



January 15, 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 will be starting a new sermon series this Sunday, 1 Samuel: Prophetic Grace. God demonstrates his power over the entire world by showing grace through the most surprising people in the most unexpected moments. The Lord shows us this with Hannah, who painfully longs for a child. Hannah takes a risk of faith, pouring out her soul in prayer, and God blesses her for it. She dared to pray: "If you give...I will give." This sacrifice and what would take place through Samuel, a prophet born out of pain, reveals what lives being changing by grace looks like. As Samuel is born, we see a sign post for the grace shown to us through another baby born, Jesus, the same prophet who is available to us now and forever more.

Our message Sunday will focus on 1 Samuel 1: "A Prophet Born Out of Pain."

OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **MUSTARD SEED:** Christian not-for-profit organization that delivers basic services, including six evening meals per week, clothing, and personal items, to those living in poverty in Edmonton.

NEXT WEEK – NEWGROUND - is a program that helps churches start or grow ministries at the ground level, with discovering where God is at work in their community and then providing coaching and resources to help them get a new community ministry started. They also aim to develop both current and future leaders through Deacon Scholarships and the Youth Justice Project.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

MARCEL CROCKER was able to return home last week. Please continue to pray for him as he recovers from the infection from the past few weeks. Marcel and Jennifer express their thanks for the past prayers, meals, and support.

Please continue to pray for **CURTIS COENEN, ELLA JENSEN, ELEANOR PROKUDA, JILL SNEEP, and WILLY VROON.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

READ THE BIBLE WITH US! In 2023, we invite you to join us for 51 weeks of going through the Bible together! Project 51 is a plan to read and meditate on the New Testament and Psalms in 51 weeks. Each weekday one chapter from the New Testament will be read, meditated on, and put into action. The Psalms will be read on the weekends in preparation for worship. Join us in reading the same passages together each day – reading, discussing, and praying the Scriptures so that we might be shaped more and more in the image of Christ through his word. Subscribe to the plan online at our Reading Scripture Together Page: discoverbethel.com/readingscripturetogether. Though the reading plan began on January 2, you are still welcome to join. The plan is done through the **Youversion Bible app**

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY DISCIPLESHIP: Pastor Cris and Pastor Wendy are working on one of the needs expressed in the Church Pulse, a clear pathway for growing in our Christian walk. More details will follow in the new year about when this class will be offered, but we want you to know we have heard your desire for this at Bethel. You can find a brief overview of the program and its resources [here](https://discoverbethel.com). If you are interested in being part of a pilot program for this class in the new year, email Pastor Cris at cris@discoverbethel.com.

COUNCIL UPDATE: Several months back, one of our Shepherding Elders, Hilary Warnock, began a discernment process with Council about a possible call of ministry to serve Bridge Church as their Director of Children's Ministries. From this process, Hilary received confirmation to join the Bridge ministry team, which means that Hilary will be stepping down from her Shepherding Elder role. Hilary's leadership on Council and in the wide range of ministries she has served in will be missed. However, we are excited for what this new opportunity holds for ministry in Fort Saskatchewan.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICE BEARERS: This Sunday, January 15, we will be installing two new office bearers to join our council: Kevin Magnes as a Shepherding Elder and Marjean Verseveldt as a deacon. Join us in blessing these leaders for the call God has given them to serve Bethel.

PRAYER CARDS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH: Our children's and youth ministries are soon launching a re-imagined practice of prayer cards. Our hope is that every child and teen (ages 0-17) would have a member of the congregation intentionally praying for them. These prayer cards will be ready for people to pick up on Sunday, February 19. Look for more information in the coming weeks. If you have questions, ideas, or concerns about this initiative, please contact our Youth Pastor Melanie (melanie@discoverbethel.com) or our Director of Children's Ministry, Selikke (kids@discoverbethel.com).

Parents, if you have not done so already, please send photos of your children to Melanie or Selikke so we can include them on the prayer cards.

SAVE THE DATE: On June 9 - 11, we are having a church campout, we will have more details to come.

