

Welcome to Bethel Church



When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
Matthew 2:10,11

The Lord's Day January 3, 2016

Prelude – Adria Toews

Welcome – Conrad Toews

Adoration & Praise – Brian Derksen

Prayer Ministry – John Peters

Offertory- Morgan Spent

Special Music – Glencross Quartet

Scripture & Prayer – Russ Peters
Matthew 2:1-12

Messenger – Pastor Randy
Looking for a King

Our Response in Song

Prayer & Benediction

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

MON	7:00 pm	SR Youth
TUES	6:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	7:00 pm	JR Youth
	7:30 pm	Bridal Shower & Baby Shower
WED	7:00 pm	Ministerial Mtg
FRI	7:30 pm	Thrive – praise & worship/devo
SUN	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service – Pastor Randy

January 6th is a day honoured by many Christians as **Epiphany** – a time to remember the arrival of the Magi to visit the King who had been born in Bethlehem. The Magi were Gentiles or non-Jews and their arrival signalled the fact that Jesus was born for all people in the world and not just a chosen nation. The response of the wise men when they saw the Child was that they worshipped and gave gifts of honour. Bethel does not have a special service on this day but we do encourage you to take time for personal prayer and worship as we consider the importance of God's gift of salvation for our lives today.



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 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

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 8

Thrive praise and worship night/devo at 7:30 pm. Brian D is leading worship and Chasity & Nixon will be leading the devotional/discussion.

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.

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

Looking for a King

1. The Magi Search for a King. Matthew 2:1-8

2. The King Discovered. Matthew 2:9-12

Gold –
Incense or Frankincense –
Myrrh –

3. Our Search for the King today

The pursuit of Jesus, the King:

- Takes us to _____ we have never been before.

- It causes us to ask questions of _____ that _____ the deepest part of our soul.

- Sometimes (often?) the answers take time for us to _____ and _____ to understand.

- Not everyone is _____ with the questions, or the answers – but...

- We do not have to be afraid of seeking Jesus as King. John 10:10b – "... *I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.*"

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

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