



March 19, 2023

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

THIS SUNDAY: We will be worshipping together through one service in person and over live stream at 10:00 a.m. To join us online, go to Bethel's home page and click on the button that says: "Worship Online with Us."

We continue our journey through Lent in 1 Samuel, *A King in God's Place*, with the beginning of Saul's reign as king. In this passage we find that the adjustment to having a king starts well. There is a terrifying King, Nahash the Ammonite who threatens Israel. God uses Saul's leadership to defeat this threat and confirm how a king leading under Yahweh's authority can be an immense blessing to the people. Before the story unfolds, where we will see many missteps and errors of leadership, it is important for us to note what true Spirit-led kingship looks like and how, by the grace and power of Christ, we can face the threats we meet each and every day.

Our message Sunday will focus on 1 Samuel 11, "A Hopeful Beginning."

OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **MICAH CENTER HONDURAS WATER PROJECT:** The King's University has been partnered with World Renew the Northern Alberta Diaconal Conference and Diaconia Nacional (Honduras) for more than 20 years to make what we call *The Honduras Water Project* possible. The *Honduras Water Project* provides an opportunity for students to apply their knowledge by bringing running water to impoverished people in Honduras.

NEXT WEEK – WORLD RENEW: Compelled by God's deep passion for justice & mercy, World Renew joins communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. Working in more than 30 countries World Renew embraces a family-centered approach to ending global poverty and providing disaster response services.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

The **Tavenier** family gathered in Prince George on Saturday, March 11, for a Celebration of Life for **WILLIAM TAVENIER**, the father of **DAN TAVENIER** and **JO-ANN TAVENIER-VRIEND**. Please keep this family in your prayers as they remember him in the months and years to come. Details about "Bill" Tavenier can be found [here](#).

LINDA VANDER LEEST had surgery on her shoulder. We pray for strength as she has started therapy and is hoping to go back to work on April 8.

KATHY JACKSON has been hospitalized for internal bleeding. She will remain at the Royal Alex until they discover the source, and she has recovered.

CURTIS COENEN is continuing to struggle with his ongoing battle with epilepsy. We are thankful that he wasn't harmed as he experienced a few seizures last week, but we continue to pray as it does influence his abilities and activities.

WILLY VROON was transferred to Norwood for palliative comfort care. In Willy's words, "she longs to be with Jesus." We pray with her and the Vroon family that the Lord will receive her soon.

RUTH GROVES experienced a fall and sustained a concussion. She is staying with friends as she recovers.

We are grateful that **CALVIN BRUINSMA** received a date for an MRI, it will be on April 13. We pray that this will give him and his doctors the answers they are looking for.

Please continue to pray for **MONIKA CHAMBERLAIN, ELLA JENSEN, ELEANOR PROKUDA, and JILL SNEEP.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DANGER OF A SINGLE STORY: Operating from the context of a single story can prevent us from a more complex, nuanced view of a situation. In any situation, who tells the story, how, and when, can greatly impact situations. Join **Bethel's Truth and Reconciliation Committee** on March 20, 2023, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. as they share valuable resources to help us in our reconciliation walk with Indigenous Peoples. Please visit Bethel's event page for more information and to register.

DISCOVER BETHEL CLASS: Come and learn what Bethel is all about – the mission, vision, and calling God has given to the church. The class will be held on April 16, 2023, from noon until 2:00p.m. after the Worship Service. Lunch and childcare is provided. If you would like to come, please sign up at the Membership Desk, let Pastor Wendy know at wendy@discoverbethel.com or go to discoverbethel.com to sign up!

MYSTERY RETREAT: Bethel Youth is hosting their annual Mystery Retreat the weekend of April 21-23. The Mystery Retreat is what the name indicates – a mystery – the youth will load up in several minivans to travel to various locations around Alberta. They have an opportunity to serve, participate in fun activities together, and hear testimonies from people throughout Alberta – all while not knowing where they will be going next. Parents receive the itinerary, but are asked to keep it a secret. If you are a teen in Junior High or High School, grab a friend to join you in one of the minivans or even 5-6 people to fill a van, and sign up for this retreat at bethelyouth.com. Registration is open now and the cost is \$95/person.

BETHEL YOUTH MISSIONS TEAM: A group of our teens are travelling to Hermosillo, Mexico to continue our partnership and ministry with Centro Biblico Familiar El Sembrador. They will be departing March 23rd and returning April 2nd. Prayer cards that include a picture of the team and their itinerary for the week are available at the membership desk. Please keep our youth group in your prayers.

HIRING SUMMER CHILDREN'S/YOUTH INTERNS: Do you have a passion for working with children or youth? Bethel is hiring two summer interns to help run our programs for children and youth. Applications are due by March 24 and the internship runs from May 23 to August 25. If you are interested, please check out the job descriptions at discoverbethel.com/jobs.

PASTOR OF OUTREACH AND MISSIONS: We are looking to hire a new Pastor; this position puts a specific focus on our mission of "Sharing Christ with Others". The person in this role will be responsible to encourage, train, and stretch us as we all become more intentional about reaching out to our community, near and far, with the good news. We desire that Christ would transform our neighbourhood and world as we boldly share our faith story and invite others in. This is a half time position that will require gifts in the areas of evangelism and community engagement. For more information about the posting, visit discovebethel.com/jobs

WILLOWWOOD CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL, located in Bethel's lower level, is now accepting registrations for our 2023-24 school year. We offer both a 2 day and 3-day morning class. If your child will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2023, we would love to have them join our preschool. For more information and to register, visit us online at willowwoodpreschool.com or email us at willowwood@discoverbethel.com.

