

June 18, 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.](#)"

This Sunday we continue to reflect on how God loves, especially those who cry out to him. Our stories involve countless moments of desperation, times when the very thing we need is rescue and help. We would prefer to have the "answers" on our own and pick ourselves up by the "bootstraps." However, if we can get past blind self-reliance, surrendering to God, we will find that that God is present and ready to hear our cries, and gracious to lead us on the return to rest.

The message Sunday will focus on Psalm 116:1-7, "Crying Out for Mercy."

Our sermon series, *This is Our Story*, has encouraged us to share with one another what God done among us while following Jesus. Please pray about who you can share your story with this week. We are grateful for all those who have shared stories, including the Mauricio a few weeks ago. This week we will hear from Fred Abma as he shares about losses in his life and the strength God gave him to respond to them.

OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **THE PAKITINÂSOWIN RECIPROCITY FUND:** King's and the Micah Centre, in partnership with the Northern Alberta Diaconal Conference, have created the Pakitinâsowin Fund for Reciprocity and Reparations. The Fund is an opportunity for all churches in Edmonton and across Alberta to give of their wealth and resources into a common fund that will support Indigenous-led community initiatives. To learn more about this fund click [here](#).

NEXT WEEK – REFUGEE FUND: This ministry of the deacons provides support for refugee families to get to Edmonton and to help support them as they prepare for life in Canada.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

LINDA VROON suffered a stroke Tuesday night of this week. The clot dissolved leaving some residual paralysis. Their family remains hopeful for a full recovery. Please pray for Linda, Evert and the Vroon family.

Thank you for your prayers for **DON PROKUDA** over the past few weeks. Don is preparing to undergo significant surgery to remove his bladder at the end of this month. He and Eleanor welcome our prayers and support during this time.

Please continue to pray for **CURTIS COENEN, MARCEL CROCKER, ELEANOR PROKUDA, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP** and **WILLY VROON**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW OFFICE BEARERS: We will be installing new office bearers to serve as elders and deacons on our council. We welcome John Buisman (Governing Elder), Ed Denning (Governing Elder), Arnold Groot (Governing Elder), Jare Osho (Shepherding Elder), Ashley Patton (Shepherding Elder), Peter Rietveld (Shepherding Elder), Jeannie Visser (Shepherding Elder) and Doug Barr (Deacon).

We are thankful for the dedicated service of our outgoing office bearers: Ed Dubbeldam, Mike Huisman, Tara Kilkenny, Richard Vriend, Linda Bird, Jordan Stellingwerff and Ritta Vandermeulen. Our deepest appreciation to those who let their names stand but who were not elected. Bethel has been richly blessed by the qualified leaders God has raised up in our church.

PASTOR OF OUTREACH AND MISSION + UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL VOTE ON JULY 2: Thank you for your prayers during our discernment process for calling a pastor to focus on outreach and missions. We are excited to announce that we have an update.

The calling committee interviewed and recommended council extend a call to Cathy Ferchau, who became eligible for Ministry of the Word at Synod this week. Cathy and Garry have been a part of Bethel for the past 20 plus years, alongside their 3 children. Though Cathy has been involved in a wide range of Bethel ministries, recently she has served Bethel as a pastoral intern, preaching on occasion, and leading among the prayer ministries.

Full Council voted on the motion to recommend to the congregation that we call Cathy Ferchau to the position of Pastor of Outreach and Mission. Council strongly affirmed this motion. We now have the wonderful opportunity to vote as a church on July 2nd. This vote will be taken by ballot from Bethel members after the service. If you cannot be present in person for the vote, please submit a proxy vote by email to clerk@discoverbethel.com.

We are grateful for God's call on Cathy's life, her desire to serve at Bethel and the gifts that she brings to this position. We are also excited for the vision God has for us to reach out to the neighbourhood and world with the love of Jesus.

If you have any questions about the upcoming vote, please contact the Governing Elders (governingelders@discoverbethel.com).

BETHEL CONVERSATIONS -National Indigenous Peoples Day: June 21 is an opportunity to celebrate Indigenous culture and reflect on how God has and is speaking through their story. To watch a video with Pastor Cris and Christina Patterson discuss the connection between Christian witness and Indigenous culture, go [here](#).

Ways to do that include:

- **Edmonton Native Healing Centre** hosts soup and bannock every Wednesday at noon. Drop in to meet urban Indigenous Edmontonians hosted by Rev. Harold Roscher.
- **The Bissel Centre** is hosting an outdoor family friendly event with drop in from 10-3 pm. 10527 96 St NW.
- **CRC Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee** online site has lots to explore, including information, things for kids and prayer guides. You can check it out at [here](#).

Comments? Questions? Concerns? Email TRC@discoverbethel.com or talk to Christina Patterson - we'd love to hear from you!

WE'RE HIRING: Bethel Community Church is looking to hire an Administrative Assistant. This position is developed as a job share arrangement. Each of the employees is hired to work one half of the 0.6 FTE which the position requires. It is expected that they work two days per week. To see the job description and learn more about this position click [here](#). If you are interested, please send your applications to hr@discoverbethel.com.

