



Spring Musings



Rev. Jurgen Rausch
President,
Board of Directors

At the time of this writing, winter still has us in its icy grip; but as always, it will soon yield to the inevitable warmth of spring with the promise of yet another summer of lush green grass and leaves. With that it is only natural that our minds wander once again to Bethel Park and to another season of enjoying God's beautiful nature, the fellowship of the saints and spiritual refreshing in our camps and retreats. With the coming of the 2012 season, we are seeing a number of changes in terms of our support and ministry teams. After many years, Norma Scherer stepped back from the administrative duties to concentrate only on the bookkeeping requirements. We are happy that Charles Miller has agreed to assume the duties of the administrative support person in place of Beverly Peon who, while initially agreeing to take on the duties, has since realized that her work life balance does not allow her the time to do this important job. Charles, his wife Marilyn and their children are long standing cottage owners. Charles in preparation for taking on this role, has also stepped aside from his board

STUDENT MINISTRY

YOUTH CAMP:

AUGUST 19 – 25

REV. BRENT HYTENRAUCH,
WATERDOWN, ON

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT:

OCTOBER 19 – 21

REV. JOE MANAFO,
SARNIA, ON

For more information or to register,
please visit www.bnnextgen.org

BEST YEARS RETREAT

If you're between the ages of 40 and 59, we invite you to come to the **Best Years Retreat**, Friday, September 21 to Sunday, September 23, 2012. The cost is \$90 per person (accommodations not included).

Leave the kids at home and come enjoy a weekend at Bethel Park designed especially for you. A time to reconnect with old friends and a chance to make some new ones. Brochures and registration forms will be included with your Spring packet. For more information and additional registration forms go to www.bethelpark.ca. If you have any questions, please contact Michael & Brigitte Krause at bestyearsretreat@live.com.

CAMP WORKDAY

SATURDAY APRIL 28, 2012

PLEASE BE THERE AT 8:30 AM SHARP, LUNCH
WILL BE SERVED AT 2:00 P.M.

FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO PLEASE BRING A
DESSERT. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR
RAKES AND RAGS!



RETREAT WEEKENDS

Victoria Day Retreat

May 19 - 20 with Pastor Jason Small,
Waterdown, ON.

Labour Day Retreat

September 1 - 2 with Pastor Kevin
Rogers, Windsor, ON.

Service Times

Saturday: 7:00 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am and 6:30 pm

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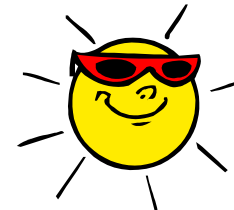
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responsibilities. We wish him well with his new responsibilities.

Also, Jeff Mantey has resigned as Youth Camp Director and will focus on the Young Adult Retreat. In his stead, the board has appointed Matt Schmid from Warden Full Gospel Assembly as the Youth Camp Director. Matt's grandparents have been long standing cottage owners making Matt a great fit for what is required. Kevin Scherer has also resigned as Kitchen Manager due job prospects elsewhere. We will miss Kevin's amazing work in the kitchen but wish him well in his endeavors. Currently we are looking to contract out the kitchen management services. Please pray with us that the right individual will be identified. Remain in prayer for Bethel Park so that the windows of heaven will be open over the entire season.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you for your continued interest and support of Bethel Park. Bethel Park continues to operate on a slim positive balance and charitable donations remain essential in funding the camp's ongoing ministry. Without your financial partnership, Bethel Park would not be what it has become over the years for young and old.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 519.469.9793.

Bill Hooker, Treasurer

Did you know that paying your property taxes just got easier? For only \$15, you can set up an online paypal account that lets you determine how you want to pay your bill and also provide you with the option for online donation. Why not turn what seems like a huge annual bill into a monthly amount that fits your budget? Contact treasurer@bethelpark.ca for more information.

GERMAN HERITAGE CAMP

JULY 22 - 25, 2012

The GHC is still one of the major events of the summer activities at our Bethel Park Camp. It is attended not only by our seniors who pioneered Bethel Park Camp, but in recent years we have had an increased number of our younger generation attending these services. Last summer Pastor Guenther Kaupp, with his excellent German, challenged us through his messages. The services were greatly blessed and enhanced by the ministry through Word and songs of our worship team Elsie and Reinhold Herms. The Herms are always welcomed and loved by all. They add so much to our services. We are also grateful to Helga Hintz and her "Kitchen Team" who continually provide us with material

blessings of wonderful meals. THANK YOU LADIES!

We thank God for His continual presence and blessings and are looking forward to another wonderful GHC this summer with Rev. Horst Doberstein as the speaker and the Herms as our worship leaders.

Pastor Rittmeyer, Camp Pastor and German Heritage Camp Director

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday July 28, 2012 at 2:00 PM
in the Chapel at Bethel Park Camp.

*Please note this is a **voting year***

All members welcome.

FAMILY CAMP

JULY 28-AUGUST 5, 2012

So many Christian leaders around the world have been saying 2012 will be a year of destiny where God will be doing some amazing things. We're praying that will be true for Family Camp this year as well. We have a great ministry team headlined by Rev. Max Yeary from Christian Life Assembly in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, as our evening and Sunday speaker. The morning Bible teacher is Rev. Dave Slater from Guelph, Ontario. Horst Doberstein will

be speaking at the German language services and German Heritage Camp. Nathan Albrecht will lead the junior high ministry team and Caleb Courtney will be leading worship for all the English language services. Come prepared to experience our amazing God in a fresh way.

Michael Krause, Family Camp Director

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Kitchen Manager:

The duties of the Kitchen Manager involve: planning, purchasing and preparing menus for the retreat weekends and Family Camp.

Some of the duties:

- *breakfast and dinner for ministry teams
- *hot noon meal for all campers
- *canteen after evening service
- * oversees the kitchen for the entire season including the opening and closing of the kitchen.

If you are interested in this opportunities, please submit your resume to administration@bethelpark.ca or mail to Bethel Park Camp, 100 Hoffman Street, Kitchener, ON, N2M 3N1 by April 15, 2012. A more detailed position outline is available upon request. If you have any questions, please call the head office at 519.785.2090.