EASTER IS COMING! We will be hosting two services for Easter Sunday April 9, at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. We look forward to celebrating Christ's death and resurrection with you.

CHURCH CAMPUT UPDATE: On June 9 - 11, we are having a church campout. Living Springs Bible Camp has been booked for the event. We are now looking for people to join the planning committee. If you can join, please contact Melanie at melanie@discoverbethel.com

COLLECTIONS IN MARCH:

March 5	Ministry Shares
March 12	Youth Missions – Mexico Trip
March 19	Micah Center Honduras Water Project
March 26	World Renew

Please visit our website at discoverbethel/give to see the ways that you can donate and support our different collections. If you have any questions about our giving options, please contact Sara at accounting@discoverbethel.com.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Our Mission and Ministry:

\$56,454 was collected in the month of February for a total of \$400,763 this year. \$447,215 was anticipated by this time based on our restated budget for this year. We are blessed by the continued support for our ministries.

Other Giving: The deacons gratefully acknowledge the following receipts for other collections taken in February

Ministry Shares:	\$	1,916.10
Refugee Fund:	\$	2,637.00
Bethel World Mission Vision:	\$	1,305.00
Mosaic Center:	\$	1,305.00
Other Causes:	\$	2,652.45

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE FAMILYLIFE'S PARENTING CONFERENCE: is happening April 14th to 23rd, with 10 Workshops on 10 Crucial Parenting Questions. It'll be *10 Days of Free Streaming* while you learn from some of the best educators in the field. Watch or listen individually, watch together with others, OR even use as small group material! Click [here](#) to register.

CHRISTIAN SLO-PITCH: Join in the fun and fellowship of playing slo-pitch with fellow Christians this spring. The league has been operating for more than 30 years and is made up from various Christian churches in the Edmonton area. Teams consist of a minimum of 10 players, including at least 3 women and 3 men, all players must be at least 14 years old. League fees are typically \$475 per year (may be adjusted depending on how many teams join), plus a \$100 refundable deposit per new team. If you would like to play, you can sign your team up through our website (deadline is April 23): www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=elmsp. If you have any questions, please e-mail elmsp.president@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP PARTNER COMMUNITY WILL CLINIC: Gain "*Peace of Mind*" and answers to your charitable giving and estate questions by attending one of Christian Stewardship Services' upcoming **Partner Community Will Clinics!** You can learn the basics of getting your documents in place, and learn how to support your favourite [Partner Charity](#) and others. Our **online** Partner Community Will Clinic will be on April 5th as well at 8:30pm EST. Register [HERE](#) for the online will clinic. For more information contact Katiev@cssservices.ca or 800-267-8890 x213

ALBERTA HOUSING RALLY 2023: There is a increasing rise of people out on the street, or struggling to pay rent and buy groceries. On March 24, 2023, at 2 pm there will be rallies across the province. Edmonton will rally on the steps of the Legislature of Alberta in support of a solid, long-term plan to address these issues. To sign the petition or to learn how you can join the effort, please click [here](#). (Mike Van Boom 780 554 2703) #AlbertaCares2023

REHOBOTH - PRECIOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT! That's the theme for Rehoboth Camp Ministry this summer! RCM provides a one-week camp experience for persons with developmental disabilities and is a life-changing week for campers and volunteers. Come and be a special friend to someone with a developmental disability and show them the love of Christ, and at the same time enjoy our beautiful camp facility. We are looking for volunteers, especially nurses/LPNs and counsellors for all our weeks: R&R (a more relaxed week from June 18 – 23), Adult 1 (July 1-7), Adult 2 (July 8-14), Independent (July 15-21), and Youth (July 22-28). Check out our website at www.rcmflourish.ca/camps for descriptions of the weeks and more information. Anyone age 14 and up is welcome to apply. No experience is necessary and full training and support is provided. Bring a friend! For more information, please e-mail camp@rcmflourish.ca. With your help we can flourish in the land. See you at camp!

SCIENCE AND APOLOGETICS: Christians often encounter scientific questions and challenges from both inside and outside the church. Problematic responses are routinely provided in the context of apologetics and evangelism. This talk will discuss several myths regarding science that are prevalent in both the church and the wider culture and suggest ways to answer scientific objections to the faith. Knowing more about the depth and nuances of Christian views on science can help prevent science from being a barrier to the gospel. More Info: <https://www.csc.ca/edmonton> Held at River West Christian Church, 19815 45th Ave NW, Edmonton, Thursday March 23 at 7:30.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, March 19

10:00 a.m. Worship - In Person & Live Stream
11:30 a.m. Youth Missions Lunch

MONDAY, March 20

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. TRC Event

TUESDAY, March 21

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. Cadets

WEDNESDAY, March 22

6:30 a.m. Prayer - In Person & Zoom
9:30 a.m. Oasis – Women’s Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Young Adults - Offsite
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, March 23

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
5:30 p.m. Cajone Lessons
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Worship Practice
7:00 p.m. GEMS - Offsite

FRIDAY, March 24

1:30 p.m. Food Bank
7:00 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, March 25