



Spring Newsletter

2020



Greetings Bethel Park Family *by Doris Bilitz*

April 19 – 25, 2020 is National Volunteer Week. I remember when I was working, that we took time formally to celebrate our volunteers that week. I worked in Long-Term Care, and we were so dependent on volunteers to help provide the special experiences for our residents that staff did not have time to provide. The spirit of volunteerism is what helps make an organization great. It is what makes Bethel Park so unique and special. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our staff and volunteers. We do not fully realize the time and

commitment of so many people. This winter we have had dedicated volunteers at camp helping with the preparation and installation of the Waste Management Treatment plant. Their dedication and commitment goes above and beyond ... and the reason they are so committed is because they have taken Colossians 3:23&24 to heart, ***“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as you are working for the Lord, not men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the***

Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

At Bethel Park, we have opportunities for volunteerism. On the last page of this newsletter we have listed the areas that we need volunteers. Please prayerfully consider what God would have you do.

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2020 Season

Camp Opening

April 25

Water On

April 25

Hydro On

April 25

Camp Clean Up

May 2

Victoria Day

May 17

Warden Kids Camp

June 28 – July 3

Bethel Park Kids Camp

July 5-10

Heritage Camp

July 19 – 22

Family Camp

July 25 – Aug. 2

Annual General Mtg.

July 25

Youth Camp

August 16 -21

Labour Day

September 5 – 6

Best Years

September 18 – 20

Thanksgiving

October 11

Camp Closing

End of October

Board of Directors

Doris Bilitz (President)

Walter Nerling (Secretary)

Harald Drewitz (Treasurer)

David Schuetzkowski (Director of Facilities)

Jim Wright (Spiritual Care)

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Waste Management *by Walter Nerling*

We look forward to 2020 and are anxiously awaiting what the Lord has planned for us at Bethel Park. We have been working hard to move the Waste Management project forward. After many months of delay, the Ministry of Environment decided that the approval for our collection system must be obtained from the local Municipality of West Elgin. I am thankful to report that we received our permit from West Elgin in early January allowing us to proceed.

Required preparations had to be made in order to get the large crane and trucks around the corner at Motel B. The location of the existing electrical panel did not allow for enough room for the trucks and crane to make the turn. The large concrete tanks for the Newterra Plant have been installed, and the tanks for the two Pumping Stations are on site and being installed.

Below you will see what our Newterra Plant looks like. A-Xcavating, our local site contractor, expects to pour a

concrete pad once we have warmer weather, possibly in the middle of April. The Plant is expected to be ready by the end of March but cannot be delivered until the concrete pad has been poured.

As of the end of 2019 we have paid out \$395,000.00 towards this project with another invoice for \$105,000 being processed. Thank you for your prayers and faithfulness in giving towards this capital project so that work can continue.



Don McLeod and David Schuetzkowski temporarily burying wiring.



Victoria Day Weekend *by Rev. Jim Wright*



Many of you have been praying with us over the winter looking forward with anticipation to the Bethel Park family gathering again. We are believing that when we meet "seasons of refreshing will come from the presence of the Lord." (Acts 3:19).

We will begin formal spiritual ministry at Camp on the Victoria Day Weekend. This year we are delighted to welcome Pastor David Wilkinson from Immanuel Pentecostal Church in Kitchener to lead us into worship in the two Sunday services. Our first experience of God's Word in 2020 will be with Dr. Gerry Tonn. Dr. Tonn

is married to Elaine and has two daughters, two sons-in-law and four grandchildren. He has been a pastor for 37 years. He served as the Lead Pastor at Cedarview Church in Paris, Ontario as well as Aurora Cornerstone Church. In addition, he teaches undergrads at Master's Bible College and Seminary, and deals with pastoral restoration needs within the Western Ontario District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. He currently serves as key leader at G.E.T. Care Ministries (getcarecanada.com).



