



April 14, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday marks the beginning of week two of our new initiative, **40 Days of Belonging**. Each week we will explore a key value that shapes who we are becoming as a church family: a “House of the Lord” – which is what Bethel means – and a “House of Belonging.” Our goal is to re-affirm what this means for every person at Bethel and allow unity for what we care about most to guide our lives together in Christ.

Bethel is a “House of Belonging”, but it’s also a house that reaches out to others. In today's message, “**Reaching Out**”, we'll dive into two texts, Luke 14:15-24, "The Parable of the Great Banquet," and Matthew 28:18-20, "The Great Commission". We'll also take a closer look at the second half of Bethel's mission statement: Becoming like Christ and **sharing him with others**. For a variety of reasons, many people find it challenging to share their faith. If that's how you feel, you're not alone. Our hope after today is that we'll all be able to answer the question, "Why does sharing the gospel matter?" We also hope the insights gained will both challenge and encourage you to step out with confidence in telling the world what Jesus has done!

ORDINATION OF PASTOR CATHY: We rejoice in Christ’s special care and love for His church as He leads us to ordain Pastor Cathy to the ministry of the Word in Bethel Community Church this Sunday, April 14.

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **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.

NEXT WEEK – INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION CANADA: This agency is at work in 18 communities around the world putting an end to slavery and violence.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember **EVERT VROON** in your prayers as he had a hip replacement Wednesday, April 10, and is currently recovering in hospital.

DRIKA DUTHLER also had a hip replacement on April 4. She is recovering well and is grateful for your prayers.

We praise the Lord for the liver transplant that **EVANS KOTIO** received. He was discharged this week and is now recovering at home. Please pray for his continued recovery and healing.

Please continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN, MIKE JACKSON, JENNY PENFOLD, DON PROKUDA, ELEANOR PROKUDA, JANE SHULTZ, CELINE SIGVALDASON,** and **JILL SNEEP** as you pray for our church community.

JOAN ANDREWS is looking for assistance with rototilling her garden. She has the rototiller and is willing to compensate you for your time. If you can serve in this way by giving about 30 minutes of your time, please contact Laurie or Tara at the church office (780-476-3762) to arrange.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

40 DAYS OF BELONGING SERIES: This Spring we want to ask an important question as a church: What does it mean to belong to Bethel? We will be reflecting on our key values which shape who God has called us to become as a church family and a “house of the Lord.” If this is the kind of house we’re supposed to be, we want to re-affirm what this means for every person at Bethel. This conversation in our church should flow through everything we do. Every week we will send out resources and discussion guides. Every Sunday we will focus on another value that draws us together as a family through our sermon series, House of Belonging. We’d love for you to journey with us as we say together as members of one body: **You belong here.** For details and to sign up for a discussion group, visit discoverbethel.com/belong.

WOMEN’S BEAUTY IN BLOOM EVENT: Please join us on Friday, May 24, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Bethel Community Church for our Beauty in Bloom Event. Enjoy a night of delicious desserts and refreshments, worship, and a session to plant flowers in a pot for your front porch or deck. The cost for the event is \$30. The deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, May 15. Click [here](#) to register.

24/7 PRAYER (MAY 12– May 19): For the past 7 years, we have set aside a week to prayer 24 hours a day, for 7 days. We invite you to be part of this time of prayer with the church as a rally point for our prayers. You can sign up for prayer slots [HERE](#). We anticipate with great excitement what God will do and look forward to celebrating the end of 24/7 prayer on Pentecost Sunday!

BETHEL COOKBOOK: We have gathered your favorite family recipes into an updated version of Bethel's Cookbook. The cost per book is \$20.00. All proceeds go to Bethel Youth Missions. Copies of the cookbook will be available Sunday, April 14, for pick up. Please complete the order form by clicking [here](#).

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS WITH A HEART FOR MISSIONS: Are you a young adult and over the age of 18? Do you have missions’ opportunities lined up for the summer with your university or a missions program? Did you know Bethel's World Missions Committee has grant funding available for short term (less than a month) and long term (more than a month) missions opportunities. If this is something you're interested in, email a letter of application to Pastor Cathy at cathy@discoverbethel.com by May 6. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Please include your mission group, location, duration, a brief description and how this will grow your faith.

DISCOVER BETHEL MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Join us April 21st, 7-9 p.m., in the Fireside Room for the Discover Bethel Membership Class! In this class, we’ll share the history of Bethel church, its missions, vision, and core commitments. We’ll also explore our denominational connection, beliefs, and what it looks like to be a follower of Jesus. There are many opportunities to get involved at Bethel. The membership class is a great place to ask questions and figure out where you fit into this vibrant community. If you are considering making Bethel your church home, or even if you’re just curious, sign up by adding your name to the list at the Welcome Desk, or registering by clicking [here](#).

WORSHIP AND WONDER: If you are seeking a space to worship through song, meditate on scripture, and to pray, come join us in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. April 24, 2024. This will be a night of prayerful worship, where we come together for a time of renewal and seeking the presence of God. Contact lisa@discoverbethel.com for any questions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

COLLECTIONS IN APRIL

April 7	Ministry Shares
April 14	Refugee Fund
April 21	International Justice Mission of Canada
April 28	GEMS Global

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.

BETHEL YOUTH

MAFIA NIGHT: We are going to be playing Mafia, a group role-playing game that tests your powers of deduction! Join us on Friday, April 19th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Come for a time of intrigue and plotting. If you desire, dress up in your fanciest outfits. See you there!

PAUL AND PANCAKES: Youth in Grades 7 to 12 are invited to join us downstairs during the Sunday service, April 21, to gather for fellowship and Bible study, while making and eating pancakes together.

