

Welcome to Bethel Church



But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.
Micah 5:2

The Lord's Day
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2016

Prelude – Sebastian Elias

Welcome – Don Toews

Adoration & Praise – Nolan Giesbrecht

Prayer Ministry – Jim Kort

Offertory – Owen Klassen

Advent Candle

Scripture & Prayer – John Fast
Matthew 2:1-12

Messenger – Pastor Randy
Bethlehem - Small but Important

Our Response in Song

Prayer & Benediction

As we worship together each week we ask that everyone be considerate of the scents that we choose to wear. Your thoughtfulness will help those who have fragrance related allergies.

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

MON	7:00 pm	SR Youth – Bible Study
TUES	6:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	7:00 pm	JR Youth – Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Church Council Mtg
	7:30 pm	Ladies Evening Bible Study
THUR	6:30 pm	Don & Nancy's Care Group Potluck Supper @ their home
	7:00 pm	Brian & Michelle's Care Group @ Pete & Susie Wiebe's
SUN	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service/4 th Sunday of Advent Messenger – 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 *servicing in municipal, provincial and federal government (1 Tim. 2:1-2)*

Nominating Committee:

Pray for the Lord's guidance for the Nominating Committee as they prayerfully consider the Bethel Annual Meeting elections. In what way can you contribute to the work God has us to share in as a church family? The committee will be contacting individuals in the coming weeks. This year's committee is Tom Friesen, John Wiebe, Dale Toews and Don Toews (chairman).



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. Your prayerful consideration of nominees is valued. Presently we need to select 3 Deacons. The current terms of Kenton Doerksen, Abe Giesbrecht and Matt Peters will be complete in Feb 2017. Nomination forms are by the mailboxes. 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.

BETHEL'S UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC 15



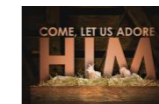
Calling all men! Come and join us for the first morning of our **men's breakfasts** this Thursday, Dec. 15 from 7:00-8:00 AM in the large meeting room at Smitty's. We will have a discussion based on "33: A Man and His Design." Our discussions are designed to inspire and equip men to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus in His 33 years on earth. Our goal is to build friendships and encourage one another in an informal setting over breakfast. Looking forward to seeing you there!

DEC 23

Sunday School Christmas Concert Practice from 9am-12pm.

DEC 24

Sunday School Christmas Concert @ 7:30 pm.



DEC 25

Bethel's Christmas Day service @ 10:30 am.
There will be no Sunday school.



JAN 1

Join us for **New Year's Day** breakfast @ 9:15 am, followed by a time of sharing in the sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school.



JAN 28

Save the date! Ladies Saturday morning Brunch. Details to follow.



Women's Ministry would like to assist the **Pregnancy Care Centre** by supplying some of their everyday needs. If you would like to help, donations of newborn and size 1 diapers and wipes would be appreciated. A marked box is in the foyer to accept your donations.



The **Christmas card photos** for this year are starting to appear in our church mailboxes and with another year fast approaching, we want to create the 2017 edition of the church directory. As per last year, we are asking you

to provide us with a photo of yourself/your family. It can be emailed to bev@ourbethelchurch.com or place a photo in the designated "church directory photos" church mailbox. **A digital copy of your photo would be preferred.** If you wish to not provide a new photo this year, we will simply use what we have on file from last year. If your contact information has changed since our last directory, or if you have started to attend Bethel within the past year, please include your current email, phone number(s) and address.

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS/NOTES

Dec 13

Christmas Dinner & Choir Concert @ the Winkler Senior Centre. Concert – 5pm, Banquet - 6pm. Tickets are \$27 and are available at the Senior Centre office until Dec 8th.

Dec 16

Winkler Community Male Choir presents – **Christmas Lessons and Carols** @ 7:00 pm at the Winkler EMMC Church. An evening of inspiration and remembering. This is a benefit concert for Winkler Heritage Museum.

Bethlehem – Small but Important

1. A few facts about Bethlehem.

Micah 5:2

2. A prophecy remembered

Matthew 2:4-6; John 7:42

3. Why is this information important?

4. Final thoughts about Bethlehem



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

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