STARTING SOON! WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY starting on Wednesday, January 25 at 7 p.m. in person at the church: "*Joshua: Winning the Worry Battle*" by Barb Roose. Do you or someone you know struggle with worry or anxiety? Come and join us for a six-week in-depth study on the book of Joshua where we'll explore powerful Biblical principles and learn practical tools that really work so that you can end your stressed out days and sleepless nights. Study Guides are \$20 each. You can pay by debit, cash or e-transfer to sara@discoverbethel.com. (If you need help with paying for a study guide, please email afkelsey@gmail.com). To sign up, please email afkelsey@gmail.com with your full name and phone number or you can register on the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. The deadline to register is Friday, January 20, 2023. We hope to see you there!

AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN TO SEW! We have four workshops running Tuesdays at 7 p.m. – Jan 31, Feb 7, Feb 21, and Feb 28. While it helps if you can attend all four workshops, it is not mandatory. Each week will build on the lesson before, but beginners are welcome at any of the workshops. We do need numbers to ensure we have enough tables set up, so we ask that you sign-up at the information desk at church or email Laura at ljboskers@hotmail.com for any of the dates you are available. If you have your own sewing kit and notions such as needles, scissors, seam rippers, etc. you can bring them along. If you already have a sewing machine, please bring it along with its own feet, bobbins, etc. If you don't have a machine, perhaps you have a family member or friend who can lend you one. There will also be a couple available to share during the workshops. All other materials will be supplied (except your mending week 4).

REQUESTS FROM THE DEACONS:

- **Transportation to Church:** If you can help with transporting a member with a young child to and from our Sunday services, please contact the deacons at deacons@discoverbethel.com.
- **Childcare:** We are looking for someone who is able and willing to care for a child on a few mornings or afternoons to give the mom a break. If this is something that you would like to help with, please contact the deacons at deacons@discoverbethel.com.
- **Looking for a car seat:** If you have a rear facing car seat that is not expired for a child under 20 lbs., we have a family attending the church who could make good use of it. Please contact the deacons at deacons@discoverbethel.com if you can help with this request.

COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY:

January 1	Ministry Shares
January 8	Adeara
January 15	Mustard Seed
January 22	NewGround
January 29	World Renew

Please visit our website at 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 sara@discoverbethel.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

INSTALLATION OF A NEW PASTOR: First CRC will have an "official" CRC installation of its new pastor, Rev. Bernhard VanderVlis, during the morning service on January 15 with Pastor Bill Nieuwenhuis officiating.

CHRONOS VOCAL ENSEMBLE PRESENTS GENERATION TO GENERATION - Featuring sacred music from British composers Jordan Van Biert the conductor and Jeremy Spurgeon on the organ. The program will be at 7:30 p.m., Sunday January 22, 2023 at All Saints' Cathedral, 10035 103 St Edmonton. For more information and to buy tickets click [here](#).

TOUR THE BIBLICAL LANDS OF ISRAEL: March 6 – March 17, 2023. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga: 1-289-877-8433 or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com

APPLY TODAY! THE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER is growing and expanding their team. They are currently looking for an Office Manager for their Edmonton location. Click [here](#) to view the job posting.

POSITION OPENING: DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT (CANADA): Join the CRCNA staff team to provide leadership in strategic planning for the ministry share program, church and donor engagement, grants and planned giving, and other means of supporting the work of the CRCNA. This full-time position can be worked from the Burlington, Ont., office or as a hybrid role remotely in Canada. For details and to apply, click [here](#).

IMPACTUS MEN'S CONFERENCE: Every man wants to make an impact. What if the key to having an impact is to first be impacted by God? Join us Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 8:40 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Impactus Men's Conference where you will learn how to press into all God has for you, and to become the man he is calling you to be. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

SOCO BEACH PROJECT - SUMMER YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP EXPERIENCE: Are you or is someone you know a young adult (18 - 29) looking to dig deeper into the life of faith and what impact that has on their unfolding life story? Check out the SoCo Beach Project - an intentional Christian community experience from May - August located in Port Dover, Ontario. Applications are open for SoCo 2023- deadline is January 16, 2023. For more information or a deeper conversation about this experience, email Pastor Willemina Zwart: info@southcoastbeachproject.org. Hear the reflections of last year's participants and check out the latest newsletter [here](#).

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, January 15

10:00 a.m. Worship - In Person & Live Stream

MONDAY, January 16

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. Bethel World Missions Meeting

TUESDAY, January 17

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

WEDNESDAY, January 18

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

9:30 a.m. Oasis

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, January 19

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

FRIDAY, January 20

1:30 p.m. Food Bank

7:00 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, January 2