

Bethel Council Highlights

From the Council:

- **Budget Process:** *With the change in staffing, Joanne Rozendaal has volunteered to coordinate budget requests for our 2023-24 ministry year and collate the information for the finance team. We are grateful for Joanne's knowledge and we hope to have this role filled by a volunteer in future years as well. We are working out the kinks and keeping our eyes on where we can make improvements. Are you the strong administrative type that would be interested in serving in this capacity in the future? We would love to connect with you.*
- **Pastor of Outreach and Missions:** *As of Tuesday we are receiving applications for this position. This position puts a specific focus on our mission of "Sharing Christ with Others". The person in this role will be responsible to encourage, train, and stretch us as we all become more intentional about reaching out to our community, near and far, with the good news. We desire that Christ would transform our neighbourhood and world as we boldly share our faith story and invite others in. This is a half time position that will require gifts in the areas of evangelism and community engagement. For more information about the posting, visit discovebethel.com/jobs*
A little more on pastor positions: *We have had a few questions regarding our new associate pastor positions. We expect that eventually each of these positions will become full time positions, the Lord willing. For now, we have set the Pastor of Congregational Care at 0.8 FTE and Pastor of Outreach and Missions at a 0.5, allowing a focus in each area without a significant impact to the budget. If you have further questions, we invite you to talk to a Governing Elder.*
- **Council nominations:** *Thank you for your nominations for council. We will share more information soon.*
- **Attendance numbers:** *It has been so wonderful to welcome members back and see new faces on Sunday mornings. Lately, our attendance numbers have averaged around 230 children and adults. We realize that there may come a time when we will need to consider adding an extra service. Looking ahead, we will host two services for Easter (9 am & 11 am) in anticipation of higher attendance and continue to assess future options.*
- **Supporting Staff:** *The Governing Elders would like to acknowledge the amazing amount of volunteer time that Hilda Buisman has given to Bethel, as our Executive Administrator, supporting our re-envisioned administration roles among staff and volunteers. While we have committed to provide her with a small honorarium, her leadership on the Staff team far exceeds what we are able to compensate her for. Together with Hilda, Pastor Cris and the Governing Elders continue to work with the staff to streamline processes and create efficiencies while serving our church and community.*
- **Face to Face time:** *GE met with Pastor Wendy to reflect, pray and bless her ongoing ministry at Bethel. We hope to continue having staff join us at future meetings. We are so grateful for our staff. They are a gift to our church.*

It is our pleasure to serve Bethel. Please contact one of the Governing Elders if you would like further information.

Grace and peace,

from the Governing Elders

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

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