



November 1, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we continue our sermon series, *Everyday Disciples*, by reflecting on the instructions Jesus gave his disciples as he sends them out on mission. Jesus' instructions not only come with authority but describe where they are to go, what they are to do, and how they are to do it- faithfully. As we consider what following Jesus looks like today, his same challenge and guidance should lead us in sharing how "the kingdom of heaven has come near." *How has God sent us out on mission?*

The message this Sunday will focus on Matthew 10:1-15, "The Mission of Everyday Disciples."

COMMUNITY CONNECTION SUNDAY: This Sunday, November 3 is **Soup-er Sunday**. Join us in the lower level after the service to enjoy this Soup and Buns Potluck for lunch. Help with set-up, clean-up and dishes is welcome. If you are able, please bring a crockpot of soup or a dozen buns. We hope you will join us!

BETHEL STAFF UPDATE: Over the past few years, we have been blessed to have Laurie Veenstra serve on our staff team as an Administrative Assistant. She will be transitioning to a new job in mid-November. Next week will be her last week in the office. If you would like, please reach out and express your appreciation for her. We are excited for this new opportunity ahead of Laurie. That said, we will miss the joy and enthusiasm she brought to the office, as well as her dedication and commitment to serving Bethel in this role.

This also means that we have a job opening on our Admin. team for an Administrative Assistant. The position is constructed as a job share with our other Administrative Assistant, Tara Kilkenny. If you are interested in more information about the position, visit discoverbethel.com/jobs. Inquiries can be sent to hr@discoverbethel.com

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK** is a partnership of 15 church-based agencies working together to end global hunger. Farmers in this area grow crops which are specifically harvested for donation to the food grains bank. The Foodgrains bank provides emergency food assistance and long-term development in over 30 countries annually with the help of over 100 international partners.
For more information→ <https://foodgrainsbank.ca/>

NEXT WEEK – BENEVOLENCE FUND is administered by the deacons, who work in collaboration with staff, elders, and trusted ministry partners, to help to provide food or financial resources for those in need in our congregation and community. Please contact a deacon if you or someone you know requires assistance.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

RANDALL HUISMAN and **ANNETE TSANG'S** sister, **CATHY VISSCHER**, went to be with the Lord this past week. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Please pray for **CHARLIE TSANG** who will be having surgery this week.

RANDY SNEEP sends thanks for your prayers, visits, phone calls and messages. Your encouragement has been welcome as he recovers.

Please continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN, JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA, and JEAN SAATHOF** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME CHANGE REMINDER: Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3, 2024. Please don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

HARVEST FEST: Bethel! Thank you so much for volunteering and donating and coming out and helping make harvest fest a big success!!! Over 300 kids passed through our 16 trunks! Along with their adults, the kids enjoyed hot chocolate, Italian center donuts, cookies, popcorn, pumpkin decorating, a photo station, a fire truck, and games inside!

ADVENT CANDLES: Advent begins December 1, 2024. If you want to order an Advent Candle holder you can do this by emailing lisa@discoverbethel.com. This comes with the wooden Candle holder, 5 Candles, and information to help guide you through lighting these candles every week. Orders need to be in by November 5, 2024. The cost is \$20.

MEN'S MINISTRY: The next breakfast gathering will be on November 16. Register [here](#). In between these gatherings, we're organizing conversation groups, discussing a book, Fighting Shadows (by Jon Tyson and Jefferson Bethke). If you'd like to read with you us, you can purchase your own copy [here](#). If you'd like to join a conversation group, email Pastor Cris (cris@discoverbethel.com).

WOMEN'S EVENT – A CRAFTY CHRISTMAS: Do you love delicious food and getting your craft on? Join us on Sunday December 1st from 2:30-5:00 P.M. at Bethel Community Church to enjoy tasty appetizers, unwind, get crafty and mingle with the women of Bethel. Each women attending will receive a box with all that you need to paint and put together 3 beautiful layered wooden ornaments made locally in Canada. The cost for this event is \$25. This is a great event to invite a neighbor, friend or family member to join - the more the merrier! Please register [here](#). The registration deadline is November 24th.

BETHLEHEM COMES TO BANNERMAN: A Christmas Dinner Theatre will have two showings on Saturday, December 14th. We would like to invite you to get involved. Please see the bulletin board across from the mailboxes to sign-up: be part of the drama team, hospitality team, food prep and kitchen teams, or set-up/clean-up teams. We look forward to joyfully serving the community together!

BOOK TABLE: As Evert & Linda Vroon prepare to move, they would like to offer their collection of books to the congregation. Please visit the tables at the back of the sanctuary and feel free to take the books that interest you. Donations to Bethel Kids Club are invited.

MEMBER LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE RENT: A quiet woman in our congregation is looking to rent (shared accommodations) in a Christian home on the Northeast side of the city. If you are interested in offering her a place to live, please e-mail the office at info@discoverbethel.com.

DEACON REQUEST: We have a family that has recently moved into a home and is looking for some help to furnish it. The furniture items that are needed are a couch, queen bed, double bed, and any kind of bedding with that size of bed (pillow, pillowcases, sheets, blankets). If you have any of these items and are willing to donate, please email info@discoverbethel.com.

BETHEL YOUTH

PAUL & PANCAKES CONTINUES! Next meeting is Sunday, November 17 during the service.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

November 3	Canadian Food Grains Bank
November 10	Benevolence Fund
November 17	Bethel World Mission Vision – Seeds of New Creation
November 24	Ministry Shares

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, November 3

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person and live stream
11:30 a.m. Soup-er Sunday & Buns!

