

October 10, 2025

O THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we are taking break from our *Habits of the Church* series for Thanksgiving Weekend. As we gather with friends and family, we invite you to reflect on God's grace and generosity. This is the approach Paul takes in his letter to Philemon as he addressed conflict in the church but also the good things he sees God is doing. Paul's example shows us that God's grace helps us speak, truth, love and life to each other, especially in the midst of challenging situations.

The message this Sunday will focus on Paul's Letter to Philemon, "Truth, Love and Life."

*If you would like to look into the context of Philemon in preparation for Sunday, we recommend The Bible Project overview, <u>here</u>.

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION: The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) EDMONTON FOOD BANK: EDMONTON FOOD BANK provides food, free of charge, to those experiencing hunger through a variety of effective distribution methods throughout the city. The food bank runs hamper programs and meals and snacks programs through a variety of locations throughout the city. The money collected allows the food bank to purchase bulk food at a discounted rate for use in the programs they run. For more information→edmontonsfoodbank.com

COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER

October 5 World Renew October 12 Food Bank

October 19 Canadian Food Grains Bank

October 26 Ministry Shares

OCHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Continue to remember CALLIE (niece to Becky and Michael) CURTIS COENEN, MARIJKE COUVREUR, SYLVIA MILFORD, JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA and JEAN SAATHOF as you pray for our church community. Also remember GRACE VLEEMING as she had surgery this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Our next Men's Breakfast will be on October 25. Please sign up here to save your spot for this great meal!

CADETS: Cadets is a group for boys in grade 2-6. Cadets meets every second Tuesday from 7:00-8:30pm from October – May. Our first Cadets night is October 14. 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. Click here for more information and to register.

HARVEST FEST: Our annual Harvest Fest and Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Saturday, October 25th from 2-4pm. It's guaranteed to be fun for the whole family, and it's another great way to connect with our neighbours. To make this event a success Bethel, we need YOU! There are all sorts of ways you can contribute. You can – donate candy, decorate your trunk (we need at least 12-14 trunks) and hand out candy, serve popcorn and cookies, or hot chocolate, and more. Please click here to sign up. If you have any questions, please email Pastor Cathy at cathy@discoverbethel.com.

PROFESSION OF FAITH: This class will prepare you to publicly affirm your faith in Jesus Christ and is a step towards church membership. If you would like to learn what it means to follow Jesus Christ and live as a member of his church, please consider taking this course. It is open to all youth and adults and will be led by Camila Lazarotto (Director of Youth Ministries) and Pastor Wendy Werkman. The dates for the classes are November 18, 25, and December 2 from 7:00 – 9:00 at Bethel Church. Click here to sign up.

Ø GET INVOLVED

BETHEL KIDS: Our Bethel Kids sessions are only possible with a team of adults working together, sharing God's word and showing his love to these awesome children. We currently need 2 more people for our check-in desk, 4-5 more adults for the nursery team, and several adult and teen helpers for the various classrooms. For more information and to join our team, visit discoverbethel.com/bethelkids

SMALL GROUPS: We invite you to sign up to be a part of something special! Small groups are where we grow in our faith in Jesus, support one another in times of need and welcome others on the journey of faith. Groups are home based and typically work through a bible study, have faith discussions and share joys & needs and pray for one another. Click here to learn more or sign up!

SMALL GROUP FOR MEN: If you would like to be involved in a weekly small group, there's an opportunity for you! Connect with Kevin Magnes at 780-475-6520. This group meets every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at 2011-137 Avenue.

BETHEL SENIORS: West End seniors invite Bethel seniors to a lunch and concert on Saturday, November 1, at West End CRC. Join us for a boerenkool (farmer's potato stew), sausage and salad lunch (alternate chicken pasta) and then enjoy a performance by the Joyful Noise Children's Choir. Cost \$15.00/person. Doors open at 12:00. For more information or to RSVP please contact Rosa at 780-484-3884 or rmzee@shaw.ca before Tuesday, October 28. Donations will be gratefully accepted for Rehoboth Christian Ministries.

