

September 13, 2024

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we continue our sermon series, *Everyday Disciples*, exploring the lives of Jesus' first disciples through the Gospel of Matthew. Shortly after Jesus called his first followers, Matthew tells us that "his disciples came to him, and he began to teach them." (Matthew 5:1-2). The identity of Jesus is key to the mystery of what Jesus teaches. We cannot learn what Jesus has to teach us, if we are not willing to follow him, and it is only by following Jesus that we learn what the character of an everyday disciple looks like.

The message this Sunday will focus on Matthew 5:1-10, "Follow to Learn."

## OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION:** As Resonate, we bring the Gospel to people, neighborhoods, communities, churches, and the world to embolden them in participating in God's mission and faithfully proclaiming and living out the good news of Jesus.

**NEXT WEEK – THE EDMONTON NATIVE HEALING CENTRE** empowers individuals to grow stronger and creates vibrant community relationships while honoring our culture through Spiritual development centered in the heart of the Creator.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

**PASTOR WENDY** will have a surgery next week. Following the procedure, she will be away on leave allowing her time to recover. First, please pray for the surgery and her recovery. Two, if you'd like to offer some additional support, you can help with bringing a meal by signing up [here](#).

Please continue to remember **JEAN SAATHOF, CURTIS COENEN, LORETTA HUIZINGA, GERRY & JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA, EVANS KOTIO, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP, and SAM VEENSTRA** as you pray for our church community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SINGERS:** Are you interested in singing in a Thanksgiving, Easter, or Christmas Choir? Message [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com) for information to see if you are interested! No experience required.

**GARDEN HARVEST TABLE:** The time of year has come again when many of us are starting to enjoy the produce from our gardens. We have now set up our Harvest Table. This is an opportunity for those avid gardeners among us to be able to share their excess produce with fellow Bethelites. If you would like to contribute, drop off your produce at the table by the elevators before the worship service; everyone is free to pick up items that they like after the service. Bring your own bags and continue to be both blessed and a blessing in our community.

**PODCAST COMING:** In a few weeks, we'll be launching a weekly Question and Response podcast. This podcast is aimed to help you grow, follow Jesus, and encourage you in your discipleship. If you have a question for one of our pastors, whether big or small, please send it to [media@discoverbethel.com](mailto:media@discoverbethel.com). Make sure you're following our podcast wherever you find your podcasts, so you don't miss out when we release a new episode. You can also find these on our website [here](#).

**OASIS - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We will be meeting Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:00 a.m. starting September 18, 2024. The first meeting will be a brunch potluck giving us time to get to know each other, so bring a treat or dish to share. Childcare is available, a nursery for babies ages 0-3, and a preschool class for ages 3-6.

The bible study that we will begin this year with is called *Thrive - Living Faithfully in Difficult Times* by Jennifer Cowart. A description of the book: In *Thrive*, author and teacher Jen Cowart helps women develop the habits and attitudes necessary to thrive, whatever their circumstances. Leading readers through the Book of James, a letter written about enduring hardships, she lifts up six characteristics of mature Christians. If this is something that you would be interested in, please register [here](#) or join the women of Bethel Church for fun and fellowship on September 18!

**CALLING ALL MEN!** Join us for food and fellowship Saturday, September 21 at 9 a.m. Click [here](#) to register.

**DISCOVER BETHEL MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Join us September 22, 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, registering by clicking [here](#).

**GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior):** is starting an exciting year of fellowship, Bible study, badge work, crafts and more. GEMS meets every other Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning September 24. Girls in grade 2-9 are invited to come build skills together, experience God's love and grow in their faith. The registration fee for the year is \$50 per girl. Register your girls [here](#). For more information, visit [discoverbethel.com](http://discoverbethel.com) or contact Selikke Duthler at [kids@discoverbethel.com](mailto:kids@discoverbethel.com).

**CADETS** is a group for boys in grades 2-6 that meets every second Tuesday from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. Our first meeting will be a registration night on October 1. Through badge work, games, and physical activities, this group of boys build relationships, gain skills, and become more Christ-like in all areas of their lives. The registration fee is \$55 per cadet, and \$35 to buy a shirt. Click [here](#) to register or join us on September 24.

**LIFE GROUPS (Because we are doing life together!)** October 1 we are starting "Life Groups" -small groups of people who choose to study together for an intentional amount of time - about 6 to 8 weeks. In that time, we encourage you to study the Bible together, have at least one potluck meal together, and consider a project that will have you serving together (i.e. volunteer at the Mustard Seed or Habitat for Humanity).

**Life Groups** will meet at the church (there will not be childcare available) unless a participant offers for the group to meet in their home.

**Life Groups** can use small group studies from the Bethel Library, choose on-line studies from RightNow Media, or take part in the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality course.

For more information or to register to be part of a Life Group please click [here](#).

## **BETHEL YOUTH**

**PAUL & PANCAKES CONTINUES!** We will host our first fall Paul and Pancakes on September 15 during the second half of the worship service. We plan to continue the rhythm of hosting this on the 3rd Sunday of the month – so mark your calendars!

