



October 2, 2026

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday, we conclude our sermon series, *Where We Belong*, and explore what it means to belong at Bethel. True Christian belonging is not about joining an organization; it is entering a covenant relationship with God and His people. Because God has committed Himself to us through Christ, we respond by committing ourselves to Him and to one another. Next, we reflect our calling to a united witness, or, in the words of Paul, "to stand firm in the one Spirit" (Philippians 1:27).

The message this Sunday will focus on Philippians 1:27-30, "Called to a United Witness."

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OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **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, hunger and illness and providing disaster response services. For more information: worldrenew.ca

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

Please continue to pray for **Evans Kotio, Ashley Patton, 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.

BETHEL GEMS: Bethel GEMS is a program for girls in grades 2-9, where we meet and experience God's love through Bible study and skill-building badges and activities. To register click [here](#)

If you are seeking to volunteer with this ministry, or have any questions about the program, please contact Corina (780-909-1567) or Marjy (780-995-1369) or email gems@discoverbethel.com

CADETS: Cadets is a group for boys in grades 2-6 that meets every second Tuesday from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. Through badge work, games, and physical activities, this group of boys build relationships, gain skills, and become more Christ-like in all areas of their lives. To register click [here](#)

CADETS FUNDRAISER: Bethel Cadets is offering the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education Course Oct 9 (evening), 10th and 17th, as a fundraiser for the next international camporee. This is a 20 hour course. For more information, please email robsolomonson@gmail.com

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Our next Men's Breakfast is tomorrow October 3, 2026. Please sign up [here](#) and also see how you may be able to help!

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING: If you are currently serving or you are looking to serve at Bethel in the coming months, we need you to join us for Safe Church training. Having all our volunteers, ministry team members, and staff members trained helps to keep our most vulnerable members at Bethel safe. The **October 4 training session is now full**, but we will be holding a second session on Wednesday October 7 from 6:30 pm to 9:00pm. Please sign up [here](#).

DISCOVER BETHEL MEMBERSHIP CLASS: October 7 at 7:00pm. Are you curious about what it means to belong to Bethel? **Discover Bethel** is an opportunity to learn more about who we are, what we believe, how we live out our faith together, and what it means to become part of our church family.

These classes are for **anyone who is considering membership at Bethel**—whether you're new to Bethel, have been attending for a while, or simply want to better understand our church, our beliefs, and our community. There's no pressure to become a member; it's simply a space to ask questions, explore what we're about, and discover whether Bethel is a place where you'd like to belong and grow.

Come curious. Come with questions. Come discover Bethel. Sign up [here](#).

HARVEST BLESSINGS: Have your fruit trees or garden produced more than you and your family can use? Would you like to share some of your harvest with others? Bethel will have a Harvest Table set up for those who'd like to donate. Anyone who would like to take from the table may do so.

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!**

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 is now full. Scheduled classes will be held on: October 4, and October 18. This Sunday we will meet in the back of the sanctuary at around 11:45 am.

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!

OASIS: This Wednesday women's Bible Study runs 9:30am to 11:00 am. This fall, we'll be diving into **Gateways to Empowered Ministry**, exploring the Holy Spirit through the teachings of **Dunamis Fellowship Canada**. There are also snacks and free childcare for children Kindergarten age and younger. Oasis runs from September through mid-May, and **all women are welcome!**

Questions? Email Laura at OasisBethelEdmonton@gmail.com

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

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](https://www.eventbrite.ca) or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. We hope to see you there!

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 4

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person & live stream
11:45 a.m. Church History Class – Back of Sanctuary
Noon-2:30 p.m. Safe Church Training – Large meeting room

MONDAY, October 5

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, October 6

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. GEMS

WEDNESDAY, October 7

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person & Zoom
6:30 p.m. Safe Church Training - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Discover Bethel Class – Fireside Room
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, October 8

12:00 p.m. Food Bank
5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

FRIDAY, October 9

6:30 p.m. Cadets Fundraiser

SATURDAY, October 10

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