MONDAY, November 4

7:00 p.m. Prayer - Zoom

TUESDAY, November 5

5:00 p.m. Dove Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. GEMS
7:00 p.m. Life Groups

WEDNESDAY, November 6

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and zoom
9:30 a.m. Oasis
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, November 7

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

FRIDAY, November 8

SATURDAY, November 9

COMMUNITY NEWS

KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION is grateful for a very successful event on October 18th, with over \$24,000 raised! All funds will go directly to the KHC medical and mental health programs in Cambodia! Thank you to all who supported KHC and we thank God for blessing this ministry.

DUNAMIS ESSENTIALS: This is an abridged version of each of the 6 Dunamis Projects, taken over 3 years, where we teach the content in a condensed time frame, either on-line or in-person. You will get to experience live teaching, small groups and worship together. Our goal is to make the Dunamis teachings more accessible to more people. Dunamis Essentials #1, **Gateways to Empowered Ministry**, is a core teaching on the person and works of the Holy Spirit, from a Biblical and reformed theological framework. This event as an in-person session, November 21-23, 2024, at the Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton. Registration deadline is November 8. Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

EMMANUEL HOME'S CHRISTMAS MARKET: is on Saturday, November 23, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. at Emmanuel Home (13433-57 Street). Bring your family and friends to enjoy a festive time of crafts, Dutch food, silent auction, and great fellowship! If you would like to rent a table to sell your crafts and wares contact Aria at aria@emmanuelhome.ca, 780-822-1274. Join our online auction from November 18 – 22 on www.32auctions.com/emmanuelhome2024. If you would like to donate to the silent auction or online auction, please contact us at 780-478-2051. See you there!

GOSPEL-INSPIRED ORGAN CONCERT AT THE WINSPEAR: Alcee Chriss III, winner of the 2017 Bach Prize as well as First Prize in the Canadian International Organ Competition, is an internationally acclaimed organist. The son of a minister, he was raised listening to gospel music, and his interest in the organ started from watching shows like Hour of Power. Mr. Chriss hasn't forgotten his roots, and his current performances are infused with gospel inspirations. His upcoming performance on Sunday, November 24, will feature classic pieces like the Organ Concerto in D Minor by Bach, as well as more contemporary pieces like Improvisation on "Over the Rainbow", by Harold Arlen. For more information and to buy tickets click [here](#).

THE MUSTARD SEED – 9TH ANNUAL FAMILY GIFT CENTRE: We created the Family Gift Centre where low-income families can purchase Christmas gifts at our pop-up toy shop for \$2. We believe no family should have to choose between putting food on the table and giving their children the joy of unwrapping a present on Christmas morning. You can be a part of this incredible event in several ways:

- Donate New Toys: We're looking for new toys for ages 0 – 18 years (toys will need to be collected and delivered by December 3rd)
- Monetary Donations: Your financial support will help us stock the shop with a wide variety of gifts. Sponsorship opportunities available.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Multiple volunteer shifts available.

If you have any questions, please e-mail sarahwhittaker@theseed.ca.

HOMELESS TO HOPE: Join Hope Mission on Thursday, November 7th, 7:00PM at West Meadows Baptist Church (9333 199 St NW). It's going to be a really interesting night; we'll have a presentation about life on the streets during the winter and how you can help care for those in need. Some of our dedicated front-line staff will also share about the work they're doing. Then, you'll get to hear a personal story from someone who went from homelessness to hope thanks to the support of people like you.

U of A CHAPLAINS' FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS Start this Christmas in reverent reflection and anticipation on Monday, December 2 • 7:30 PM. Join in this festive tradition heralding Advent and Christmas through lessons, anthems and carols! Thrill to the music of the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus and Handbell Ringers. Sing Christmas carols and hear scripture readings alongside hundreds of others - a wholesome night out, a genuine highlight. Tickets are \$25 (plus some admin fees) and can be purchased online from Winspear or by calling the Box Office at 780.428.1414.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE Are you or someone you know looking to make a meaningful impact while growing professionally in a Christ-centered environment? We have exciting news—the Pregnancy Care Centre is expanding, and we're looking for passionate individuals to join our mission! We currently have openings for Client Services Director, a Community Education Coordinator, a Receptionist and 2 Board Members. Please visit <https://www.pregnancycarecentre.ca/hiring/>

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE (March 28 - April 8, 2025): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN TURKEY & THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION (May 27 - June 8, 2025): Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

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](#).

CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH UPDATE: Classis Alberta North is the regional assembly of all the Christian Reformed Churches from Red Deer in the south to Fairview and Fort McMurray in the north. On October 18 & 19, the Classis met in Lacombe, with the Wolf Creek Community Church serving as generous hosts.

This was a difficult meeting in which we faced the varied responses to the directives of Synod in matters relating to the Human Sexuality Report. The delegates spent considerable time in a conversation of disclosure, giving each other the opportunity to share how the decisions of Synod are affecting the life of the congregations, hearing our joys and griefs as brothers and sisters, now and as we move forward.

Classis was saddened by the release from Ministry in the Christian Reformed Church of two of our pastors, Peter Rockhold of New Life Fellowship in Red Deer, and Chad Vandervalk of Woody Nook in Lacombe. The delegates also grieved the dissolution of the Northern Alberta Diaconal Conference which has in the past been a wonderful resource to our deacons.

Of course, there were also celebrations. The delegates were reminded of the important work of the Student Support Committee which provides grants and encouragement to persons studying for ministry in the churches. Our Home Missions Committee energized the delegates with their vision for church planting.

Pastor Ken Vis and four young adult leaders from various CRCs led in a discussion about ministry to young adults. This past spring they launched a website, www.TheLinkCommunity.ca, with the hope that this can be a tool that is used Classis-wide for young adults to connect what is going on in our churches.

This is just a quick summary. Please talk to your congregation's delegates to Classis for more information.

Gary Duthler, Stated Clerk of Classis