COMMUNITY NEWS

EMMANUEL HOME AND LIGHTHOUSE TOWN HALL: Come to Providence Canadian Reformed Church, 12905 122 Avenue, on Thursday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. to learn more about the Lighthouse Christian Retirement Home which is scheduled to open in Spring of 2025. A presentation and question period will provide all the details you need about affordability, suite layouts, services, and amenities. You will also have the chance to schedule a meeting to choose and guarantee a suite at the Lighthouse. We hope to see you there!

EDMONTON PRAYER BREAKFAST: The 26th edition of the Edmonton Prayer Breakfast is taking place this spring on Thursday, May 9th! As the Christian community of the Edmonton region, this event is a significant opportunity for us to come together to make an inspirational impact in our city. Your attendance is a reminder to our Mayor, civic leaders, and first responders that the Christian community is active and engaged in our city and that we are upholding them in prayer. For complete event details and to book your table/tickets online go to www.edmontonprayerbreakfast.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

THE JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR begins its 46th season with registration starting April 1st. As ambassadors for Rehoboth, children in grades 3-8 this Fall, are invited to worship with congregations and encourage support for those with disabilities. A major project of the choir is Rehoboth Camp at Gull Lake. For more information on the choir's Fall schedule and activities, check www.joyfulnoisechoir.ca or www.rcmflourish.ca.

REHOBOTH CAMP MINISTRY (RCM) provides a one-week summer camp experience for persons with developmental disabilities, and we need volunteers. Come and be a friend to someone with a developmental disability and show them the love of Christ, and at the same time enjoy our beautiful camp facility. We are looking for all kinds of volunteers, especially nurses/LPNs, cooks, and counsellors for each week: R&R (a more relaxed week from June 23 – 28), Adult 1 (June 29 -July 5), Adult 2 (July 6 -12), Independent (July 13-19), and Youth (July 20 - 26).

Check out our website at www.rcmflourish.ca/camps for descriptions of the weeks and more information. Anyone age 14 and up is welcome to apply. No experience is necessary and full training and support is provided. Bring a friend! For more information, please e-mail camp@rcmflourish.ca. With your help we can flourish in the land. See you at camp!

REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES welcome you to view the latest digital publication of the Flourish newsletter by clicking [here](#). Please watch for a small number of hard copies of the newsletter to be available, or soon arriving, at the church. Enjoy finding out what is new and upcoming at Rehoboth.

CHRISTIAN SLO-PITCH: Join in the fun and fellowship of playing slo-pitch with fellow Christians this spring. The league has been operating for more than 30 years and is made up from various Christian churches in the Edmonton area. Teams consist of a minimum of 10 players, including at least 3 women and 3 men, all players must be at least 14 years old. League fees are typically \$475 per year (may be adjusted depending on how many teams join), plus a \$100 refundable deposit per new team. If you would like to play, you can sign your team up through our website [here](#) (deadline is April 23). If you have any questions, please e-mail elmsp.president@gmail.com.

ADEARA TEXAS SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT: Get ready to tee off for a cause that's close to our hearts. We're excited to announce Adeara's first ever Golf Tournament fundraiser taking place this summer at The Ranch Golf & Country Club on June 12, 2024. \$175/person or \$680 for a team of 4.

Includes light breakfast, carts, prizes, 18 holes, and a steak lunch banquet. Registration is officially open, so gather your friends, family, and colleagues and [register today](#).

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY:

Summer Camps at The King's University — Summer Camps at King's are about exploring, creating, and developing new skills—all while learning from amazing mentors in a fun, encouraging, faith-based environment. Register for one of our three or four-day sport camps or our five-day art and science camps today. Find more information at kingsu.ca/camps.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH? THERE IS SUPPORT! Classis Alberta North's Student Support Team invites those considering full-time ordained or non-ordained ministry in the Christian Reformed Church to apply for a forgivable loan to support their graduate studies. Application forms and further information can be found at the Classis Alberta North [website](#). The application deadline is May 31, 2024. Questions and completed forms can be forwarded to Student Support Team chair Peter Rockhold (peterrockhold@gmail.com).

HOPE MISSION NO CHILD HUNGRY WALK: Every day across the province I see children and youth coming to school hungry. These kids come to our programs who have had nothing to eat all day, and our staff across Alberta work at not only feeding hungry tummies, but also to help teens stay in school who would have otherwise dropped out to help provide for their younger siblings. Walk with us June 15th to raise hope for Albertans struggling with the challenges of rising costs. The No Child Hungry Walk will take place in Edmonton, Calgary, Camrose, and Red Deer. You can sign up to walk or donate at this [link](#).

PRISON FELLOWSHIP CANADA – ANGEL TREE CAMPING program connects church communities and individuals with the families of prisoners through a Summer Camp experience. Children have the opportunity to step outside of their home situation and into a camp environment full of adventure and fun. It also provides them with the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and the difference He can make in their lives. To donate and learn more about this program please visit prisonfellowship.ca.

THE STUDION SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: is now taking applications for their next cohort, beginning October 20, 2024. The [Studion](#) is a two-year, part-time program that offers comprehensive training in the skill and art of Christian spiritual direction. Inquiries can be made to thestudionschool@gmail.com or rev.klok@gmail.com to find out more.

MINISTRY TO SEAFARERS' SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER: To see our latest newsletter click [here](#).

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, April 14

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person and live stream
11:30 a.m. Family Worship Meet 'n Eat

MONDAY, April 15

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, April 16

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. ALPHA The Marriage Course
7:00 p.m. Cadets

WEDNESDAY, April 17

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and zoom
9:30 a.m. Oasis
6:30 p.m. Worship & Wonder
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, April 18

12:30 p.m. Food Bank
5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, April 19

7:00 p.m. Youth: Mafia Night

SATURDAY, April 20

9:00 a.m. Worship Leadership Day