

# Welcome to Bethel Church



My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body.  
Proverbs 4:20-22

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 21, 2014 @ 10:30 am*

Prelude – Lindsay Guenther

Welcome – John Schmidt

Lighting the Candle of LOVE

Adoration & Praise – Josiah Wall

Prayer Ministry & Offering – Steve Klassen

Offertory – Josiah Wall

Children's Church Prayer & Dismissal

Scripture & Prayer – Mark Wiebe – Luke 2:8-20

Messenger – Pastor Mark  
What are you giving this Christmas?

Our Response in Song

Prayer & Benediction

## THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

<b>TUES</b>	6:30 am 9am -12pm	Men's Prayer Breakfast SS Christmas Concert Practice (Gr 1-6)
<b>WED</b>	7:30 pm	Sunday School Christmas Concert
<b>THU</b>	10:30 am	Bethel's Christmas Day Service
<b>SUN</b>	9:15 am 10:30 am	<b>NO</b> Sunday School Worship Service – Pastor Mark

*There will be no senior or junior youth this week.*

**Annual Reports** – It's that time of year again! Please send all reports to [bethel@ourbethelchurch.com](mailto:bethel@ourbethelchurch.com) in **Word Format**. Deadline for reports is **JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup>**.

## 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 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. Male members of our church body are eligible for nomination. 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 28** **There will not be Sunday school** 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.** Breakfast will be served from 9-10 AM, followed by a time of sharing. Come join us as we give God praise for what He has done and trusting Him for the coming year! Everyone is welcome!



**Jan 11** **Bethel's Curling Day**  
from 2-5pm. Sign-up today!

**Feb 16** **Bethel's Annual Meeting @ 6:30 pm**

### 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

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.



**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 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](mailto:kenton@gtp.ca) and

Celebrating  
**50** Years  
of Ministry!

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.

#### Adult Sunday School

Plans are being developed for our Adult Sunday School classes for January and February 2015. These classes will begin on January 4.

1. Nehemiah – led by Pastor Randy. The record from Nehemiah in the Old Testament is more than a history lesson. Become more familiar with this story of God at work when a city was in ruins and the people of God needed direction.
2. "Not A Fan". We will also offer a study of what it means to be a completely committed follower of Jesus – using video and discussion, with reference to the material found in the book "Not A Fan" by Kyle Idleman .

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

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**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](http://laughagain.ca)

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