



April 25, 2025

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday, we begin a new sermon series, ***Cross Through the Cliché***. We will reflect on misunderstood sayings from the Bible and how the cross transforms the superficial and trite into the true, genuine and everlasting. Along the way, we will discover useful tools to help us step into a deeper life with Jesus, moving past cliché uses of verses to pursue the heart of what God intends for us through his word. We start the series by exploring a commonly referenced verse from Jeremiah 29, *"For I know the plans I have for you...plans to prosper you and not to harm you."* What Jeremiah prophesies is an incredible promise about God's blessing and faithfulness to people living in exile. Through Christ, we can receive this; however, we must be careful not to see *our* plans and hopes as the same as those that God has for us.

The message this Sunday will focus on Jeremiah 29:11-14, "His Plans for Us".

Following the message, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

- For those attending in-person, we will pass around the elements with plates and baskets. When you receive them, please wait to eat and drink together at the same time. We welcome you to use the time for singing, prayer and reflection. Gluten-free bread is available in the centre for those who desire this option. You may leave the disposable cups in the pews to be collected later.
- For everyone online, please have communion elements ready at home (bread, juice/wine) to join with us in sharing the meal. You can partake of the elements at home while they are being served in the sanctuary.

We look forward to celebrating Christ's meal of grace with you Sunday. Please prepare your hearts for this time of remembrance and celebration in light of our forgiveness through the cross.

## OUR OFFERINGS

1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.

2) **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](https://crcna.org/MinistryShares)

## COLLECTIONS IN APRIL

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| April 6  | King's University                              |
| April 13 | Bethel World Mission Vision – Rachel Beveridge |
| April 20 | Benevolence                                    |
| April 27 | Ministry Shares                                |

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

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

## BETHEL YOUTH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BETHEL IS HIRING!** Do you have a passion for reaching and working with children and youth in our community. Bethel is seeking two ministry interns to help plan and run our summer community events and programs for children and youth. These positions are 35 hours/week, for a minimum of 8 consecutive weeks between June & August. For more information or to apply visit [discoverbethel.com/jobs](https://discoverbethel.com/jobs).

**GET INVOLVED:** Greetings church family! Would you like to play a critical role in shaping the environment and culture at Bethel? Do you enjoy interacting with people and making them feel welcome? Then reach out to Pastor Cathy at [cathy@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cathy@discoverbethel.com) and ask her about becoming a greeter, an usher, or a welcome or membership desk attendant. Maybe you could even be all four! Serving in Bethel's welcome and hospitality ministries makes a strong foundation even stronger. This is a great way to live out our mission of becoming like Christ and sharing Him with others!

**BASS GUITAR PLAYERS NEEDED!** Can you play the Bass and are interested in joining our Worship Team? Please message [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com) for further information.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The next Men's Breakfast is this Saturday April 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We invite men of all ages to join us for food and fellowship. We would love to see you there! Click [here](#) to register.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**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.

**FROM HANDOUTS TO HANDSHAKES:** Join Diaconal Ministries Canada on Saturday May 10 at Ebenezer CRC in Leduc (10:30 am -12:30 p.m.) to rethink Benevolence through the lens of Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD). Instead of simply meeting needs, how can we empower people and communities to flourish? This workshop will help attendees move from charity to connection - recognizing strength and walking alongside people in more meaningful ways. This workshop is open to Deacons, Elders, Pastors, and lay congregation members. Coffee and refreshments will be provided, please register with this [link](#).

**ASCENSION DAY:** Save the date for a combined CRC service at West End CRC on June 1 at 4:00 pm. If you

are interested in singing in a mass choir for the service, practices will take place May 7, 21, 28 at Inglewood CRC at 6:30-8:00 pm, led by Andrew Whiteside. [Sign up at this link](#) or call 780-455-1066.

**EMMANUEL SENIORS LIVING SOCIETY GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Presented by Keller Construction Ltd.; join us at The Ranch Golf & Country Club on Tuesday, June 17 for an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start! The day includes a few fun challenges at several holes, prizes, and a delicious roast beef dinner. All proceeds directly support the residents at Emmanuel Seniors Living Society. Check out our website [here](#) for the registration form, sponsoring opportunities and to sign up, or reach out to Maria Bos at [mbos@emmanuelhome.ca](mailto:mbos@emmanuelhome.ca)

**NO CHILD HUNGRY WALK:** Hope mission is helping families beat food insecurity and invites you to join them in their fight against hunger on June 7. Click [here](#) for more details or to participate.

**WORLD VISION:** World Vision is looking for Volunteers to help at the Stars On Ice tour on May 11. Volunteers will receive free admission to the event. For more information, please click [here](#).

**SUMMER CAMPS AT KING'S** are about exploring, creating, and developing new skills—all while learning from amazing mentors in a fun, encouraging, faith-based environment. Look forward to meeting new friends and making new memories! Register for one of our three or four-day sport camps or our five-day art and science camps today. Find more information at [kingsu.ca/camps](http://kingsu.ca/camps).

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Adeara's Golf Tournament is back for its second year on June 11! With limited spots available, we expect them to sell out fast! Click [here](#) to register.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Covenant Christian Reformed Church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada is hiring a Director of Worship. At Covenant, we enjoy vibrant, joyful worship that includes all ages and abilities, as our communal expression of faith. We are seeking a passionate Director of Worship to lead and cultivate our worship ministry, to grow and form our faith through worship that glorifies God. This is a part-time, hourly position (average approximately 18 hours per week). Click [Here](#) for a detailed description of the position or to apply.

**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, April 27**

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person & live stream

### **MONDAY, April 28**

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

### **TUESDAY, April 29**

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Cadets

### **WEDNESDAY, April 30**

6:30 a.m. Prayer-In-person & Zoom

9:30 a.m. Oasis

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, May 1**

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

### **FRIDAY, May 2**

### **SATURDAY, May**