

Bethel Council Highlights

Update from our meetings on September 11, 2023:

Council met for the first fall meeting this past Monday. We were blessed to begin with most members present and begin our new church year. Council met for the first fall meeting this past Monday.

- *Governing Elders Executive:* We are pleased to announce that Ivan Mast has agreed to be the chair of Governing Elders. Ed Dening will be vice chair, and Brad Veenstra will remain as clerk. We would like to give a great big thank-you to Helena Myschuk for her excellent leadership while she was the chair of Governing Elders.
- *From the Deacons:* Deacons are pleased to announce that Michael Werkman will remain chair of the Deacons, Hannah Moerman will be vice chair, Marjean Verseveldt will be secretary, and Doug Barr will be the treasurer.
- *From the Shepherding Elders:* Shepherding Elders have not yet determined who will be chair. In the meantime Mary Rietveld will be acting chair.
- *Spiritual Director Ministry:* Governing Elders met with Maria Zapata and gave preliminary approval for a new ministry to start later this year. This ministry will give members of our community the space to receive spiritual direction for their lives with the purpose of growing closer to Christ Jesus in. If you interested in more information, you can reach out to [Pastor Wendy](#) who can connect you with Maria.
- *Classis Alberta North:* Classis will meet October 13 & 14 in Red Deer, Alberta. The exciting news for Bethel is that both Wendy Werkman and Cathy Ferchau will be examined by classis in the final step for them in becoming Ministers of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church. For those in our church interested in attending, the classis schedule examinations is as follows:
 - Pastor Wendy will be examined on Friday at 6:45 PM
 - Pastor Cathy will be examined on Saturday at 10:15 AM.Also, Pastor Cris will serve as a Vice Chair of Classis in preparation for him to be Chair at the next Classis meeting being held in the Spring.
- *Ordination Service:* Following Wendy and Cathy's examinations, we plan to host a special ordination service for them in the evening on Sunday, October 22. The time is yet to be determined. Keep this date open in your schedule so you can join us at this special service.
- *Christmas Services:* Even though Christmas seems far away, we have been discussing plans to hold two Christmas Eve services on Sunday, December 24, and a Christmas Day morning service on Monday, December 25. We will not be holding a morning service on Sunday, so that we can focus our worship on Christmas Eve around coming together and inviting our local communities to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace,

The Council of Bethel Community Church

**If you have any question or comments, please reach out to the different council groups:*

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