**BETHEL YOUTH PARENT MEETING:** On September 15, (the same Sunday as Paul and Pancakes), there will be Bethel Youth parent meeting in the chapel after worship. Youth are also welcome to attend. Our goal for this is to start some intentional conversations with parents about what Bethel Youth should look like this fall and beyond. We also encourage families to fill out a survey [here](#) as part of a review for this ministry. If you have any questions, or are not able to attend, please email Pastor Cris ([cris@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cris@discoverbethel.com)) who can keep you updated about the review process.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

September 1	Tuition Relief
September 8	Alpha Canada
September 15	Resonate Global Mission
September 22	Edmonton Native Healing Centre
September 29	Ministry Shares

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, September 15

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person and live stream  
10:00 a.m. Paul & Pancakes  
11:30 a.m. Youth Meeting

### MONDAY, September 16

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

### TUESDAY, September 17

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo  
7:00 p.m. Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

### WEDNESDAY, September 18

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

### THURSDAY, September 19

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

### FRIDAY, September 20

### SATURDAY, September 21

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**MINISTRY TO SEAFARERS:** Would your school or Sunday School class be interested in making cards for this year's Christmas at Sea gifts? Seafarers so appreciate the cards! Ministry to Seafarers aims to put a card with a personal note in as many gifts as possible. If you are interested, contact Gary Roosma by email [crcvanportchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:crcvanportchaplain@gmail.com) for more information. It's a great way to introduce students to this ministry, and to get them involved.

**FAMILY CHATS:** September 25, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at Inglewood Christian Reformed Church: The Topic is *Synod 2024 and Where Do We Go from Here?* We have invited our Classis delegates, Rev Henry Kranenburg, Rev. Ken Douma, Art Van Loo, and Daniel Harder to report on the important events at Synod and the key decisions made. Based on their observations and understanding, we have asked them to reflect on where this leaves our churches, especially those who sent overtures, and communications, and where we go next. This is a live event and all are invited and encouraged to attend. It will also be livestreamed on the YouTube Channel of Inglewood CRC – click [here](#).

**NAVIGATING YOUR WAY THROUGH STRESS:** This is a free support group for adults hosted by Cornerstone Counselling, made possible through generous funding from the City of Edmonton. This uniquely-tailored workshop series is designed to support skill-building to help you more effectively manage stress and regain a sense of self-empowerment. The group focuses on building awareness regarding how stress manifests in our bodies and ways to better cope in managing emotional distress, boundaries, self-compassion, and mindfulness. Groups begin in October or November. Click [here](#) for more details or to register.

**KING'S UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: The King's University Harvest Banquet** – The King's University has been providing Christian university education since 1979. You've helped shape the past. Now you're helping shape the future. Join us on Saturday, October 5 from 5-9pm on campus as we celebrate, together for 45 Years. RSVP by September 20 at [kingsu.ca/banquet](https://kingsu.ca/banquet) or by calling 780-465-8314.

**NADC REFUGEE WORKSHOP AND SHARING SESSION:** We invite all deacons, others involved in working with refugees and all interested to join us on Wednesday, October 9 at 7 pm at West End CRC. Martine Ooms, long time refugee coordinator at Inglewood CRC, will lead us in a time of learning and discussion on refugee sponsorship in our churches. We will also have a time of sharing best diaconal experiences and practices in our congregations. We look forward to a good evening of learning and sharing together.

If possible, send us an email at [yournadc@gmail.com](mailto:yournadc@gmail.com) or call Jeremy Stork at 780-722-9388 by October 7 so we can plan refreshments. All are welcome!

**EDMONTON FOOD BANK:** The Edmonton food bank has a number of fundraising events and food drives over the summer and fall. September 19, join an Evening with Martin Kerr, a local musician, or consider attending the annual Harvest Luncheon on October 24. More details for and tickets for these and other events can be found at their website; click [here](#).

**KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION:** Please join the 10th annual Live and Silent Auction fundraiser on Friday, October 18, 2024! There will be live music by Erin Kay, as well as refreshments, awesome auction items and exciting updates on Kindred Hearts Cambodia programs! The event will be held at a new, larger venue, the Woodvale Community Facility (Millwoods Golf Course), and early bird tickets are now on sale for only \$20, until September 20th. You can purchase tickets at [eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca) or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. See you there!

**DIG A WELL IN KENYA FUNDRAISER:** Frank and Carolyn Van Boom were on a mission trip to Kenya this past year. They are helping to raise funds to dig a well in an impoverished area in Kenya. Please join them in advancing God's kingdom by coming to our fundraising dinner on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Trinity CRC. There will be live music, delicious food and a silent auction. The cost is \$30.00. Feel free to email Carolyn at [fcvanboom@gmail.com](mailto:fcvanboom@gmail.com) if you have any questions or to RSVP. Carolyn is also able to take e-transfer, cheque or cash.

**ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE:** We are excited to extend a special invitation and a challenge to you for our **annual Evening of Dreams Gala**, taking place at the Evario Events Centre, October 18, 2024. The Evening of Dreams Gala is a tangible way to come alongside the most vulnerable women and children and show that they are not alone, but rather have a community of people who believe in them. For more details and to purchase your table, visit [adeara.ca/gala](https://adeara.ca/gala). We would love to have you join us.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY POSITION AT COVENANT CRC:** If you have a passion for children and helping them to grow and develop in their relationship with Jesus and have a background in early childhood development / children's ministry, we encourage you to apply for the new Children's Discipleship Leader position at Covenant CRC. This position will oversee children aged 0 to grade 4 and is part time (up to 20 hours per week.) Please email [cdlsearch@covenantcommunity.ca](mailto:cdlsearch@covenantcommunity.ca) to express interest or for further information.

**EMMANUEL HOME – JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** Emmanuel Home, a Christian Seniors Home that provides facilities and care in a Christian community, requires a Maintenance Lead (FT) and a Maintenance Aide (Temporary) to begin soon. The Maintenance department at Emmanuel Home ensures that the facility is maintained in excellent condition, both inside and out. Please go to [emmanuelhome.ca](https://emmanuelhome.ca) for details about qualifications, responsibilities and how to apply.

**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](mailto: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](#).