



October 9, 2026

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Give thanks for the Lord's past faithfulness. Worship is active remembrance: we must intentionally talk about and reflect on God's past faithfulness to sustain our current trust. Gratitude is outward-facing: true thankfulness cannot be kept quiet; it naturally spills over into declaring God's goodness to the surrounding world. God's presence is our anchor: just as Israel celebrated the return of the Ark, our lives center on celebrating that God dwells with His people through His Spirit.

The message this Sunday will focus on 1 Chronicles 16:34-37, "For He is Good."

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OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **EDMONTON FOOD BANK:** provides food, free of charge, to those experiencing hunger. The food bank runs hamper programs and meals and snacks programs through a variety of locations throughout the city. The money collected allows the food bank to purchase bulk food at a discounted rate for use in the programs they run. For more information: edmontonsfoodbank.com/

COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER

- OCT 4 World Renew
- OCT 11 Food Bank
- OCT 18 Canadian Food Grains Bank
- OCT 25 Ministry Shares

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

WELCOME BABY JEREMIAH: Congratulations to Elijah and Ify and the rest of their family on the birth of their son (and brother) Jeremiah on September 18.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: There will be a Celebration of Life service for Evans Kotio on the morning of October 24 here at Bethel. Further details to come.

Please continue to pray for **Jenny Penfold, and Eleanor Prokuda** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHEL STAFF TRANSITION: Following her request for a release of call, Pastor Cathy will be completing her role with us as Pastor of Outreach and Missions on November 1, 2026.

We are encouraged that God has guided Pastor Cathy to this decision, which includes further discernment and hope around future ministry. We also trust that God will guide Bethel in our faithful pursuit of Christ within our community and beyond.

Please pray for Pastor Cathy and her family during this time of transition.

We also ask for prayerful support of our staff and Council as we discern how God is leading us as a church.

For further details on the process, please see the letter sent to the congregation on October 2, 2026. Also, please do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Cris (cris@discoverbethel.com) or the Governing Elders (governingelders@discoverbethel.com) during this time of transition.

LET'S BLESS THE EDMONTON FOOD BANK: We would like to extend the celebration of Thanksgiving with the larger Edmonton community by having a food drive for the Food Bank in the month of October. The most needed items are: beans without pork, peanut butter (500 g), canned protein like chicken or fish, baby formula, healthy school snacks, soup, stew, canned fruit or vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, hot or cold cereal options.

We will be collecting donations for the entire month of October. You may leave food donations at the back of the sanctuary. The second collection on October 11 will be for the Edmonton Food Bank.

LADIES PICKLEBALL NIGHT: Ladies of the church, come join us for a fun evening of pickleball, laughter, and fellowship! Whether you're an experienced player or have never picked up a paddle before, everyone is welcome. This evening will be happening on Wednesday, October 21, from 7 – 9 PM (date changed from October 14) at Trinity CRC (13427 57 St NW, Edmonton). There will be a \$5.00/person fee to cover the rental of the gym, please register [here](#).

Grab a friend, bring your paddle if you have one, and come out for a great night of fun and connection. **No experience necessary—just come ready to play!**

DUNAMIS: Dunamis Essentials #5 Equipping for Spiritual Warfare is coming to Bethel November 5-7, 2026. All event and registration information can be found [here](#)

SOUP-ER SUNDAY: Our next Community Connection Sunday is happening **November 8**. This is a time for everyone to connect with food and fellowship with one another after the service. Mark **November 8** on your calendar for **Soup-er Sunday**. Join us in the lower level to enjoy this Soup and Buns Potluck lunch.

Help with set-up, clean-up, and dishes is needed. We will have more information and a sign up form ready in the coming week.

GET INVOLVED

BETHEL CHOIR: We're looking at putting together a church choir in the new year to sing on May 9 led by Rodger once again! Before we begin selecting music and preparing materials, we'd love to know how many people are interested in being part of the choir.

Practices will take place here at the church from 7-9 with the start date being March 30th.

If you're interested in joining, please email me at lisa@discoverbethel.com to express your interest.

We'd love to have you be part of this special opportunity to worship together!

JESUS TO NOW: CHURCH HISTORY CRASH COURSE: This class will wrap up on October 18.

DRUMMER NEEDED: Would you like to be part of our worship team? We are currently looking for a drummer to serve **once a month** during our Sunday morning service. Your time commitment would be to attend Thursday practice from 7:00–9:00 p.m. prior to the Sunday morning service. If you're interested in dropping in for a practice or would like more information, please contact lisa@discoverbethel.com. We have so much fun at practice, we'd love to have you join us!

BETHEL YOUTH

NO YOUTH: On Oct. 9 there will be no Bethel Youth due to Thanksgiving weekend. Join us again on October 16 from 7:00 pm to 9:00pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH: Please keep the delegates of Classis Alberta North in your prayers as they gather October 16–17 at Woody Nook CRC near Lacombe. This is an especially significant meeting as delegates consider the proposed strategic plan and seek God's direction for the future of our Classis. There will also be much to celebrate. We anticipate welcoming a new candidate into the Ministry of the Word in the CRCNA and spending time with a church that is exploring affiliation with the CRCNA. Please pray for wisdom, unity, open hearts, and a strong sense of God's presence throughout the meeting.

CAMPUS MINISTRY CONNECTIONS AT NAIT AND U OF A: For students attending NAIT or the University of Alberta, your CRC campus minister would love to connect with you! Christy Harper is serving both campuses this fall and would love to welcome you to campus with ways to connect with other students, drop in events, weekly gatherings, worship nights, or having a chat over coffee. You can reach out to her at christyha@nait.ca, cjharper@ualberta.ca, or text her at (587)-336-0618.

KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION: Please join Kindred Hearts Cambodia Foundation at their 12th annual **Fundraising Gala** on Friday, October 16, 2026! There will be a **live and silent auction**, as well as tasty food, a raffle and exciting updates on KHC programs! Since 2013, Kindred Hearts has provided free medical care to over 20,000 people, and also offers free mental health care and gender based violence support programs. The event will be held at a beautiful new venue, the Royal Glenora Club. You can purchase tickets at eventbrite.ca or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. We hope to see you there!

REHOBOTH: Help Create Space for People to Flourish.

Support Rehoboth Christian Ministries through the Friends of Rehoboth Campaign and Building a Well Campaign. Your generosity helps provide homes, programs, relationships, and opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities to live with dignity and belonging. Together, we're building hope, community, and brighter futures. You can read wonderful stories by following this link to access the digital version of the Flourish newsletter. <https://rcmflourish.ca/who-we-are/flourish-newsletter/> and you can donate at www.rcmflourish.ca/donate.

CHRISTMAS AT SEA: We here at the Ministry to Seafarers are already in preparation for the gifts we will be delivering. If you are able to donate to this cause, please send funds via e-transfer (finance@ministrytoseafarers.com - remember to include your name and address in the message so we know where to send the tax receipt) You can also send via Canada Helps via the "Donate" button on our website (ministrytoseafarers.com). Or you can send a cheque, payable to "Ministry to Seafarers Vancouver" to us at Ministry to Seafarers Vancouver, 401 E. Waterfront Rd., Vancouver, BC V6A 4G9.

We are also once again soliciting Christmas cards for seafarers. Consider sending some individually, as a small group, as a Sunday School class, or even as a school class project. More information is available on our website under the "Get Involved" tab. Thank you!

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, October 11

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

MONDAY, October 12

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, October 13

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Cadets

WEDNESDAY, October 14

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

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, October 15

12:00 p.m. Food Bank

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

FRIDAY, October 16

7:00 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, October 17

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cadets Fundraiser