



# Bethel News

NOVEMBER 2016

## Sanctuary Remodel

We are blessed to have the opportunity to make improvements to our sanctuary that will update several features. Generally speaking, this project involves painting, refinishing the pews, carpeting, and replacing the pew cushions and coverings. It will be necessary to vacate the sanctuary on November 21 and to return on December 18. Following is a listing of the activities that will be done with some explanation of what is involved.

- The entire sanctuary

will be painted a color much the same as it is currently. In order to reach the top of the West wall, it will be necessary to remove the first tier of pews along the wall. As of this writing, it is uncertain whether the time involved in this process will make it impractical to replace them before we vacate the sanctuary on November 21. Painting began on Monday, 11-7-16 and will hopefully be

completed by Friday 11-11-16.

- All of the pew backs will be treated in some way or other to restore their color. We will simply apply lemon oil on some while others need cleaning, sanding, staining and refinishing. This work has begun and is expected to continue throughout the upgrade process.
- The week of November 21, the worship team and their re-Sanctuary Continued on page 2

## Robertson's Ramblings

Looking ahead is something that for some bring much excitement as they look forward to venturing forward into the unknown. For others it can raise concern and at times even fear. However, looking forward while keep our eyes focused on God's leading is

something that we as a church are called to do. As the elders have been praying and looking ahead and having conversations with many of you we feel that it is time to begin to take next steps to beginning the process of seeking an associate pas-

tor. While the exact job description and details will be brought before the congregation for discussion and a vote in the near future at this point we see this position as Associate Pastor of Family Ministry. God has been gracious and kind to leading to our church family lots of families with young

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## Upcoming Events

11/20 Baby Dedication Sunday

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

11/24 Thanksgiving Day

12/1 Women's Book Discussion

12/3 Men's Breakfast

## Ramblings Continued...

kids and we want to make sure we are faithful in ministering to these families. The big picture is that this individual would have oversight of all programs for ages birth through high school. We want to invite you to join us in praying and joining with us in conversation as together we work to move forward as we see God leading us at Bethel! Stay tuned as you will be hearing more information from us in the near future.

In Christ,

Pastor Josh Robertson and the elder board

## Sanctuary Continued...

cruits will move their system to the Event Center and set up for worship there.

- **An all-call for help will be issued for November 26** in order to loosen and move all pews to the West side of the sanctuary. This work must be done by Saturday, December 3.
- On December 5, the carpet layers will remove the carpet on the East side and lay carpet

there.

- On December 7, all of the pews must be moved to the East side so the remainder of the sanctuary can be carpeted and completed on December 9. On Saturday, December 10, much vacuuming will be done.
- On December 12, the Gunder Pew Company will deliver new pew seats. Their one technician, along with at least two men from Bethel,

will overturn each pew and will remove the old seats and install the new seats. They will then carefully place each pew in its original place and secure it as it was. That was much easier to say than it will be to do given the fact that the pews have mitered corners which present challenges when bringing the new seats and pew backs together within the tolerances dictated by the original

floor anchors and original joiner board on the backs of each pew. (Details you just had to know! :) )

- On December 17, the worship team will move back into the sanctuary.
- December 18 will be a glorious day of worship and celebration in the new sanctuary!!!