



October 30, 2022

## TODAY'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."

On Sunday, we continue our fall sermon series, "Flourish: Life by the Spirit," by looking at goodness. Any concept of goodness, whether it is about excellence or morality, comes from God. The Lord is the source of all goodness, who uniquely cultivates this quality of generosity and loving will in us, so that we might be a catalyst for good in the world. The key is that goodness must come from within (*the heart*). As Jesus tells us, our actions reveal what has been stored up in our hearts (Luke 6:45). We know the health of a tree by the quality of its fruit. As transformed people by Jesus' love we are called to intentionality and readiness: *be ready do what is good* (Titus 3:1, 8). We are also called to *endure in a life that holds on to what is good* through the power of the Spirit (Galatians 6:9-10).

Our message Sunday will focus: Luke 6:43-45, "For Goodness Sake."

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

- For those attending *in-person*, we will invite you to come forward to receive the elements at the front. You can then eat and drink the elements individually as you receive them. If you are not able to come forward, please raise your hand and they will be brought to you. Gluten-free bread is available for those who desire this option.
- For everyone *online*, please have communion elements ready at home (bread, juice/wine) to join with us in sharing the meal. You may participate with 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 repentance in light of our forgiveness through the cross.

## OUR OFFERINGS THIS MORNING

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **WORLD HUNGER:** Families living in poverty face many barriers. Lack of access to clean water, healthcare, and resources to generate income keep families in a cycle of poverty and hunger that impacts generation after generation. Through our congregation's participation in World Hunger Sunday those facing hunger and poverty are encouraged to learn ways to improve their lives and write a new story that is filled with hope and promise.

**NEXT WEEK - 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.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for **CURTIS COENEN**, **HAWA LENDEIN**, **ELEANOR PROKUDA**, **JILL SNEEP**, **GRACE VELSINK**, and **WILLY VROON**.

**REMCO DALMAIJER** underwent major surgery for a hernia on October 19<sup>th</sup>, please continue to pray for healing and a full recovery.

We pray for **ELLA JENSEN** as she has been hospitalized and recently diagnosed with Crohn's Disease. Please continue to pray for healing in her body and that she can come home shortly.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOIN US IN THE HARVEST FESTIVAL:** Bethel Community Church is hosting a Harvest Festival this Saturday, October 29th from 2-4 p.m. This outdoor event in the parking lot will feature "Trunk or Treating" (where kids can go from car trunk to car trunk with their candy bags), and hot chocolate will be served. A costume photobooth, and pumpkin decorating will be available.

**NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:** At the upcoming Congregational Meeting (November 23) there will be an opportunity for members to vote for an additional person to serve on council. For several months council has been asking God for help as both elders and deacons have unfilled positions. We are grateful that His Spirit has moved among us and someone is willing to serve. Seeking to follow Jesus' example and working where we see God already working (John 5:19) we are now wondering if God's Spirit is finished or if He will continue to prompt others to serve. We are asking all church members to pray with us about this over the next two weeks. We encourage you to "ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers" (Matt 9:38).

We ask each member of Bethel to prayerfully consider those who the Lord might be calling to serve as an elder or deacon, and to nominate those who can provide Christ-centered leadership in these different roles. To nominate someone, please send an email with their name and a brief affirmation of the person being nominated to [clerk@discoverbethel.com](mailto:clerk@discoverbethel.com). Also, if you personally sense a call to service and leadership as an elder or deacon, we want to discern this with you, and would gladly discuss these roles and pray about this with you. Please contact Ivan Mast, Governing Elder ([ivanmast@shaw.ca](mailto:ivanmast@shaw.ca)); or Mary Rietveld, Shepherding Elder ([bmrietveld@albertacom.com](mailto:bmrietveld@albertacom.com)) to begin to the conversation. Nominations must be professing members who love serving Bethel.

**\*Please send all nomination submissions in by November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**BRING YOUR BOTTLES FOR YOUTH MISSIONS:** Do you have empty cans or bottles taking up room in your house or garage? Please consider bringing them to church to support our Youth Missions Team who will be serving in Mexico during spring break of 2023. We will be collecting bottles until **Sunday, October 30th**, so please be sure to bring all empty containers on or before that date.

