

Welcome to Bethel Church



So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10

*The Lord's Day
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2015*

Prelude – Abbey Peters

Welcome – Don Toews

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Mark & Teresa, Jaden, Aliya and Rowan Toews

Adoration & Praise – Brian Derksen

Prayer Ministry – John Peters

Offertory/Special Music – Brian Derksen

Children's Church Prayer & Dismissal
(for ages 1 year - Gr. 1)

Scripture & Prayer – Ernest Peters
Luke 2:8-15

Messenger – Pastor Mark
When Jesus comes to town: there is no room for fear

Our Response in Song

Prayer & Benediction

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

MON	7:00 pm	SR Youth
TUES	6:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	7:30 pm	JR Youth
	7:30 pm	Women's Evening Bible Study
WED	11:30 am	Randy & Cindy's Care Group @ Smitty's Restaurant
	7:15 pm	Awana
THUR	6:00 pm	Gerald & Tina's Care Group @ Garry & Connie Spenst
	7:00 pm	Brian & Michelle's Care Group @ Jeff & Lisa Wall's
FRI	6:30 pm	Don & Nancy's Care Group
	7:30 pm	Christmas Potluck @ Don & Grace Toews' – check Facebook for details
SAT	6:00 pm	Bill & Karen's Care Group @ Henry & Margaret Hildebrand's
SUN	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service – Pastor Mark Prayer of Commissioning for the Mission Team

Deacon Nominations: At Bethel we encourage prayerful participation in considering who would serve as Deacons. They are part of the Ministerial of the church - working with the pastors to provide spiritual care for the church family. Male members of our church body are eligible for nomination. Presently we need to select 2 or 3 Deacons. All nomination forms must be signed. They can be turned in to Gerald Letkeman – Congregational Chair, Kenton Doerksen – Ministerial Chair, or left in the basket marked "Nominations" in the office. Nominations will be accepted through Sunday, Dec 20, 2015.

PRAISE & PRAYER

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."
Ephesians 6:18*

Our Government Leaders

– serving in municipal, provincial and federal government



Please pray for the Mexico Mission Trip Team as they prepare to serve in Mexico Dec 26 – Jan 4.

Kristen Enns, Ryan Friesen, Joyce Giesbrecht, Mary Groening, James Klassen, Garry Spenst, Connie Spenst, Jody Thiessen, Tina Thiessen, Gerald Thiessen, Conrad Toews, Diane Toews, Grace Toews, Madison Toews, Rachel Toews, Isack Wiebe, Annie Wiebe, Pollyanna Wiebe, Amelia Wiebe, Patty Wiebe. WBS staff - Diana Buhr, Ben Chapman, Marlene Klassen, John Klassen, Lester Kreiger, Gail Rempel, Merv Rempel.



Congratulations to Brian & Londa Hiebert on the birth of a baby girl, Janie Pearl on December 3rd, weighing 6lbs 15oz.

BETHEL'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 20

Prayer of Commissioning for the Mexico Mission Team

Dec 23

Sunday School Christmas Concert practice for Gr 3-6 from 9am 12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Dec 24

Sunday School Christmas Concert @ 7:30 pm

Dec 25



Bethel's Christmas Day service @ 10:30 am

Dec 27

There will not be Sunday school on Dec. 27. We encourage families to enjoy a break from the routine and spend quality time with your loved ones.

Jan 1



New Year's Day Service of worship, sharing and prayer. Come join us as we give God praise for what He has done and trusting Him for the coming year! Everyone is welcome!

Jan 5

All ladies are invited to a **Baby Shower for Janie Pearl** (daughter of Brian & Londa Hiebert) and a **Bridal Shower for Janessa Harder** (Mark Guenther) @ 7:30 pm. A card will be available for monetary gifts.

Mar 11&12



Bethel's Women's Retreat – please mark your calendar!

Feb 27

The **Asante African Children's Choir** is coming to Bethel on Feb. 27! They arrive in Manitoba in January. These children have never seen snow so are in need of winter clothing. The greatest need now is for ski/snow pants and winter boots. If you are interested in helping with this project with a monetary gift, please contact Cindy Smart. Cheques can be made out to Asante Ministries for a tax deductible receipt. You can also donate online with a credit card if desired.

The **Education Committee** is requesting all volunteers ages 13 and older that serve at Bethel in any ministry that involves supervision of minors to submit a newly revamped **Children's Ministry Application Form**. We also require every adult volunteer to get a Criminal Record Check completed. This would include all volunteers that fall under the above categories that serve in Awana, Children's Church, Sunday School and Youth. The application as well as a volunteer letter to the police/RCMP office (which will ensure there is no cost to you) are available from each program director. It is absolutely critical to get both forms completed as it is our desire to provide a safe environment in which we protect both the volunteer, the children/youth, and our ministries. Both forms need to be handed in no later than Jan. 31. No volunteer will be allowed to serve after that date unless the forms are completed.

Bethel is planning to make a practical, but low-key directory to help everyone stay informed. Since many families make photo



Christmas cards, we are asking you to place one card into the temporary mailbox entitled: "church directory". We will then collect all the cards and take color photocopies to make a booklet with the pictures and contact information. The booklets will then be made available to everyone that wishes to have one. So we ask that everyone please submit a photo or photo Christmas card of yourself and/or your family. If your contact information has changed since our last directory, please include your names, current email, phone number(s) and address.

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS/NOTES

Dec 19

Winkler Community Men's Choir Christmas Concert at 7pm at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church in support of the Canadian Food Grains Bank. A free will offering will be taken.



Looking for a Christmas Gift for the baker in your family? Bethel still has cookbooks for sale for \$12. Get yours today!

Exalt Christ
Equip For Service
Edify One Another
Evangelize the Lost
Extend Christ's Love

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- Youth Pastor** – Ryan Martin pastorryan@ourbethelchurch.com
- Lay Minister** - Gerald Thiessen (325.4496)
- Ministerial Chairman** – Kenton Doerksen (332.1476)
- Congregational Chairman** – Gerald Letkeman (325.5302) (cell/text 362.1848) gwletke@gmail.com
- Women's Ministry** – Nancy Falk (325.4584)
- Music Committee** – Andrina Doerksen (325.5389)
- Care Groups** – Gerald Thiessen (325.4496)
- SS Superintendents** – Mark Toews (325.6854)
- Awana** – Jonathan Peters (325.2093) parksidejonathan@gmail.com
- Children's Church Coordinator** – Alicia Fehr (325-5987)