

Welcome to Bethel Church

JOY to the world

*"Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice you earth; burst into song,
you mountains! The Lord comforts his people and
will have compassion on his afflicted ones."
Isaiah 49:13*

*The Lord's Day
December 27, 2015*

Prelude – Colleen Rempel

Welcome – Matt Peters

Adoration & Praise – Nolan Giesbrecht

Prayer Ministry – Lyndon Giesbrecht

Offertory- Emily Peters

Special Music – Jayda Wall

Scripture & Prayer – Jonathan Peters - Luke 1:57-66

Messenger – Pastor Randy

When Jesus Comes to Town - There is Joy

Our Response in Song

Prayer & Benediction

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

TUES	6:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
FRI	10:30 am	New Year's Day Service
SUN	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service – Pastor Randy

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 in **Word Format**. Deadline for reports is **JANUARY 10th**.

For donations to be receipted in **2015** they must be received no later than **December 31st**.

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 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.

BETHEL'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 1



New Year's Day Service of worship, sharing and prayer @ 10:30 am. 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.

Jan 12

Women's Evening Bible Study @ 7:30 pm at the church.

Jan 17

The Lord's Supper

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.

Mar 11&12



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

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.

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.

GriefShare is a Christ-centered, faith-based 13 week course to help with the grieving process for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. GriefShare is being presented by Grace Church and meetings will be held at "The Clubhouse" located at 1351 Willow Ridge Place, Jan 21st at 7:30 pm and continuing until Apr 14th. Registration is required. Contact Lynda Siemens at 204-362-3980

When Jesus Come to Town – There is Joy

1. Two Families and God at Work

- A. Zechariah and Elizabeth. Luke 1
- B. Joseph and Mary. Luke 1

2. Joy and the Christian today - Philippians 3:1; 4:4

3. Seven Things to Know About Joy

- A. Joy is a gift from God _____ to His children through salvation in Jesus Christ alone.
- B. Joy is a God given emotional capacity to _____ the blessings of our relationship with God in Christ.
- C. God given joy in our lives is a _____ to the individuals and to those who surround them.
- D. Sometimes we take our eyes off Jesus and we lose sight of the _____ God has given.
- E. God restores the joy when we _____ our need and ask Him to restore us. Psalm 51:12
- F. Daily joy is one of the qualities that God wants to nurture in our lives through the ongoing personal ministry of the _____. Galatians 5:22,23
- G. When we have this joy in our hearts we will have a _____, _____ view of the world around us.

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

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