

January 17, 2025

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This is the third sermon in the “*Everyday Prayer*” series, which will guide us through **21 Days of Prayer and Fasting**. Today we will be discussing “Restorative Prayer” which means we pray a blessing over those who curse us and mistreat us. God calls us to pray for restoration between us and our enemies. We find that in pursuing God, we are sent out spiritually to love and serve others in His name. This includes those that might antagonize us.

The message this Sunday will focus on Luke 6:27-38, “Restorative Prayer.”

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **MUSTARD SEED – THE MOSAIC CENTRE:** is now called the Community Impact Centre Mosaic and is under the umbrella of the Mustard Seed. With roots from churches in North East Edmonton, the Community Impact Centre Mosaic provides a warm, safe, and welcoming environment to community participants with weekly programming. Individuals have access to a large variety of services such as housing resources, workplace reintegration, and life mentorship. For more information → theseed.ca/mosaiccentre

NEXT WEEK - MINISTRY SHARES: is a cooperative venture of all CRC churches in Canada to send missionaries around the world, start new churches, resource congregations, train pastors and leaders, and use media to spread the gospel. The pooled resources allow the church to do more together than an individual church could do on its own. For more information → crcna.org/MinistryShares

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

We express our condolences to **IDA KAMARIZA** in the passing of her son Valery. Please pray with us that God's comfort is near to Ida and her family.

We're excited to announce that **JASON WISSELINK**, our Director of Media Ministries, will begin his Master of Divinity at Calvin Theological Seminary remotely in the spring. Please pray for Jason as he pursues theology studies to prepare for ministry.

Please continue to remember **CALVIN BRUINSMA, CURTIS COENEN, JENNY PENFOLD,** and **ELEANOR PROKUDA** as you pray for our church community.

BETHEL YOUTH

PAUL & PANCAKES: This is an opportunity for youth to gather for fellowship and Bible study during the service; and of course, there will be pancakes! Everyone in Grades 7-12 is invited to meet in the downstairs kitchen. Join us **this Sunday** in the lower level during the service for some tasty pancakes and great conversation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING: This Sunday we conclude our 21 Day initiative to seek the Lord in prayer and fasting. Our goal is to continue with an emphasis on prayer and fasting on Sundays. We hope that the resources and teaching provided has offered a vision for what building and sustaining spiritual

habits can look like for us all this year. Continue to seek God in these ways. We will continue to have the resources for the 21 Days available [here](#).

GEMS FUNDRAISER: You're invited to a freezer meal prep session with Collective Kitchen at Bethel Community Church January 31 from 10a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or February 1 from 10a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You'll go home with 10 ready to make meals, and the best part is the planning and shopping will be done for you. The cost is \$285.00. Contact Megan by text at 780-974-6420 to reserve your spot indicating the session you would like to attend. For more information click [here](#).

BETTER TOGETHER LIBERIA: A team will be headed to Bettesu Liberia for the Grand opening of the Health Clinic. This community has played a large role in the construction of the clinic. Thank you for your generosity. As part of the celebrations, there will be soccer matches. If you have any gently used soccer shoes you would like to donate we would love to take them with us. Please connect with Helena Myschuk 780-237-0402 or John Lendein 780-908-1429.

WILLOWWOOD CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL IS HIRING: We are looking for additional people to join our staff as substitute teachers and assistants. This includes immediate coverage for a short medical leave. Our classes run Monday -Friday from 9:00 -11:30. If you have a passion for play-based preschool education from a Christian perspective, hold level 1, 2, or 3 Early Childhood Educator certificate or have related experience, consider joining our team. For more information and to apply, please email willowwood@discoverbethel.com.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for the tithes and offerings we received this fiscal year. As of the end of December, our income is approximately \$25,500 more than our expenses. We are grateful for the faithful giving of those who call Bethel their church home and trust in God's provision through the generosity of His people.

COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY

January 5	Nehemiah Centre
January 12	Refugee Fund
January 19	Mustard Seed – The Mosaic Centre
January 26	Ministry Shares

COMMUNITY NEWS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: One of our WillowWood families is looking for respite childcare assistance. Mom is a stay-at-home mom and dad is working full time. Their children include a set of twins, age 11 months, and a 4 year old. The family relies on public transportation. Mom has Cerebral Palsy and a vision impairment, limiting her mobility making daily tasks and looking after the children a struggle. She also has to bring the 4 year old to the school bus which takes a lot of effort and time. This family's E4C support worker is reaching out to Bethel Church to see if someone could help out later in the morning for about 2-3 hours for respite care while mom is at home. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please reach out to Monika from E4C at 780-554-3676.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS: May 2025 marks the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. To commemorate this historic and most significant event in Dutch history (and the personal history of so many immigrants and their descendants), the Canadian Military and the Dutch Community will honour this significant milestone with a planned commemoration that will take place on Sunday, May 4th. It will be preceded by a Church Service at 10:30 am at Holy Trinity Anglican, followed by a short march/walk to South Alberta Light Horse Park in Old Strathcona where the actual ceremony will take place. The 80th anniversary, as a major commemoration, will be the last time actual living soldiers who were part of the Canadian army, will be in attendance. The few that are left are now 100 years of age or older. Also, those who were liberated are now in their late 80's or in their 90s. Thus, it will close a chapter of living history. Please consider attending.

EMMANUEL HOME AND LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN SENIORS HOMES: Are accepting applications for a variety of one- and two-bedroom suites in both Emmanuel Home (13429 57 street) and the Lighthouse (114 avenue & St Albert Trail). If you are 65 years or older and would like to live in a vibrant, Christian retirement community that enriches your life and provides spiritual and social support, please visit emmanuelhome.ca or contact us at 780-478-2051 to arrange a tour and learn more.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR: This 2 or 5 km fundraiser walk on February 22, 2025, will support ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE. To support or register a team of 6-8 walkers click [here](#). To learn more about Adeara's work visit [Adeara Recovery Centre](#).

HOPE MISSION: Cold hands warm hearts walk. Winter in Edmonton is tough, especially for those without food or shelter. This walk is about coming together to raise funds for warm meals, shelter, and care for the vulnerable through Hope Mission. Can you help us reach our \$54,000 goal? Click [here](#) for more information.

INGLEWOOD CRC: Is seeking a self-employed contractor interested in providing summer grounds maintenance for Inglewood CRC church property. The seasonal contract runs from April through October, and qualified individuals must have their own insurance, WCB coverage and grounds keeping equipment to manage all aspects of property maintenance. For more information or to express your interest, please contact the ICRC church office: admin@inglewoodcrc.org or call 780-455-1066.

CRC NEWS: Check out what's happening in the CRC community [here](#).

CRCNA ANNOUNCEMENTS: Connecting church members with the ministries of the denomination. Find out more by visiting the website [here](#).

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, January 19

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person & live stream
11:30 a.m. Alpha Marriage Course

MONDAY, January 20

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, January 21

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. Personal Financial Management

WEDNESDAY, January 22

6:00 a.m. Prayer – In-person & Zoom
9:30 a.m. Oasis Women's Bible Study
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, January 23

12:30 p.m. Food Bank
5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, January 24

SATURDAY, January 25