thank you.

Small Groups Bible Study - "What's So Amazing About Grace" - Session 8, meets this evening at 7:30 at Frans and Linda.

Planning to use the Sanctuary? Please note that the sanctuary will be unavailable during the week of Monday, December 5 – Saturday, December 10. It has been booked by a Children's Theater and will be set up for their practices/ performances. Please talk to Joe to make alternate arrangements.

The Banner is available in the foyer. Articles of interest include: Facebook Discipleship; Beyond the CNN Effect—how do we encourage helping those in crisis even when CNN doesn't report on it; Another Confession? summarizing Belhar discussion.

Denominational Announcements

CRCNA Position Opening - BTGMI Director - The Christian Reformed Church in North America is seeking a new Director of Back to God Ministries International (BTGMI). BTGMI fulfills a vital role in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world using various media that effectively communicate Christ in the "language of the heart" of the viewers and listeners. Visit www.crcna.org/jobs for a complete job description and additional information about BTGMI. To apply send cover letter and resume to btgmisearch@crcna.org by Feb. 15, 2012. The process will remain open until a nominee to fill the position is identified.

POSITION OPENING - The Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) has an opening for a part-time Canadian Advancement Representative for Christian Reformed Home Missions. To represent and help accomplish Christian Reformed Home Missions advancement goals in Canada. For consideration visit www.crcna.org/jobs submit a cover letter and current resume with your on-line application, by Dec. 14.

Hope Christian Reformed Church of

Thunder Bay

December 4, 2011

Second Sunday of Advent

The Lord Draws Us to Himself

Prelude

Call to Worship – The Joyful Chorus –

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Welcome

*Gathering Songs: The Joyful Chorus –

“Come Down To Bethlehem”

“Hark, the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes” (PH 335:1-4)

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

The Lord Reminds Us of His Coming

Children's Message

Lighting the Candles of Advent

Song: “Once in Royal David's City” (PH 346:1-5)

(Children age 3 – grade 4 are dismissed for Sunday School)

The Lord Invites Our Gifts and Prayers

Announcements and Pastoral Prayer

Offering: Thunder Bay Christian Community Centre

Offertory Prayer

The Lord Speaks into Our Lives from His Word

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-25

Prayer for Understanding

Message: “Approaching Christmas with - Patience”

Prayer for Transformation

The Lord Sends Us on His Mission

*Song of Praise: “My Soul in Stillness Waits” (SNC 95:1-4)

*Benediction

*Doxology: “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” (PH 351:1-3)

Refrain of “Angles We Have Heard on High” (PH 347)

Postlude

* You are invited to stand

Participants:

Accompanists: Nikki, Derric

Liturgy and Preaching: Pastor Bob Vance

Guest vocalists: *The Joyful Chorus*:

Shannon, Audrey, Susan, Liz, Theresa,

Peggy, Judy, Norm, Ronald, Derek,

Andy, John, Director: Erin

All Worshipers

Message Outline/Notes

Nursery Duty

TODAY : Kim, Brian, Bailey

Dec. 11: Isabel, Paul, Sabrina

Dec. 18: Erin, Lorne, Morgan

Dec. 25: Kevin (thank you Kevin)

Any other Volunteers??

Dates to Remember

Dec. 15: TBCS Christmas Concert @ Hope Church

Dec. 21: TBCCC Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Bulletin Board Postings

- Lakehead Choral Group Concert
- dulcisono Women's Choir Concert

Bulletin Announcements:
Please submit by 5 pm Thursdays to
hopechurch@tbaytel.net
or call 475-9285 and leave a message