



November 5, 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 start a new sermon series this week, The World in Crisis, through which we will reflect on how Christ has called us to respond to key crises we encounter in this cultural moment. To begin, we look at scarcity, and the fear that often drives us to use money and means to address this crisis. We will meditate on Paul's instructions to the church in 2 Corinthians and Jesus' own words: "for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." There's no question that money has incredible influence in our world. However, we often miss the important way God desires to restore us as his image-bearers through generosity. Just as much as been given to us, so also, we can now experience the joy in giving back to God (what's already his) and giving to others as well.

The message this Sunday will focus on 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, "The Gift of Giving."

## OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **MINISTRY SHARES:** Supports various CRC initiatives that send missionaries around the world, start new churches, train pastors and leaders, and use media to spread the gospel.

**NEXT WEEK – DUNAMIS FELLOWSHIP CANADA:** Their mission is to mobilize, equip and deploy Spirit-empowered witness for Jesus Christ to take part in fulfilling the great commission, and to make disciples of people in all nations. Dunamis Fellowship Canada fulfills that mission by offering courses and conferences on the person and work of the Holy Spirit based on Christ-centered, biblical teaching from a Reformed perspective and anchored in practical, experiential learning.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please also remember **CALVIN BRUINSMA, CURTIS COENEN, MARCEL CROCKER, MIKE JACKSON, PAULINE LENDEIN, JENNY PENFOLD, DON & ELEANOR PROKUDA, JANE SHULTZ, CELINE SIGVALDASON, and JILL SNEEP**, as you pray for our church community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** was on Oct 28, and what a fantastic time was had right here in the church parking lot! Over 300 people braved the freezing temperatures and enjoyed treats, pumpkins, and community! The planning team would like to thank the many volunteers that made this event a success. This includes the people that decorated trunks and handed out treats, as well as many volunteers that served snacks and hot chocolate, took pictures, and helped with set-up and clean-up. Thank you to everyone who supported through donations and prayers. Thank you to the church staff for many tasks and support along the way. A special thank you for donations from our community sponsors, including Belmont Sobeys, No Frills, Giant Tiger, Kuhlmann's Greenhouses, & the Italian Bakery.

**ORDINATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR WENDY:** Join us Sunday, November 12, during the morning worship service, in blessing and ordaining Pastor Wendy into her role as a Minister of the Word.

**WOMEN OF BETHEL!** Are you looking to stay warm up this winter? On Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., you are invited to our Snow Much Fun winter event at Bethel Community Church in the chapel. We are partnering with the Pregnancy Care Centre by making some cozy baby blankets and Christmas cards to add to their care packages for pregnant and new moms. At this event, you can also expect to be warmed with fellowship, laughter, and delicious treats/drinks. You can sign up online through the [google form](#) or in person at the back of the church. The cost of this event is \$10. Please pay ahead of time at the information booth or pay debit/cash upon arrival at the event. You should come! It's a snow-brainer!

**BRING IT IN! WINTER YOUTH RETREAT:** Bethel Youth will be heading to Camp Nakamun the first weekend of December (Dec 1-3). We invite all junior high and high school students to join us for this retreat focused on the topic of belonging. Paper registration forms are available on the desk at the back of the sanctuary or online [here](#). Check out [discoverbethel.com/youth](http://discoverbethel.com/youth) for more information and the schedule for the weekend. Email Pastor Melanie at [melanie@discoverbethel.com](mailto:melanie@discoverbethel.com) for more information. The deadline to register for this retreat is **Sunday, November 19**.

**ADVENT IS COMING!** Advent begins December 3rd. We will once again have advent candle sets to help bring meaning in a unique way to you and your family during Advent. The advent candle sets are available for purchase for \$25. This includes the 5 candles with the wooden base as well as different passages to read with your family as you light a candle each week. Candles can be ordered by sending an email to [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com) by November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**POINSETTIA AND HOLIDAY GREENERY FUNDRAISER:** Our Youth Missions team is raising funds to host a team of teens and young adults from Mexico for a week in the summer of 2024. We are selling poinsettias, planters, holiday wreaths, hanging greenery boughs, and outdoor greenery arrangements. Please consider purchasing your holiday greenery through Bethel Youth [here](#). There are also order forms found in your mailboxes and at the Membership Desk. **Deadline to order is Tuesday, November 21** and orders can be picked up between December 8 and 10. Contact Pastor Melanie at [melanie@discoverbethel.com](mailto:melanie@discoverbethel.com) for more information.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY IN BANNERMAN:** Save the date and join with the party planning! On December 9th, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. we will gather to celebrate with our neighbours at the church. We would love to see you at this year's party – having fun and serving the community. Please sign up [here](#).

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** Instead of Sunday morning worship, which is on Christmas Eve this year, we want to emphasize worship at our Christmas evening services at 4 and 6 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Wednesday, November 29 will be our Congregational Meeting.

**YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!** On behalf of the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's Kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. Thank you! To discover more visit [crcna.org/ministryshares](http://crcna.org/ministryshares).

**COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER:**

November 5	Ministry Shares
November 12	Dunamis Fellowship Canada
November 19	EduDeo Ministries
November 26	Benevolence Fund

Please visit our website at [discoverbethel.com/give](http://discoverbethel.com/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](mailto:accounting@discoverbethel.com).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**A DIAKONIA CIRCLE: Tuesday, November 7 from 7-9 p.m., at Ebenezer CRC in Leduc:** Shout out to all deacons past, present and future, whether you have a formal title or not -- Come to an evening of sharing and community with likeminded-individuals for inspiration for serving our communities and meet your DMC area coach!

To let us know you are coming and to ask any questions, please email [yournadc@gmail.com](mailto:yournadc@gmail.com). On behalf of the Northern Alberta Diaconal Conference and Diaconal Ministries Canada, see you all soon!

**THE JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR** celebrates 45 years! Join the celebration by attending their concert on Saturday, November 18 at 7:00 pm at the West End Christian Reformed Church in support of Rehoboth Camp. There is no admission charge but an offering for camp will be taken. The Music Of Our Hearts (2) brings current and former members of the choir together to lead songs of praise and worship. Come celebrate and sing with us! Over the past 45 years, 800 children have been ambassadors for Rehoboth Christian Ministries as choir members.

**CRC DIRECTORY 2024/25: ADVERTISEMENTS:** The new 2024/2025 Christian Reformed Church Directory of Greater Edmonton is underway once again and ready for you to place your advertisement. Don't miss out on a super-low advertising price for your business for a two-year period and a user base of approximately two thousand homes! Please call Brenda Paszek at 780.479.0738 or email at: [dbpaszek@telusplanet.net](mailto:dbpaszek@telusplanet.net) for information. Advertising deadline: Nov 20, 2023

**A JOYOUS NIGHT OUT:** The Annual University of Alberta Festival of Nine Advent & Christmas Lessons and Carols takes place at the Winspear Centre Monday, December 4, 7:30 p.m. Join with the U of A mixed chorus, including handbells, and wonderful organists and sing eternal praise, honour and glory to the only One truly worthy! All Seats: \$30. Call the Winspear Box Office (780) 428-1414 or get your tickets at the door. Proceeds for U of A Campus Food Bank

**BLESS A FAMILY:** The Pregnancy Care Centre is gearing up for their annual Client Christmas Party. Once again, we need you to support our Bless a Family campaign! We look forward to celebrating with our precious PCC families again this year. That includes providing each family with a Christmas gift basket. That's where you come in! There are three ways to participate in this year's Bless a Family campaign. You can sponsor a family or shop for families. Email [tanya@pregnancycarescentre.ca](mailto:tanya@pregnancycarescentre.ca) to participate. One-time financial gifts are also welcome to help create a special Christmas morning for our clients. E-Transfer to [finance@pregnancycarescentre.ca](mailto:finance@pregnancycarescentre.ca), indicate "Bless a Family" in the comments along with your contact information. If you'd like to donate through another method, please call 780-424-2624.

**PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE (May 31 - June 11, 2024):** Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**GERRY SEGGER HERITAGE COLLECTION:** The Gerry Segger Heritage Collection located in the library at The King's University is collecting records about the Dutch immigration to Canada experience. This includes letters, diaries, journals, government paperwork, scrapbooks, photos, family histories, etc. For more information, contact Bonita Schalk Bjornson, [bonita.bjornson@kingsu.ca](mailto:bonita.bjornson@kingsu.ca)

**QUANDARIES: WAR. WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?** - Quandaries, a public lecture and podcast series at The King's University, approaches contemporary moral dilemmas with wisdom in an age where we tend to react or withdraw too quickly. On November 7 from 7:30-8:30pm at King's, Dr. Mark Sandle will reflect on his own research on the human experiences of WW2, and how he has tried to come to terms with this quandary; the space where the personal, the professional and the public all collide. Visit [kingsu.ca/quandaries](http://kingsu.ca/quandaries) for more info or to register.

**WEST END CRC ADMINISTRATIVE COODINATOR JOB OPENING:** West End CRC is looking for an Administrative Coordinator to work in the office! The position requires the right candidate to work Monday-Friday for approximately 30 hours/week, although there is some flexibility in the daily schedule itself. The ideal candidate would be organized, able to work independently, friendly, and self-motivated. For a copy of the full job posting, any inquiries, questions, or applications, please contact Darren at [darren.sinke@westendcrc.ca](mailto:darren.sinke@westendcrc.ca) or 780-910-9356.

**EMPLOYMENT AD FOR CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH - MILLWOODS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY:** We're a unique and dynamic entity that includes both a charitable organization and a not-for-profit organization co-existing and interacting daily on the same property therefore the ideal candidate will love both the challenge and variety that accompanies this role. We're looking for an accountant or bookkeeper with experience in the charitable sector as well as preparing budgets, payroll, financial reporting, audit preparation and more. Strong communication skills are essential as there is frequent interaction with our clientele. Please send cover letter and resume to: [info@calvarycommunity.ca](mailto:info@calvarycommunity.ca)

**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, November 5**

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

### **MONDAY, November 6**

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, November 7**

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

7:00 p.m. GEMS

### **WEDNESDAY, November 8**

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and Zoom

9:30 a.m. Oasis

8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, November 9**

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

### **FRIDAY, November 10**

### **SATURDAY, November 11**