BETHEL YOUTH

YOUTH TONIGHT: There is no youth October 10. Our next youth night will be October 17 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We'd love you to join us.

OCCUPY OF THE COMMUNITY NEWS

LIGHTHOUSE: You're invited to our open house Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 1:00–4:00 p.m. This is a relaxed, self-guided tour — a chance to drop in, explore the space, meet the team, and learn about upcoming programs. Whether you're curious about what Lighthouse offers or simply want to connect, we'd love to see you there. Light refreshments will be available, and no RSVP is needed. All are welcome! Location: Lighthouse - 11425 St. Albert Trail.

DUNAMIS FELLOWSHIP CANADA: Dunamis Essentials will be hosted at Bethel Community Church October 16-18. Registration for The Power of Prayer is now open. Click here for more information.

EMMANUEL SENIORS LIVING SOCIETY: The latest edition of ECHO, our quarterly newsletter, is now available. Find it online at https://esls.ca/about/echonewsletter/ or email society@esls.ca to request a copy. This is a special edition launching our Fall Support Campaign. Please consider how you can help!

KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION: Please join Kindred Hearts Cambodia Foundation at their 11th annual Fundraiser Gala & Silent Auction on Friday, October 17, 2025! There will be amazing food, live entertainment, a 50/50 draw and great company! Come out for a fun evening, while supporting the KHC programs in remote Cambodia. The event will be at the Woodvale Community Facility (Millwoods Golf Course Clubhouse) and tickets are available at <u>eventbrite.ca</u> or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. See you there!

FAR EAST BROADCASTING: You are invited to Far East Broadcasting's Friendship Dinner! Listen to guest speaker Joshua Chan, manager of FEBC Khmu Ministries. Dinner is complimentary, but **reservations are required**. Please RSVP before October 19, 2025 by calling 1-800-565-3322 ext 175.

Two dates are available: **Date**: Friday October 24, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Shepherd's Care 12603-135 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB

Or

Date: Sunday October 26, 2025

Time: 1:15 pm

Where: Holiday Inn 4485 Gateway Blvd, Edmonton, AB

REHOBOTH: Rehoboth's fall edition of *Flourish* has arrived, and October is Rehoboth's Annual Donation Drive to become a Friend of Rehoboth! While reading the newsletter at www.rcmflourish.ca, we welcome your prayerful consideration to partner with our ministry in supporting persons with developmental disabilities. Donations of any size are appreciated and help us grow our reach. A digital online submission is available through https://www.rcmflourish.ca/donate/donation-form/

FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH: Our refugee committee is hosting a concert as our annual fundraiser. As always, this event raises awareness about refugee issues and seeks to raise funds to settle refugees in Edmonton. Join us for a night of heartfelt music with Dave von Bieker on November 1, 2025, at the Parkdale Cromdale Community League, 11335 – 85 St. Edmonton. Von Bieker plays indie folk that haunts your heart with small stories and big questions. To learn more about him or hear his music go to his website at https://www.vonbieker.com/. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased on Eventbrite here. For each ticket sold, the purchaser will receive a \$25 receipt for a charitable tax donation. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages are complimentary.

ROOM FOR RENT: A family member of our church community has two single rooms available for rent at \$700/room with a required damage deposit of \$200. Preferably looking for students or working adults. Quiet home and neighbourhood with two small dogs. Utilities as well as internet included. Shared bathroom and laundry. Rooms are partly furnished. Close access to bus and LRT routes. House rules must be followed and will be discussed at rental interview. Serious inquiries only, references are an asset. Contact 780.802.8095 or 780.221.7774.

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.

1 THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, October 12

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

MONDAY, October 13

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, October 14

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Cadets

WEDNESDAY, October 15

6:30 a.m. Prayer-In-person & Zoom

9:30 a.m. Oasis

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, October 16

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m Dunamis Conference

FRIDAY, October 17

9:00 a.m. Dunamis Conference

7:00 p.m. Bethel Youth

SATURDAY, October 18

9:00 a.m. Dunamis Conference