**UPCOMING WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Women of Bethel, join with us here at Bethel the weekend of November 4 and 5 to spend time focusing on Spiritual Gifts. Please mark your calendars for Friday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m., and November 5 at 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information and to register for the Women's Fall Retreat go to [discoverbethel.com/womensministry](https://discoverbethel.com/womensministry).

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR** is starting up! First practice is December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Sign up by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 by emailing [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com).

**ADVENT CANDLE SET:** Advent starts November 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 \$20. This includes the wooden base for the candles, the 5 candles as well as the instructions for different passages to read with your family as you light the candle each week. Candles can be ordered by sending an email to [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com) by November 2.

**BOWLING:** Need exercise, fun and socializing? Consider joining the Christian bowling group "Hit and Miss" that meets Tuesdays from 10- 11:30 am at Bonnie Doon Bowling Lanes. We play 2 games (which costs only \$10.50 including shoe rental) with a coffee/tea break in between. No commitment to come every time! For more information please contact Evert Vroon at 780-690-8045.

**WELCOME MINISTRIES:** Our Welcome Ministry is made up of many volunteers and we are in need of people that are willing to tend the Membership and Welcome Desks after the service. Please email [info@discoverbethel.com](mailto:info@discoverbethel.com) if you would like to join the Welcome Team!

**QUARTERLY STATEMENTS:** The quarterly statements for September 2022 have been emailed. Please review your statements carefully and report any errors to the church office so that errors can be corrected. If you have not received your statement, please contact the church office to update your email address.

### **COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER:**

October 2	Ministry Shares
October 9	Edmonton Food Bank
October 16	Disability Concerns
October 23	Canadian Food Grains Bank
October 30	World Hunger Sunday

**GIVING:** Please visit our website at [discoverbethel.com/give](https://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](mailto:sara@discoverbethel.com).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**OCTOBER IS REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES MEMBERSHIP MONTH!** RCM is requesting membership renewal or encouraging you to become a member by October 31st. Please contribute your \$10 membership fee via digital online submission ( <https://www.rcmflourish.ca/donate/donation-form/>) or mail (3920 - 49 Avenue, Stony Plain, AB T7Z 2J7). An additional donation is also encouraged! The funds RCM receives during the Membership Campaign are crucial to the operation of programs and supports that government funding does not cover. RCM is also calling on all members of the community to advocate for increased government funding for the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Program. This program has not received an increase in funding for 8 years. Please visit [rcmflourish.ca/voice-matters](https://rcmflourish.ca/voice-matters) to download a sample letter and find your MLA. For further inquiries please contact Jo-Ann Tavenier- Vriend (780-569-2597).

**DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT:** Have you been walking the road of reconciliation and wondering what next? Or have you been hearing about ongoing events and changes and asking yourself what it means for you and the church? This year's DOE on Saturday November 5th is for you! This exciting day-long event is hosted by NADC, the Micah Centre and King's. Friends from KAIROS Prairies North, Mennonite and Anglican churches will join. Participants will learn about the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual roots of reparations and reciprocity. Through a variety of interactive workshops led by Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders, participants will consider the role they can play in repairing broken relationships and building communities of reciprocity and hope. For details and to register for the event, visit [here](#).

**ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE:** Invites you to the Evening of Dreams Gala that is happening at Delta South Hotel November 4, 2022. Doors Open at 5:00 p.m. and the Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Don't miss this chance to witness real stories of transformation, recovery, faith, and healing. Get your early bird tickets before September 30 by visiting [adeara.ca/EOD](https://adeara.ca/EOD).

**BIBLICAL STUDY TOUR TO ITALY:** (May 22 - June 2, 2023): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Assisi (home of St. Francis); Florence; Ravenna; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu) or [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110).

**MINISTRY SHARES: 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](https://crcna.org/ministryshares).

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY, October 30**

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

### **MONDAY, October 31**

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, November 1**

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Cadets – Boys Club

### **WEDNESDAY, November 2**

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

9:30 a.m. Oasis - Women's Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA

7:00 p.m. Full Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. Young Adults - Pastor Cris's home

### **THURSDAY, November 3**

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. GEMS – Trinity CRC

### **FRIDAY, November 4**

1:30 p.m. Food Bank

7:00 p.m. Youth

7:00 p.m. Women's Retreat

### **SATURDAY, November 5**

9:00 a.m. Women's Retreat