BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

October 23, 2026

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday, we continue our sermon series, **Building Together** - an exploration through Paul's first letter to the Corinthians - a journey we began earlier this year. After Paul reflects on the differences between the world's wisdom and God's wisdom, he explains how God builds his church not through human means, but through loving divine care within a community that embraces the mind of Christ. During this series, we will examine how God grows us as his church and guides us to build together. This Sunday we will explore how every builder must carefully consider the foundation on which they build. Paul declares that no foundation can be laid other than Jesus Christ. Churches thrive when Christ remains at the center of their worship, mission, and identity.

The message this Sunday will focus on 1 Corinthians 3:10-15, "Christ is the only foundation."

For past messages, subscribe and follow our podcast: discoverbethel.com/podcasts

COMMUNION SUNDAY FOR THOSE ATTENDING IN PERSON: We will pass around the elements with plates and baskets. When you receive them, please wait to eat and drink together at the same time. We welcome you to use the time for singing, prayer and reflection. Gluten-free bread is available for those who desire this option. Also, you may leave the disposable cups in the pews to be collected later.

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.

FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER: There will be space for you to quickly check out your children in the lower level following the message. We look forward to celebrating Christ's meal of grace with you Sunday. Prepare your hearts for this time of remembrance and celebration in light of our forgiveness through the cross.

OUR OFFERINGS

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

2) MINISTRY SHARES: This cooperative venture of all CRC churches in Canada sends missionaries around the world, starts new churches, resources congregations, trains pastors and leaders, and uses media to spread the gospel. The pooled resources allow the church to do more together than an individual church could do on its own. For more information: crcna.org/MinistryShares

COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER

OCT 4 World Renew

OCT 11 Food Bank

OCT 18 Canadian Food Grains Bank

OCT 25 Ministry Shares

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR EVANS KOTIO:

There are a few services planned to remember Evans.

Musical Night: October 23, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Steele Heights Baptist Church, 5812 – 149 Avenue.
Funeral Service: October 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at Bethel Community Church.
Internment: October 24, 2026, at St. Michael Cemetery
Repass and Refreshments: October 24, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Steele Heights Baptist Church, 5812 – 149 Avenue.

Please continue to pray for **Jenny Penfold** and **Eleanor Prokuda** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHEL STAFF TRANSITION:

We are deeply grateful for Pastor Cathy and the many ways her leadership, care, and faithfulness have strengthened our church community. She has shared her gifts and her heart with our congregation, and we give thanks to God for the blessing she has been to us. Pastor Cathy's final Sunday with us will be November 1. We invite you to join us as we express our heartfelt appreciation for her ministry among us and wish her God's abundant blessings as she begins this next chapter of her journey.
Pastor Cathy, you will be missed, and we pray that God will continue to guide and bless you wherever He leads!

*As part of Pastor Cathy's transition, we would like to offer her encouragement and appreciation in the form of a gift. As part of this gift we would like to include words of gratitude from the church. Please submit here a word, small phrase, or Bible verse that describes how you will remember Pastor Cathy's ministry with us over the past few years. **This link will close on Tuesday October 27.** For this idea to work, these submissions will need to be short. If you'd like to submit a longer letter of appreciation and gratitude, you can submit it at the office, where we will compile these to give to Pastor Cathy on November 1. Please pray for Pastor Cathy and her family during this time of transition.

We also ask for prayerful support of our staff and Council as we discern how God is leading us as a church.

For further details on the process, please see the letter sent to the congregation on October 2, 2026. Also, please do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Cris (cris@discoverbethel.com) or the Governing Elders (governingelders@discoverbethel.com) during this time of transition.

YOUNG ADULTS:

We're creating a space for you to gather, study the Bible, and grow in faith and community. Camila Lazzarotto will host Sunday night gatherings at her home on November 1, November 29, and December 13, at 6:00 p.m. This fall the Bible study will go through Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything by Timothy Keller. Come ready to dig deeper into God's Word and enjoy building friendships with each other! If you're interested in joining, contact Camila at camila@discoverbethel.com for more details.

LET'S BLESS THE EDMONTON FOOD BANK:

We would like to extend the celebration of Thanksgiving with the larger Edmonton community by having a food drive for the Food Bank during the month of October. The most needed items are: beans without pork, peanut butter (500 g), canned protein like chicken or fish, baby formula, healthy school snacks, soup, stew, canned fruit or vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, hot or cold cereal options. We have been collecting donations for the entire month of October. You may leave food donations at the back of the sanctuary.

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

Over the next month, we are reflecting on what it means to be a member of Bethel following our "Where We Belong" series. As for the next few weeks, we invite you to review our updated Membership Covenant and Bethel Statement of Faith. We will also host several "What We Believe" sessions, which include space for questions. The upcoming sessions will take place on October 25 and November 4 at 6 pm You can sign up for the session by visiting discoverbethel.com/events. For details in the overall process, please see the letter from Pastor Cris we sent out on October 9, 2026.

