

## **Greetings Bethel Park Family,**

I would like to begin this Newsletter by remembering many of our Bethel Park Family members that went Home to be with the Lord this past year and beginning of 2015. We remember the families of **Irmgard Nerling, Adina Drewitz, Fritz Wendell, Rudy Jankovic, Berndt Wiedow, Alfred Krampitz, John Kehl Sr., Carin Perez, Konrad Schleier, Eugen Hanusch, Ida Zylick, Rev. John Haug, & Julie Pfeiffer**. Also, to our Bethel Park family members that have lost loved ones, we pray that God comfort and provide strength each day anew as only He can.

In Memory, Ken Powell, our Camp Pastor wrote the following devotional:

### **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints – Psalm 116:15**

This past year a number of Bethel Park Camp Members went home to be with the Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families who lost loved ones.

While there is sadness in our hearts we rejoice because we know that these precious saints are more alive now in Heaven in the presence of the Lord than they ever were here on earth.

I did a funeral once and I told those in attendance that “This is not really a burial ground but resurrection ground for one day the body will be joined with the spirit or soul. This body in the ground will be resurrected from the grave, just as Christ was resurrected from the dead, so too will the believer’s body be joined with their soul or spirit.

On January 8<sup>th</sup> of this year, gospel singer and song writer Andrae’ Crouch died. He wrote many beautiful and encouraging songs, one of which was titled “It won’t be long.” The words of the first verse are as follows-

It won’t be long  
Till we’ll be leaving here,  
It won’t be long  
We’ll be going home.

The Apostle Paul encourages us in 2 Corinthians 5:6 that he would much rather be away from the body (which will be left in the grave at death) and be home with the Lord. Wouldn’t you? I certainly would but God is not done with us yet. As long as we are still breathing, there is something for us to do for Him. Let us use what life we have left to glorify Him and to proclaim to the lost that there is hope only in Christ. This hope is not only for this life but for the life to come.

*Victoria Day Weekend* The Victoria Day Long

Weekend marks the beginning of another summer of ministry at Bethel Park Camp. Our focus will be to begin this camp season with prayer and community – dedicating to God

afresh the grounds, facilities and people who make up Bethel Park Camp. Michael & Brigitte Krause, long-time members of our camp family, have been invited to lead us in worship, prayer and teaching in two gatherings on Sunday morning and evening. We are also planning a community building event for the Saturday evening for those on the grounds. Due to the ongoing construction of the public washrooms, we are somewhat restricted in inviting people from outside as we will be limited in terms of the services we can offer. Lunch will be offered on Sunday at the camp cafeteria, but we do encourage everyone to bring a salad and/or a dessert to share with others in the spirit of fellowship. We are looking forward to this 'Bethel Park Family' gathering laying the ground for a blessed season this summer.

## *Bethel Park Volunteer*

### *Opportunities* As we begin a new Camp Season, we

are reminded of the work that needs to be done. Bethel Park has always depended on Volunteers and we are so grateful to many of you that consistently stand in the gap, and we encourage you to continue to do so. We have many Volunteer opportunities and we would request that you prayerfully consider Volunteering in one of the following ways:

#### *KITCHEN:* We have all appreciated the excellent service that we

have received from Helga Hintz in the Kitchen. During Family Camp, Helga, along with her dedicated staff, starts in the early morning preparing Breakfast for the Ministry Team and continues with Lunch, Dinner (for the Ministry Team) and the evening Canteen. The hours are too long and exhausting. **We are looking for someone that would work with Helga by taking on the responsibility of the evening meal for the Ministry Team or someone that would take over running the Canteen Service at night.** This would provide a break period in a very long day. If you would like more information on what this might entail, please contact Helga at [hphintz@gmail.com](mailto:hphintz@gmail.com) If you do not have access to e-mail, please call the office at 519-748-5125 and speak to Norma. We also require volunteers that would help with setting up tables for meals and cleaning up the dining hall after a meal service. If you can help in this way, please specify how many days or meals you would be available to

provide this service.

*HOSPITALITY:* We have been blessed to have Trudy

Medel volunteer as the Hospitality Manager for the last several years. In this position, Trudy provides hospitality services to guests that rent our Camp owned cabins ; to group rental bookings and to the Ministry Team. This is a lot of work for one person and we are looking for a volunteer that would work with Trudy to share the workload. Trudy will be away on vacation for the month of August, and we require someone to provide these services. If you would like more information or if you have questions, please e-mail Trudy at [hospitality@bethelpark.ca](mailto:hospitality@bethelpark.ca)

*JANITORIAL:* For several years, Linda

Meier has provided Janitorial Services to Bethel Park. A big job that requires the help of volunteers is the cleaning of the Tabernacle. Although in the past the Tabernacle has been cleaned on the Spring Clean-Up day, by July it is ready to be cleaned again. Linda has suggested that the Tabernacle be cleaned on the weekend prior to the start of Heritage Camp. If you would be available to help with this please e-mail the office at [administration@bethelpark.ca](mailto:administration@bethelpark.ca)

*MAINTENANCE:* The maintenance requirements at

Bethel Park are numerous and varied. Although we have a number of dedicated people who work with Bill Harper and John Kehl, there are always tasks that need to be completed. If you have a particular skill or enjoy working in a certain maintenance capacity, we would like to know. We will keep a roster of names and as needs arise we would call on you to check on your availability. If you would be interested or would like more information please contact Walter Nerling at [boardsecretary@bethelpark.ca](mailto:boardsecretary@bethelpark.ca)

*SOUND & AUDIO VISUAL:*

From time to time we require extra help for Sound and Audio Visual. If you have an interest in this area of ministry, please contact the office at [administration@bethelpark.ca](mailto:administration@bethelpark.ca). Training will be provided.

*MUSIC:* Our summer Sunday Services for 2015 are July 5, 12, August 9, 16, 23, & 30th. We require a pianist on these Sundays to help with the Worship Service. It would be greatly appreciated if you could commit on one or several of these dates ahead of time. If you play another instrument and would be willing to participate in the service please let us know. For more information or to volunteer please contact our Camp Pastor, Ken Powell at [kbpowell@sympatico.ca](mailto:kbpowell@sympatico.ca)

*Children's Ministries:* For our Children's programs, we are required to provide a mandated ratio of adults to children to provide adequate supervision. We are grateful that Trudy Rittmeyer has organized these services for many years. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please contact Trudy at [grittmeyer@sympatico.ca](mailto:grittmeyer@sympatico.ca)

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT CAMP **ON CLEAN-UP DAY**, SCHEDULED FOR **SATURDAY APRIL 25TH** (WEATHER PERMITTING). WE NEED YOU!

*GOD BLESS, Doris Bilitz*