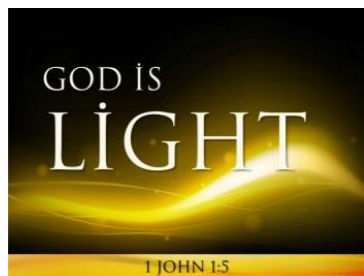


Welcome to Bethel Church



This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:
God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.
1 John 1:5

The Lord's Day June 5, 2016

Prelude – Andrina & Makenna Doerksen

Welcome – John Peters

Adoration & Praise – Brian Derksen

Prayer Ministry – Kenton Doerksen

Offertory – Andrina Doerksen

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

Scripture & Prayer – Jeff Wall
John 3:16-21

Messenger – Pastor Randy
The Character of God – God is Light

Our Response in Song

Prayer & Benediction

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

MON	7:00 pm	SR Youth – summer prep Bible study
TUES	6:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
WED	7:00 pm	JR Youth - summer prep Bible study
THURS	6:00 pm	Pete & Judy's Care Group BBQ @ their home
SUN	9:15 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School Worship Service – Pastor Randy Parent/Child Dedication Children's Church meeting

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

BETHEL'S UPCOMING EVENTS



June 12
Parent/Child Dedication

June 12



The will be a short **Children's Church meeting** immediately following the church service in the Multi-purpose room. All volunteers are encouraged to come with feedback on this past year.

June 17-19



Church Camping @ Cavalier, ND. There are still **2 campsites available for anyone who would like to come!** Contact Jamy Suderman @ 362.1470 if you are interested.



June 26

Church Picnic @ Stanley Park

Aug 15-19



Vacation Bible School (VBS) August 15-19 in the evenings for children entering K-Grade 6 in fall. Our theme this year is Egypt: Joseph's journey from prison to palace. We are accepting volunteers of all ages from those entering Grade 7 in fall and older. Please consider your role in this wonderful outreach ministry and sign up in the foyer today! You can also pre-register your child by filling out the registration forms available on the table.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

June 5

Family Day at Winkler Bible Camp – Free activities from 2-5pm, free BBQ supper @ 5:30pm. No registration required.

June 20

IronMan Golf Tournament in support of Eden Foundation. Call 325.5355 or visit www.edenhealthcare.ca for more info.

July 1

The **Canada Day Children's Carnival team** is looking for volunteers to run activity stations or help with setup/cleanup this year. The event is happening from 4-8pm at the Bethel Heritage Park on July 1st. Volunteers will commit to one, or both, of two shifts (4-6, 6-8pm). This has been a great way for local churches to love and serve the families of Winkler and we're excited to see it continue. Please contact dan@winklrm.com if you are interested.

Bethel has a policy to encourage our pastors to take a two-month sabbatical time after each four years of service. Pastor Mark has served the church since 2011. With advance notice with Church Council and Ministerial, Pastor Mark will be off duty from June 1 through July 31 for rest and renewal. For pastoral care during this time please contact Pastor Randy Smart, Pastor Ryan Martin, Gerald Thiessen (our Lay Minister) or your Care Group leader. Pray that Pastor Mark and Irma can benefit from this time to step back from the day-to-day requirements of the task.

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Care Groups – Gerald Thiessen (325.4496)

SS Superintendent – Mark Toews (325.6854)

Assistant Superintendent – Paul Spent (325.6918)

Awana – Jarrad Toews (362.8237)

Children’s Church Coordinator – Alicia Fehr (325-5987)

The Character of God – *God is Light*

A.W. Tozer wrote: *“What we believe about God is the most important thing about us.”*

1. God is Light

When we read and say that God is light it is a word picture for the

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There are some interesting pictures in the OT and NT about God and light.

2. Jesus is the “True Light”

Described by John - John 1:9-12

Described by Jesus – John 8:12; John 12:46

Described by Paul – Acts 26:12-19, NB vs 15.

Jesus is the Light and will be the light in Heaven! Revelation 21:22-27.

3. God’s Light in Our Lives

How is the light of Jesus reflected in our lives?

John 3:19-21

Matthew 5:14-16

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