



July 30, 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 continue our journey with David in 1 Samuel, *After God's Own Heart*, by reflecting on when his faith was truly pushed to the brink of despair. David is on the run with no Michals or Jonathans or Samuels to come to his defense – only a malicious king, Saul, who has become totally unhinged. David arrives at Nob in a state of desperation. This crucial moment in David's story brushes up against our own inner angst when it seems our lives are not going the way we want them to go. We can't help but wonder: "What will God do for me?" In this time of despair, God confirms for David how he will ultimately provide through small gifts along the way, reminding us what God's provision can look like, especially when we need it most.

Our message Sunday will focus on 1 Samuel 21, "On the Run."

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 the elements 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 can partake of 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 celebration in light of our forgiveness through the cross.

## OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **MEAL'S MINISTRY:** This is a Bethel ministry that helps people with meals during transition and crisis no matter how big or how small.

**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

We shared earlier this week that **WILLY VROON**, sister to **EVERT VROON**, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 25. Her family and friends will gather for a Memorial Service on Saturday, July 29, at 10:30 a.m. at Bethel Community Church. We continue to lift the Vroon family up in prayer, asking for God to provide them with his strength and comfort.

Thank you for your prayers over **DON PROKUDA**. He began chemotherapy this week, which will be part of a 3-month schedule. The plan is for a bladder removal surgery to take place after this treatment. Don and Eleanor welcome our continued prayers and support. May God bring mercy and comfort to them during this time.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND DISCIPLESHIP + UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL VOTE ON**

**AUGUST 6TH:** We have the pleasure of sharing that Wendy Werkman has completed her educational requirements and is now eligible for a call. You may remember that we voted to affirm Wendy back when she joined our pastoral team, and we looked forward to the day when we were able to officially call her. That time has come.

We are grateful that Wendy has been serving in this role for the past year, assisting with the pastoral responsibilities at Bethel and we have already seen the benefits of having her in this position. Prior to her pastoral calling, Wendy served as the Administrator at Bethel. Wendy and her husband Melvin have been a part of Bethel for the past 20 years. We are grateful for God's provision in Wendy.

Full Council voted on the motion to recommend to the congregation that we officially call Wendy Werkman to the position of Pastor of Congregational Care and Discipleship. Council strongly affirmed this motion. We now have the wonderful opportunity to vote as a church on August 6th. 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](mailto:clerk@discoverbethel.com) by midnight August 5<sup>th</sup>.

We are grateful for God's call on Wendy's life, her desire to serve at Bethel and the gifts that she brings to this position.

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

**BANNERMAN BACKPACK DRIVE:** We have the opportunity to bless the students in our community with backpacks, school shoes and supplies for the upcoming school year. At the back of the sanctuary there is a bulletin board filled with tags with all the students' information and supply needs. Take a student information tag, fill out your contact info on the tag behind it and fill a backpack for that student. Please bring all backpacks back to the church by Sunday, August 20. You can also donate financially by going to [discoverbethel.com/give](https://discoverbethel.com/give). Please contact Selikke at [kids@discoverbethel.com](mailto:kids@discoverbethel.com) if you have any questions.

**BETTESU UNIFORM DRIVE:** It's that time of year! Time to sponsor students in and around Bettesu, Liberia so they can attend school in September! Your \$40 donation goes towards buying one student a uniform and all their books and school supplies for the whole school year. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one or more students to attend school this year. Go to [discoverbethel.com/give](https://discoverbethel.com/give) or see John at the back of the Sanctuary after the service this Sunday to sponsor a child.

**FAMILY MEAL:** Calling all families!!! On August 13<sup>th</sup> after the service in the parking lot we will be hosting a Family Potluck/BBQ. Please sign up [here](#) to bring some delicious dishes or to help volunteer. For more information, please contact Elena at [elena@discoverbethel.com](mailto:elena@discoverbethel.com).

**YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER BIBLE STUDY:** We are still gathering for fellowship, praise music, and study of the Word. These evenings are drop-in to accommodate both vacationers and staycationers. We are meeting in the Fireside Room on Wednesdays, at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., until August 16.

**KID'S CAMP:** Kid's camp will run from August 14 - 18, and we need your help! If you have a crafty side and are free Thursday and Friday, August 17-18<sup>th</sup>, we need someone available to run our craft station at kid's camp! We will have all supplies, instructions, and a demo craft ready, all we need is someone to supervise and instruct! For more information e-mail Grace at [grace@discoverbethel.com](mailto:grace@discoverbethel.com).

A donation board is set up at the back of the church with the items that are still needed to run this awesome camp. If you have a moment, please check out the board after Sunday's service to see what you can contribute. Every little thing helps!

