

Bethel Council Highlights

From Council:

- **Calling Team:** Thank you to those who have agreed to be on our calling team for the Pastor of Outreach and Missions. Ed Dening (Chair), Kevin Verveda (World Missions Chair), Dan Wildeboer (GE), Jacqueline Prins (HR), Marjean Verseveldt (Deacon). We request your continued prayer about the calling and discernment process.
- **Council nominations:** We are grateful for the strong nominations that were received for the next term of council. There are many gifts of leadership in our membership. We encourage you to prayerfully consider the role that you have been asked to fill. Your brothers and sisters at Bethel respect and appreciate your gifts and we know that you will be blessed as you respond to the call.
- **Budget Process:** Some hard work has been done to get the numbers together for the 2023-24 ministry year. Pastor Cris challenged ministry leaders to step out of their norm and consider new opportunities for ministry with a focus on reaching out so that we can share Jesus with others in our communities. Next week, leaders of our ministry zones will meet to discuss and review ministry plans. Please pray for the ministries at our church. Pray for the courage to step outside of what we know into the adventure of God's plans for us in 2023-24.
- **Move with the Spirit Leadership Conference (May 5-6):** Bethel Community Church will host a conference to equip ministry leaders and volunteers with the power of the Holy Spirit through teaching, worship and reflection. Our goal is for us to explore how we embody the kingdom, can be filled with the Spirit, and can serve in cooperation with the Holy Spirit. If you are involved in any capacity of ministry at Bethel, we would love for you to be part of this conference. Look out for a registration link over the next few weeks in the bulletin.
- **Seniors Tea:** Calling all seniors 70+. Save the Date of April 26th from 2-4 pm to gather for a social. The Shepherding Elders will be sending out invitations. Thank you, Deacons, for helping to make this event happen.
- **Face-to-Face time:** GE met with Selikke Duthler, our Director of Children's Ministries and WillowWood Preschool, to reflect, pray and bless her ongoing ministry at Bethel. It was good to talk about Selikke's heart for children and sharing God's word with them. She is partnering with parents to build a foundation for our children's faith. We are so grateful for our staff. They are a gift to our church.
- **Classis Alberta North + Synod 2023:** Several of our office bearers represented us at the Spring classis meeting last week. In addition to time spent discussing and praying over our ministries together as a denomination and as a classis, classis voted to determine who would go to Synod this summer. Our very own, Michael Werkman, Chair of Deacons, will be representing Bethel and Classis Alberta North at Synod. Please remember him and our governing body in your prayers as they prepare and participate in these meetings.

Thank you for your confidence in us and allowing us to serve you.

Grace and peace,

from the Bethel Council

Be With Jesus (Communion)
Be with one another (Community)

Play your role in God's family (Calling)
Develop Emerging Leaders (Grow Young)