

Welcome to Bethel Church



She will give birth to a son,
and you are to give him the name Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins.
Matthew 1:21

*The Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2014 @ 10:30 am*

Prelude – Abbey Peters

Welcome – Pastor Mark

Lighting the Candle of JOY

Adoration & Praise – Worship Team

Prayer Ministry & Offering – John Peters

Offertory – Naomi & Melissa

Children's Church Prayer & Dismissal

Scripture & Prayer – John Wiebe - Luke 1:26-33

Messenger – Pastor Randy
Considering the Name of Jesus

Our Response in Song

Prayer & Benediction THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

MON	6:30 pm	SR Youth Winter Wonderland Banquet (If any youth have not yet purchased a ticket, please contact one of the youth leaders.) Come out for a formal supper and an evening full of fun entertainment!
TUES	6:30 am 9:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast MOM's Christmas Party
WED	6:15 pm	JR Youth – come and join us for supper and an evening of games. Remember to dress accordingly as it's an ugly Christmas sweater theme!
	7:15 pm	No Awana (Resumes Jan 7 th)
THU	6:30 pm	Gerald & Tina' Care Group @ Garry & Connie Spent
	7:00 pm	Bill & Karen's Care Group @ their home
FRI	7:30 pm	College and Career are invited to Mark and Irma's place (1150 Crystal Crescent) for an evening of games, food, and hot tubbing.
SUN	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School Worship Service – Pastor Mark

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
(1 Tim. 2:1-2)*

Deacon & Lay Minister 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. The term as Deacon for Steve Klassen will be complete in February. He is eligible for nomination, as is any other male member of our church body. Your prayerful consideration of nominees is valued. Nomination forms are available by the mailboxes. All nomination forms must be signed. They can be turned in to Abe Wieler – Congregational Chair, Kenton Doerksen – Ministerial Chair, or left in the basket marked "Nominations" in the office. Nominations will be accepted through Sunday, January 11, 2015.

BETHEL'S UPCOMING EVENTS/NOTES

Dec 23 SS Christmas Concert practice from 9-12. This is for grades 1-6.

Dec 24 Sunday School Christmas Concert

Dec 25 Bethel's Christmas Day Service @ 10:30 am

Dec 28 There will not be Sunday school on Dec. 28 and we encourage families to take some time that morning to do something special prior to coming to our worship service which will begin at 10:30. Enjoy a break from the routine and spend quality time with your loved ones.

Jan 1 New Year's Day Breakfast and Service. Everyone is welcome!



Jan 11 Bethel's Church Curling from 2-5pm. A sign-up sheet will be available next Sunday.

Church Council Report

On Thursday, December 11, a report was presented about a plan for a new Education and Youth Wing which could replace the oldest portions of our church building. It would provide 14 classrooms, and assembly areas on two floors. In addition a large youth room is planned. An explanatory letter with background, preliminary drawings and estimated costs are available for every household. Pledge forms are available in the lobby. Pledges made by participating individuals or households help the Finance Committee plan for the budget and demonstrate to a financial agency our commitment as a group to the project. All pledges are voluntary and entirely private. Church Council is planning for a vote (by members) following the Worship Service on Sunday, January 4. If passed, this would allow for construction in 2015.

If you have questions please contact:

Abe Wieler - Church Council Chair, 325-6957

Peter Klassen - Building Committee Chair, 325-4630

John Schmidt - Finance Committee Chair, 325-7449

Don Toews – Treasurer, 325-4117



2015 is Bethel's 50th anniversary, with services starting in February of 1965. We will be putting a video/slide show together as part of a time of reflection on Bethel's foundational years this February. If you have any pictures, audio, slides, video, bulletins, or any other

Celebrating
50 Years
of Ministry!

documents from the last 50 years that are "Bethel" to you, please share them with us! Contact Kenton Doerksen at (204)332-1476 or email kenton@gtp.ca and we will make sure to get them in.

The technology is available to digitize whatever you might have, so be it video of the Bethel Quartet, pictures from a Christmas concert in 1968 or anything else in the last 50 years that you would love to share, please contact Kenton.

Bethel women's ministry is looking at going to the **Women of Faith conference** on October 16 & 17, 2015. If you are interested in going or have questions contact Nancy Falk, Louise Schmidt or Tina Thiessen. We will be purchasing tickets in the near future.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dec 14 Winkler Sommerfeld Mennonite Church Mass Choir Christmas Concert @ 7:00 pm. Come and hear the Christmas message presented through scripture and song.

Dec 16 The **Winkler Senior Centre Choir** invites you to a Choir Concert and Christmas Dinner at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church. Concert at 5:00 P.M. Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Please contact Cindy or Randy Smart for tickets.

Laugh Again is a ministry partner of Back to the Bible. Phil Callaway and friends invite you to join them for The Laugh Again Eastern Caribbean Cruise - **March 22-29, 2015**. This will be an opportunity to be inspired, encouraged, refreshed and personally challenged. For more information call 1-877-229-6155 or visit laughagain.ca

Considering the Name of Jesus

- 1. A Name Given from Heaven**
Luke 1:30,31
Matthew 1:20,21
Matthew 1:25
- 2. A Name rich with meaning**
Luke 2:21
- 3. Jesus' name is found at the intersection of world history.**
- 4. Jesus' name calls us to worship.**
John 1:17
Titus 3:3-8
Philippians 2:9-11

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

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