**PLOT:** Drop-in youth events will happen every Tuesday this summer starting Tuesday July 4 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 there is no cost!

**YOUTH DAY TRIP TO SYLVAN LAKE:** Youth grades 6 and up are invited to join Elena and Bethel Youth as we take a fun trip to Sylvan Lake on August 12. We will be hanging out at the Sylvan Lake Aqua Splash as well as on the beach soaking up the sun before the end of summer. We will then end our trip with supper and ice cream at The Big Moo Ice cream shop. Cost is \$20 per youth. For more details and to register, visit our website [here](#) or email Elena at [elena@discoverbethel.com](mailto:elena@discoverbethel.com). The deadline to sign up is August 8, 2023.

**BETHEL WORLD MISSIONS** has a bulletin board across from the church library. Please visit the board for the most recent missions update. Currently, Roland sent us a newsletter on activities in El Salvador, at both Seeds of New Creation (Semillas) and at Home of Blessings.

**THE CHURCH LIBRARY HAS PURCHASED SOME GREAT NEW BOOKS!**

Last week the Church Library announced the purchase of some great new books. Here is also a list of new books that were recently donated.

Deception (Natchez Trace Park Rangers Bk #4), Counter Attack (Pearl River Series Bk #1)  
Malicious Intent and Underfire (Defend & Protect Series Bk #2 and #3),  
Crossfire and Critical Threat (Extreme Measures Series Bk #2 and #3)  
Windswept Away (Hope Harbor series Bk #10)  
Body of Evidence (Triple Threat Series Bk#3)  
Shaken (Heart of a Warrior Series Bk#1)  
Sunburst (Sky King Ranch Series Bk #2)  
Code of Courage, Free Fall, Relative Justice, Trial and Error, The Souls of Lost Lake

Come check out some great reading!

**QUARTERLY STATEMENTS:** The quarterly statements for June 2023 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.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE: Our Mission and Ministry:** \$65,077 was collected in the month of June for a total of \$666,603 this year. \$744,975 was anticipated by this time based on our restated budget for this year. Currently, the giving of the church has been greater than our expenses. We are blessed by the continued support for our ministries.

**Other Giving:**The deacons gratefully acknowledge the following receipts for other collections taken in June:

Ministry Shares:	\$1,555.00
OneBook:	\$1,350.00
The Pakitnâsowin Reciprocity Fund:	\$ 715.00
Refugee Fund:	\$2,815.00
Other Causes:	\$3,639.00

**COLLECTIONS IN JULY:**

July 2	Ministry Shares
July 9	Cornerstone Counselling
July 16	Cuba Connection
July 23	Bethel World Mission Vision
July 30	Meals Ministry

Please visit our website at [discoverbethel/give](http://discoverbethel/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](mailto:accounting@discoverbethel.com).

 **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**MAKE RECONCILIATION POSSIBLE - HEALING HEARTS TRANSFORMING NATIONS:** Register today! It runs from July 30 - August 3 at Rivendell Retreat Centre. This three-day retreat aims to equip Christian leaders to be agents of healing and reconciliation. A combination of interactive teaching, group sessions, ministry times and participant interaction are used. The workshop seeks to bring healing and reconciliation to communities suffering from division and hatred. Register here: <https://shorturl.at/lnxEK>. There are some scholarships available - please ask! And the setting is ideal for this work... check it out [here](#).

**ADEARA EVENING OF DREAMS GALA:** You are invited to the Adeara Evening of Dreams Gala on October 20, 2023. For the past 25 years, Adeara has been committed to helping women overcome addiction and regain their lives because we believe that together, we can rise up and find hope even in the darkest moments. Please visit [adeara.ca/EOD](http://adeara.ca/EOD) for more information or to register.

**PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE IS HIRING:** Come be a part of our team! We are currently seeking an Accounting Technician for our Edmonton location. Please click [here](#) for more information about this position.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT:** On Eagle's Wings (OEW) is an ecumenical ministry that proclaims Jesus Christ and serves the Church and individuals in remote and isolated areas of northern Canada. They are looking someone to fill the Executive Assistant position. This is a 0.8 time in-office role (4 days per week), working from the Katzman Centre in West Edmonton. Please direct any queries to [staff@oneagleswings.ca](mailto:staff@oneagleswings.ca).

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY, July 30**

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

### **MONDAY, July 31**

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, August 1**

7:00 p.m. PLOT

### **WEDNESDAY, August 2**

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

7:00 p.m. Young Adults Summer Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, August 3**

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

### **FRIDAY, August 4**

1:45 p.m. Food Bank – parking lot

### **SATURDAY, August 5**