

# Welcome to Bethel Church



*The Lord's Day  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 20, 2015*

Prelude – Aiden Friesen

Welcome – Trent Krahn

Lighting the Candle of *Peace*  
Eric & Amy, Liam, Koen, Finley Unrau

Adoration & Praise – Josiah Wall

Prayer Ministry – Jakob Toews

Offertory- Dylan Friesen

Mexico Mission Trip Prayer of Blessing

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

Scripture & Prayer – Henry Peters - Mark 2:13-17

Messenger – Pastor Mark

When Jesus comes to town: All are welcome

Our Response in Song

Prayer & Benediction

## THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

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| <b>TUES</b> | 6:30 am             | Men's Prayer Breakfast                             |
| <b>WED</b>  | 9:00 am             | Sunday School Concert Practice                     |
| <b>THUR</b> | 7:30 pm             | Sunday School Christmas Concert                    |
| <b>FRI</b>  | 10:30 am            | Christmas Day Service                              |
| <b>SUN</b>  | 9:15 am<br>10:30 am | NO Sunday School<br>Worship Service – Pastor Randy |

**Thank you** from the bottom of our hearts for all the prayers, cards, and meals that we received before and after the loss of our son. We are so blessed with this church family! –Jason & Mandi



**Looking for a Christmas Gift?** Bethel still has cookbooks for sale for \$12. They are available at the mailboxes. Get yours today!

**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. Presently we need to select 2 or 3 Deacons. 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. Nominations will be accepted through Sunday, Dec 20, 2015.

## 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

**Dec 23**

**Sunday School Christmas Concert practice** for Gr 1-6 from 9am 12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

**Dec 24**

**Sunday School Christmas Concert @ 7:30 pm**

**Dec 25**



**Bethel's Christmas Day service @ 10:30 am**

**Dec 27**

**There will not be Sunday school on Dec. 27.** Worship Services will begin @ 10:30 am. We encourage families to enjoy a break from the routine and spend quality time with your loved ones.

**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.**

**Mar 11&12**



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

**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.

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.

**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.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm and continuing until Apr 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration is required. Contact Lynda Siemens at 204-362-3980

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

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