

Welcome to Bethel Church



The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.

Luke 3:15

The Lord's Day The Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2015

Prelude – Liam Unrau

Welcome – Matt Peters

Lighting the Candle of *Love*

Rob, Jamy, Caden, Avery and Laney Suderman

Adoration & Praise – Paul Spent

Prayer Ministry – Kenton Doerksen

Offertory – Koen Unrau

Special Music – Helen Letkeman and family

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

Scripture & Prayer – Travis Krahn - John 1:29-42

Messenger – Pastor Randy

When Jesus Comes to Town - The Anticipation of 'the Christ'

Our Response in Song

Prayer & Benediction

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

MON	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	SR Youth – Bible Study Bill & Karen's Care Group @ their home
TUES	6:30 am 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Men's Prayer Breakfast JR Youth – Bible Study Church Council Mtg
WED	7:15 pm	Awana
THU	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast Devotional @ Country Kitchen Pete & Judy's Care Group Supper @ Jake & Eleanor Wall's
SUN	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School Worship Service – Pastor Randy

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 2 or 3 Deacons. Nomination forms are in your 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. 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.



Congratulations to Nixon & Chasity Katabira on the birth of a baby girl, Tekoa Wren on November 28th, weighing 10lbs 12oz!

BETHEL'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 20 Prayer of Commissioning for the Mexico Mission Team

Dec 24 Sunday School Christmas Concert

Dec 25 Bethel's Christmas Day service @ 10:30 am

Dec 27 There will not be Sunday school on Dec. 27 and 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. Come join us as we give God praise for what He has done and trusting Him for the coming year! Everyone is welcome!

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.

COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS/NOTES

Dec 15

Winkler Senior Centre Choir 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.)

When Jesus Come to Town – Anticipation of ‘the Christ’

Jesus would be “the Christ”, the anointed One, the Messiah, the Saviour who had been promised through so many Old Testament references.

1. Old Testament Anticipation

Born in Bethlehem – Micah 5:2 – Luke 2:4-7

Born of a virgin – Isaiah 7:14 – Matthew 1:20-23

From the line of Abraham – Genesis 22:18 – Matthew 1:2

A descendant of Jacob – Numbers 24:17 – Revelation 22:16

Called out of Egypt – Hosea 11:1 – Matthew 2:13 – 15

Born among sorrow – Jeremiah 31:15 – Matthew 2:14-18

2. New Testament Anticipation

A. John the Baptist - John 1:29 - 34

B. The disciples – John 1:35-41; Matthew 16:16 / Mark 8:27

Interestingly – in Jesus’ view it was ____ yet time for the disciples to declare that he was the Christ. Matthew 16:20.

C. Some of the righteous of Israel. Prime examples were...

D. Some disciples after the resurrection of Jesus. Luke 24-13-27

3. What does this Anticipation mean to us today?

Is it just historic fact or important to the present?

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

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