PLAN TO PROTECT TRAINING EVENT: If you are a current volunteer or you are looking to volunteer at Bethel in the coming months, we need you to join us for a Plan to Protect training session. Having all our volunteers trained in Plan to Protect helps to keep our most vulnerable members at Bethel safe. Even if you have been through the training before, it is required that you get a refresher. We will be holding two sessions: one refresher session for those who took the orientation session in 2022 and one orientation session for those who have not taken Plan to Protect before or has not taken it in several years. Please let us know what session you are planning to go to [here](#).

- Sunday, June 25, 12-1:30PM – Refresher Session - Pizza lunch and childcare will be provided.
- Wednesday, June 28, 6:30-9PM – Orientation Session - Refreshments will be provided.

CANADA DAY CELEBRATION: Get ready to mark Canada Day on your calendar, this year is going to be epic with our annual Canada Day Celebration! This year we've got games, prizes, bouncy castles, face painting, free food, and even a dunk tank. To run an awesome Canada Day, we are reaching out to you to help volunteer and make this year amazing! We have time slots available if you can't make the whole event and even if you can't volunteer, we would love to celebrate and have you come down and join our celebration! Check out our website [here](#) for more information and ways to sign up to help.

KID'S CAMP: If you have a heart for working with children and would like to help share stories from the Bible with them, this is the chance you've been waiting for! Kid's camp will run from August 14th to 18th, and we need your help! There are lots of ways to volunteer and get involved. Register now or sign up to volunteer [here](#). For more information e-mail Grace at grace@discoverbethel.com.

YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS: Join Bethel Youth the week of July 24th until the 28th as we dive into a week filled with sports/art camps for Grades 6 to 12. The cost for each youth is \$2.50 per day or \$10.00 for the whole week. Even if you can only make it for one of the days, we would love to see you. Lunch will be provided. To register visit Bethel's summer page [here](#) or scan the QR code located in the summer information pamphlet that can be found in your mailboxes and at the back of the sanctuary.

BETHEL YOUTH: We are looking forward spending time together on the red carpet this evening for our year end gala. There is NO YOUTH next Friday. We pray for strength and knowledge as our youth write their final exams and we say goodbye to another school year. Happy Summer!

PLOT: Drop in youth events will happen every Tuesday this summer starting Tuesday July 4th for grades 6 and up. Join us for activities like tie dye colour run, life size Monopoly, fear factor, and SO MUCH MORE!! No registration is needed and no cost!

DAY TRIPS: Registration for the Youth Day Trips are up on our summer webpage. Sign up [here](#) to register and learn more information about our West Edmonton Mall Trip on July 15. For more information feel free to contact Elena at elena@discoverbethel.com.

TODAY DEVOTIONALS: Are available here at the church. They can be found in the literature rack or at the Membership Desk.

COLLECTIONS IN JUNE:

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| June 4 | Ministry Shares |
| June 11 | OneBook |
| June 18 | The Pakitinâsowin Reciprocity Fund |
| June 25 | Refugee Fund |

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 accounting@discoverbethel.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

EDSON-PEERS CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH: The town of Edson has been under an evacuation order due to the fires raging in the area. This has affected our brothers and sisters in the Edson-Peers CRC who live in the town, and also many of those who live in the surrounding area including those in the path of the fires. Please pray for protection of their lives, their possessions and their livelihood.

REHOBOTH CAMP MINISTRY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: is June 17 @ 10:30 am via Zoom. More information or to register, visit: <https://www.rcmflourish.ca/2023-agm/>

REHOBOTH CAMP MINISTRY is a summer camp for persons with developmental disabilities, and we really need your help! We currently have a camper waiting list for all of our weeks because it is such an awesome place to hear about Jesus' love. We need Cooks, Nurses/LPN's, a Bible Leader, Night Watch, and especially Counselors (buddies) willing to hang out and be a friend during Camp. We completely rely on volunteers to continue this important ministry, and we are getting close to having to cancel some of our weeks because we don't have the volunteers. You can see the specific type of camp week, dates, and needs at <https://www.rcmflourish.ca/camp/volunteers/>. Don't delay, come out to Camp today. You'll never know whose life may be changed!

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Inglewood CRC is hiring a Worship Coordinator (18hrs/wk). This person will help us live out our vision of "growing together as disciples of Jesus Christ" by carrying out the tasks of worship service planning, coordinating participants, and providing leadership to help us honour God in our worship. Please visit <http://inglewoodcrc.org/hiring> for more information.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Christian Reformed Church of St. Albert is looking for a part time administrative assistant. This position requires approximately 20 hrs/wk, spread over 3 or 4 days (negotiable). Some key responsibilities will be to maintain a variety of church records, deal with enquiries from a wide range of sources, and prepare the weekly church bulletin. You should be comfortable using MS Office software, and familiarity with software on the Google platform (e.g., Drive; Docs; Sheets) would be an asset. The deadline for applications is Friday June 30 with a start date in the middle of August. A complete job description can be found on our website at crgca.org/bulletins or email Peter Buisman at pbuisman@crgca.org.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, June 18

10:00 a.m. Worship - In Person & Live Stream
4:30 p.m. Alpha at Bethel

MONDAY, June 19

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom & In Person)

TUESDAY, June 20

WEDNESDAY, June 21

6:30 a.m. Prayer - In Person & Zoom
7:00 p.m. Young Adults - Offsite
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, June 22

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, June 23

1:30 p.m. Food Bank

SATURDAY, June 24