

# Welcome to Bethel Church



*The Lord's Day  
The First Sunday of Advent  
November 29, 2015*

Prelude – Adria Toews

Welcome – Pastor Ryan

Lighting the Candle of *Hope*  
Mike, Kristin, Grant and Evan Braun

Adoration & Praise – Youth Band

Prayer Ministry – Nolan Giesbrecht

Offertory – Abbey Peters

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

Scripture & Prayer – Caylyn Martin - Matthew 14:22-33

Messenger – Pastor Ryan  
"Stepping out of the boat"

Our Response in Song

Prayer & Benediction

## THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

<b>MON</b>	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	NO SR Youth Congregational Meeting
<b>TUES</b>	6:30 am 9:30 am 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Men's Prayer Breakfast MOM's Morning Ladies Evening Bible Study JR Youth
<b>WED</b>	7:15 pm	Awana
<b>THU</b>	9:30 am  7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Ladies Morning Bible Study @ Ruth Toews' Brian & Michelle's Care Group @ their home John & Roseanne's Care Group @ their home Evan & Nanci's Care Group @ Steve & Melissa Friesen's Matt & Myra's Care Group @ Rob & Jamy Suderman's Don & Nancy's Care Group @ John & Alvina Goertzen's Gerald & Tina's Care Group @ TBA Awana Leader's Meeting @ church
<b>FRI</b>	7:30 pm	THRIVE
<b>SUN</b>	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School Worship Service

## 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 Spent, Connie Spent, 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

### Today

The Youth will be having a **bake sale** following the morning service. Funds raised will go towards the Mexico mission trip. If you would like to help with baking, contact Pastor Ryan @ 306-418-9125.

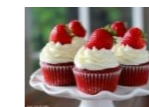


### Nov 30

#### Congregational Meeting

A **congregational meeting** will be held in regards to two weighty subjects that Ministerial has been tasked with considering. Ministerial has been asked to discern on the matter of the Sanctity of Life in the context of "Physician Assisted Suicide", and on the matter of divorce and remarriage. This meeting is for information purposes and comes out of an awareness of the challenges of properly understanding the Biblical passages on these matters. The meeting will begin at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. All who regularly attend at Bethel are encouraged and welcome to come for this information meeting.

### Dec 4



**Richard & Jessica Giesbrecht** would like to invite you to a Dessert Night! ~ 7:00pm @ the Reinfeld Community Centre.

**Dec 4**

**Thrive.** Come and join us for an evening of praise and worship and a discussion lead by Kevin Hildebrand on Missional



Discipleship: *What does it really mean to look like and act like Jesus in all our "daily" missions?*



**Lost:**

Boy's white hat lost at Awana. If you know of its whereabouts please return it to the office.

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 everyone that is an adult, 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.

On **February 27th** Bethel will be hosting the **Asante African Children's Choir**. In preparation for their arrival we are asking if you might have some gently used or new winter clothes we could provide when they arrive in Manitoba (approximately the end of January)? They will need these clothes for the duration of their time in Canada so they will not be returned to you! We have the children's measurements but not actual sizes at this point. They are age 7 to 13. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy @204-325-4466.



## COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS/NOTES

**Nov 26**

**Gateway Resources Inc. Christmas Concert @ 7pm** at the Winkler Bergthaler Church. Everyone is invited!

**Nov 29**

**Christmas Music and Missions Night with D'Friesens @ 6pm** at the Winkler EMMC. A freewill offering will be taken to support further Low German ministries with Multi-Nation Missions Foundation.

**Dec 3**

**Salem Home** presents an **Advent Service** of carol singing and scripture reading @ 6:45pm in the Salem Home chapel.

**Dec 4,5 & 6**

**"From Everywhere to Bethlehem"**, a live interactive nativity at the Winkler Park, Dec. 4, 6-9 pm and Dec. 5-6, 5-9 pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the local food bank.

**Dec 8**

Pathway Community Church, in partnership with World Vision, is hosting **"A COLORFUL CHRISTMAS"**, an evening of laughter and worship with local band The Color and comedian Matt Falk at 7pm at the PW Enns Concert Hall in Winkler. Tickets are \$10 + taxes and are available at: at City Hall office, or at the door the day of the event. Doors open at 6:30pm.

**Dec 15**

The **Winkler Senior Centre Choir** is hosting their annual **Christmas Concert** and **Banquet** at Emmanuel Church. Tickets can be purchased through Cindy Smart or at the Winkler Senior Centre for a cost of \$27. (This includes the concert and a full Turkey Dinner.)

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

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