

We hope this pamphlet has been helpful to you. If you have any other questions, please contact us. We are here to help you find your place in Bethel CRC.

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SHINING LIGHT,
SHOWING LOVE**

**It isn't really about
coming to church...
it's about coming
to life.**



EXPLORING...



Children's Ministries

**Church Family
& Small Groups**

Community Involvement

Membership

Worship

Youth Ministries

WORSHIP GATHERING:

Sundays 10 am

Supervised nursery & Sunday School available

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Most weekdays from 9 am to 3 pm



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GEMS Girls Club

The purpose of GEMS Girls' Clubs is to bring girls into a living relationship with Jesus Christ. To help foster this all-important relationship between each girl and Christ, other relationships are nurtured as well - between girls, and between girls and their counsellor (leader).

Girls in clubs are organized into small groups with one leader or counselor for each group of six to eight girls. It is through these small groups, and the weekly interactions that take place in club, that faith is nurtured and developed, and long lasting friendships are made.

The ministry of GEMS Girls' Clubs has been serving churches for over 50 years!



During these years, thousands of girls' lives have been changed forever. Today, there are over 23,000 girls who are members of GEMS Girls' Clubs, with 5,200 women enthusiastically serving as their counselors and mentors.

The ministry is non-denominational with club participation in several different denominations and non-denominational churches and Christian organizations throughout Canada, United States and the world! Culturally relevant curriculum is developed from a reformed perspective.

Story Hour

Story Hour runs along side our Coffee Break program on Wednesday mornings and is available for children from **AGES 2 TO 5**. Each week there is a Bible story, craft and snack time. The Children learn the story of the Bible as, week to week, the whole story of Scripture is unfolded.



Cadet Boys Club

Cadets is a fun, fast paced club which is similar to Boy Scouts in many ways, Cadets has the added dimension of being Christian. We enjoy many special events such as camp outs, pizza parties, bowling, gym nights, and the Cadet-O-Rama. The goal of Cadetting is to help boys grow spiritually in all areas of life (devotional, mental, physical and social) by providing Christian male councilors, together with a uniquely designed structure, program and materials.



Junior Cadets

There is a lot of enthusiasm on the part of young boys to begin their journey through the Cadet programs. They've heard their older brothers or older boys in the community talk about the camp outs, crafts, Bible lessons, and service projects, and they are READY! Junior Cadets taps this enthusiasm with a "hit the ground running" type of program. The materials are comprehensive but concise. They are designed to effectively channel the energy of boys in grades 2 - 3 (**AGES 7 TO 8-YEAR-OLDS**).

- Explorer - for 2nd graders
- Adventurer - for 3rd graders

Senior Cadets

Here is the heart of the Cadet organization. Boys and their counselors working side by side on Bible lessons, Christian service projects, outdoor activities (camping, cycling, hiking, canoeing, and much more), and working on merit badge projects – selecting from a wide range of interests and skills.

More than 95 merit badges are offered in this program. The counselor challenges, guides, encourages, listens, and counsels the boys as an expression of God's love. For boys in grades 4 - 8 (**AGES 9 - 13**).

The typical club will be made up of several small groups of about five or six boys called cadres. Each cadre will be lead by a counselor.

Sunday School

Sunday School is run during the morning worship service. All children will normally join their parents in the sanctuary for the first part of the service before they leave with their teachers for Sunday School.

Sunday School is for children from **AGE 3 TO GRADE 5**.

Classes are divided by school grades with curriculum geared to their particular level of understanding. Each class will have a teacher and a "helper" in the room.

Sunday school teachers and helpers are on a 3 month rotation, so the children are able to develop a relationship and trust with their Sunday school teachers.

We are using the **Walk with Me** curriculum from Faith Alive Resources for all ages in the Sunday School.

The goals of our Sunday School service include:

- to nurture and encourage each child to know, love and serve God
- to nurture the faith of children and leaders within a caring community
- to teach children the story of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) happens each summer. We open up our church to the community and host hundreds of children every morning for a week. The content changes each year but the program is constant. We open in worship and singing, then rotate between Bible teaching, crafts, snacks and recreation time.