Finance *by Harald Drewitz*

Again, our financial obligations were met for 2019 and we thank you for your financial support during 2019. When you receive the 2019 financial statement package, you will see we have continued to keep our normal yearly camp operating expenses as low as possible.

As mentioned in the 2019 Fall Newsletter, during the Chapel/Dining Hall/Kitchen major renovation project in 2002-03, several members lent funds to Bethel Park at that time. The Bethel Park Board of Directors would prefer to receive loans from Bethel Park cabin owners/members rather than going through a financial

institution. There would be a "Loan Agreement" between the person(s) and Bethel Park Camp, stating interest rate and conditions. Each agreement will be negotiated individually. Our general guideline for the interest rate you receive would be somewhere between the interest one would receive on your Savings Account from a financial institution to a reasonable Guaranteed Interest Certificate one would receive from a financial institution. To discuss this possibility further, please contact Harald Drewitz, Treasurer at treasurer@bethelpark.ca or 1-519-579-4388 (Kitchener).

For those of you privileged to be on the grounds earlier we encourage you to make time to connect with God and each other, get to know a new cabin owner, reacquaint yourselves with one another and be blessed! Bethel is our community to share and enjoy.

With Spirit sponsored enthusiasm let us prayerfully prepare ourselves to grow, to give and to receive at Bethel Park Camp in 2020.

Donations and/or Payments

bookkeeper@bethelpark.ca

Several methods are now available.

E-Transfer

E-transfers are now auto deposit and no password is required. In the **message box** indicate Camp-General, Capital-General or Waste Management. Donations with no message will go to Camp-General. For payments, indicate your cabin address in the **message box**.

Automatic Bank Withdrawal

Contact Norma for further instructions.

Canada Helps

You can donate to Bethel Park via Canada Helps. Go to the Bethel Park website and click **DONATE** on the home page. You can make your donation via credit/debit and *PayPal*. Canada Helps will issue you a receipt for your donation.



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Volunteer Opportunities

Kitchen

Kitchen volunteers that are willing to help with setting up tables for meals and cleaning up the dining hall after meal services or helping with dishes are always welcome. If you can help in this way, please contact Ingrid Hook.

Tuck Shop

Help is needed during Family Camp at 11:30 am for 1 ½ hours, 4:00 pm for ½ hour and after the evening service for 1 hour. Contact Helga Hintz at hphintz@gmail.com.

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 Ingrid Hook.

Music Sunday Mornings

Our Sunday Services for 2020 are June 28, July 5 and 12, August 9, 16, 23 and 30. 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, contact Guenter Rittmeyer at grittmeyer@sympatico.ca.

Children's Ministry

For our children's programs we are 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 contact Trudy Rittmeyer at grittmeyer@sympatico.ca.

Administration — administration@bethelpark.ca or 226-964-2275

Purchase/Selling Cabin

If you are purchasing or selling a cabin, please be sure to complete the *Application for Cabin Ownership and Transfer* found on our website. Email it to administration@bethelpark.ca or mail it to head office. All documents must be completed and approved by the Board before a sale/transfer is finalized. No monies should be exchanged until final approval is made by the Office. The transfer fee of \$100 to sellers of cabins is to cover the cost of the necessary Government documents, etc.

New Information

Please notify the Camp Administrator of any address, name, telephone or email address changes. If you have an email address and are not receiving emails from head office, please ensure we have your correct information.

Website

www.bethelpark.ca

On the website you will find up-to-date information about our 2020 Season and documents including:

- Application for Cabin Ownership and Transfer
- Application for Cabin Co-ownership

- Procedures for Cabin Owners
- Application for Cabin Renovation/Building
- Cottages For Sale

Facebook

Be sure to like Bethel Park Camp, Rodney, ON. Share pictures and comments about what Bethel Park means to you.

Hospitality

During Family Camp there is a high demand from people wanting to rent cottages. If you own a cottage and are unable attend this summer, would you prayerfully consider renting your cottage either to a Ministry Team or a carefully selected guest. Please contact Ingrid Hook.