DUNAMIS:

Dunamis Essentials #5 Equipping for Spiritual Warfare is coming to Bethel November 5-7, 2026. All event and registration information can be found here

SOUP-ER SUNDAY:

Our next Community Connection Sunday is happening November 8. This is a time for everyone to connect with food and fellowship with one another after the service. Mark November 8 on your calendar for Soup-er Sunday. Join us in the lower level to enjoy this Soup and Buns Potluck lunch.

__Help with set-up, clean-up, and dishes is needed. Sign up here__ There is also a physical sign up sheet at the Membership desk.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, October 25	**10:00 a.m.**	Worship - in person & live stream
MONDAY, October 26	**7:00 p.m.**	Prayer – Zoom
TUESDAY, October 27	**5:15 p.m.**	Dove Taekwondo
	7:00 p.m.	Cadets
WEDNESDAY, October 28	**6:30 a.m.**	Prayer - in person & Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	Oasis
	8:00 p.m.	AA
THURSDAY, October 29	**12:00 p.m.**	Food Bank
	5:15 p.m.	Dove Taekwondo
FRIDAY, October 30	**7:00 p.m.**	Youth
SATURDAY, October 31	**9:00 a.m.**	

GET INVOLVED

DRUMMER NEEDED:

Would you like to be part of our worship team? We are currently looking for a drummer to serve once a month during our Sunday morning service. Your time commitment would be to attend Thursday practice from 7:00–9:00 p.m. prior to the Sunday morning service. If you're interested in dropping in for a practice or would like more information, please contact lisa@discoverbethel.com.We have so much fun at practice, we'd love to have you join us!

COUPLES CONNECT:

You may not have heard about Couples Connect yet, but it is the name of the Marriage Ministry at Bethel!

Mission: Provide a means for couples to connect and flourish in Christ at Bethel.

- Vision: For all couples to feel supported and experience a sense of belonging at Bethel.
- Beliefs: The family is the foundation of every community, a healthy marriage is the cornerstone of a strong family, and the ultimate lasting strength of every marriage and family is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. [from Family Life Vision https://familylifecanada.com/about]
- Values: Marriage enrichment is a normal part of any marriage. Prioritizing your marriage is healthy. Holding a posture of humility toward learning about marriage and your spouse is beneficial.
- Objectives: Provide events that nurture couples and connections to other couples at Bethel:
  - Fun
  - Educational
  - Entertaining
  - Memorable

Activities: Host events throughout the year based on input from couples.

- Provide Alpha the Marriage Course March/April of each year.
- Cross-promote events such as Family Life Weekend Getaways and marriage events at partnering churches.
- Background: Couples Connect flows out of our experience hosting the Alpha for Marriage Course, in which couples expressed a desire to connect with other couples.
- We have offered two Alpha for Marriage Courses and cross-promoted other marriage events in Edmonton and Jasper, and now we are gearing up for this Fall/Winter and would like your input!

Please use the QR code to take a short survey

BETHEL YOUTH

OCT. 23:

Join us on October 23 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm for fun here at the church!

YOUTH RETREAT:

Theme: The Battle	**WHEN:** November 6–8, 2026
WHERE: Camp Nakamun	**WHO:** Students in Grades 7–12
COST: $125 per person	**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 28, 2026**
Transportation: TBD	

For more information and registrations, please click here

COMMUNITY NEWS

CAMPUS MINISTRY CONNECTIONS AT NAIT AND U OF A:

For students attending NAIT or the University of Alberta, your CRC campus minister would love to connect with you! Christy Harper is serving both campuses this fall and would love to welcome you to campus with ways to connect with other students, drop in events, weekly gatherings, worship nights, or having a chat over coffee. You can reach out to her at christyha@nait.ca, cjharper@ualberta.ca.

REHOBOTH:

Help Create Space for People to Flourish. Support Rehoboth Christian Ministries through the Friends of Rehoboth Campaign and Building a Well Campaign. Your generosity helps provide homes, programs, relationships, and opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities to live with dignity and belonging. Together, we're building hope, community, and brighter futures. You can read wonderful stories by following this link to access the digital version of the Flourish newsletter. https://rcmflourish.ca/who-we-are/flourish-newsletter/ and you can donate at www.rcmflourish.ca/donate .

CHRISTMAS AT SEA:

We here at the Ministry to Seafarers are in preparation for the gifts we will be delivering. If you are able to donate to this cause, please send funds via e-transfer (finance@ministrytoseafarers.com - remember to include your name and address in the message so we know where to send the tax receipt). You can also send to Canada Helps via the "Donate" button on our website (ministrytoseafarers.com), or you can send a cheque, payable to "Ministry to Seafarers Vancouver" to us at Ministry to Seafarers Vancouver, 401 E. Waterfront Rd., Vancouver, BC V6A 4G9.

We are also soliciting Christmas cards for seafarers. Consider sending some individually, as a small group, as a Sunday School class, or even as a school class project. More information is available on our website under the "Get Involved" tab. Thank you!

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.