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## Missionary of the Month

*Joel & Margaret DeHart*

Hi from Albania to our church family **Praise:** We have faithful expat and local colleagues to work with in Albania, and prayer and financial partners supporting us in our global work. **Prayer:** Most of the Afghan refugees here are in the process of leaving as the project is closing down. Pray for them, and for wisdom for us walking with those who are left here without a case.

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## Save the Date

*March 18: Annual General Meeting 6:30 pm*

*March 21: Blitz & Pie Women's Game Night 7:00 pm*

*March 28: Men's Meat Night 6:00 pm*

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*Stay in the know*



Indeed, I count everything  
as loss because of the  
surpassing worth of  
knowing Christ Jesus my  
Lord.

(PHILIPPIANS 3:8A)

# Welcome

## Bethel Bergthaler Mennonite Church

### *Our Mission*

*The purpose of Bethel Church is to make and develop disciples for Jesus Christ, locally and around the world.*

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome & Announcements: *Nolan Giesbrecht*

Worship in song

Prayer Ministry: *Travis Friesen*

Membership Transfer

Children's Feature: *Wendy Peters*

Scripture reading: **Acts 9:1-9** *Jakey Hiebert*

Sermon: **Acts 9: Persecutor to Persecuted** Pastor Mike

Closing Song

Benediction

*March 16, 2025*

# This week at Bethel

|                  |                   |                           |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | 9:30 am & 7:30 pm | Bible Study Fellowship    |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 7:00 pm           | Sr. Youth (Bible Study)   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 6:30 pm           | Bethel AGM                |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 6:30 am           | Men's Bible Study         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 7:00 pm           | Awana                     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 7:00 pm           | Women's Game Night        |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 7:30 pm           | Young Adults (Guys Night) |

Considering our growing congregation, Church Council along with Ministerial struck committees to look at our physical and personnel needs moving forward. Both committees studied many different options and spoke directly with people involved in ministry at Bethel. At the AGM we will discuss the possibility of changing our foyer wall to more easily accommodate overflow. Also, we will discuss the potential hiring of a Children's Ministry Pastor.

**In addition, two Constitutional changes will also be proposed:** Service Committee Article VII, Sec. III, 2.03ii, "recruiting, training and assigning of ushers for all services at Bethel." Moving to: Duties of Ministerial, Article VII, Sec. I, 4 (note: This change better reflects who supports the ushers at Bethel)

Chairman of Congregation Article VI, Sec. III, add "He shall be elected by the membership for a term of two years and may remain in office for two consecutive terms." (note: This term limit is not new, but was inadvertently omitted during our latest revision)

**The following have accepted nomination for the role of Deacon: Brian Hiebert & Jason Thiessen**

Let us be in prayer for those who have been nominated and the for the church as we discern their confirmation as Deacon. The vote will take place March 18<sup>th</sup> at the AGM.

The nomination committee has been tapping shoulders and accepting nominations from the congregation and would like to announce the following slate of candidates:

**Congregational chair:** Gerald Letkeman

**Education (2 spots):** Sam Harder

**Missions (2 spots):** Marcelo Alencar, Jakey Hiebert

**Service (2 spots):** Pat Wiebe, Rick Wiebe

**Finance (2 spots):** Abe Teichroeb, Jack Peters, John Schmidt, Tom Wiebe

**Women's Executive (1 spot):** Rachel Friesen

**Social Committee (1 spot):** Vanessa Giesbrecht

*Today we welcome into our membership, David & Chrisine Doerksen, Nelli Nickel, Steven & Lena Elias, David & Eva Heinrichs, Ashley*

*Letkeman, Diego & Norma Lopez*

## Coming up at Bethel

All ladies are invited to a baby/bridal shower for Ashley Letkeman (son, Rory), Madison Harder (daughter, Aubrey), and Ambur Hildebrand (fiancé, Cody Wiebe) today @ 2:30 pm.



**Women's Ministry** is hosting a Blitz and pie night on Friday March 21st at 7:30pm in the church gym. Come join us for a fun night of games (bring your favorites!) and meet some new people.

**Sunday School** Starting April 6, children born in 2022 will have the opportunity to have a taste of Sunday School. If your child was born in 2022, please send an email to [sundayschool@bethelchurch.com](mailto:sundayschool@bethelchurch.com) so we can get your child registered and so we know how many children will be coming. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Julian (204-332-0739) or Christine (204-362-0184).

**After approximately 20 years working as church secretary and bookkeeper, Bev Klassen has decided to retire. We want to thank Bev for her years working within the church. We are now looking for someone to fill the bookkeeper role. If you are interested or have questions about this position please reach out to Terry Hamm or Devin Toews, resumes can be sent to Terry ([terleor@gmail.com](mailto:terleor@gmail.com)) and Devin ([toews\\_14@hotmail.com](mailto:toews_14@hotmail.com)) until March 31.**



**To Devin & Stephanie Toews on the birth of their baby boy Rogan Brady, Born March 11, 5lbs 7ounces, 20 inches**

## Prayer

**Members of our community who are impacted by illness and grief:**

Sheila Leatherdale

Amanda Thiessen (Smart)

**Our condolences to Edwin & Louis Guenther & Family on the passing of Edwin's mom, Helen Guenther. May you experience God's comfort during this time of grief.**