



April 7, 2024

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday starts 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.

We begin by looking at what it means to embrace **Life Together** in community. Though there are many of us, we belong together as one body since we all have been found in Christ. Christ's love compels us to pursue, build, and participate in an authentic community. A community of belonging in Jesus. If this is true, then *why do so many of us often feel so isolated?* The truth is we have some “house building” to do when it comes to our relationships so that we better reflect, practice, and share Jesus with one another. We must seek our community to flow out of intentional unity in Christ, and not human desires.

The message this Sunday will focus on Romans 12:4-16, “Life Together.”

## OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **MINISTRY SHARES:** Supports various CRC initiatives that send missionaries around the world, start new churches, train pastors and leaders, and use media to spread the gospel. Visit [crcna.org/ministryshares](http://crcna.org/ministryshares) to learn more about how your ministry share gifts are making a difference.

**NEXT WEEK – 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.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember **EVERT VROON** in your prayers as he is scheduled for a hip replacement this coming Wednesday, April 10.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ORDINATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR CATHY:** Join us Sunday, April 14, during the morning worship service, for the ordination of Pastor Cathy Ferchau as a Minister of the Word.

**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 for a value. 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](http://discoverbethel.com/belong).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men of Bethel, we would love to have you join us this Saturday, April 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel for food and fellowship. Please register [here](#). We are looking forward to seeing you!

**FAMILY WORSHIP MEET 'n' EAT (aka Family Worship Camp):** Families with children under 18, come join us Sunday, April 14, right after the service, for our next Family Worship Meet 'n' Eat. After enjoying lunch together, we will split into learning groups for parents, teens, and children. Parents will be discovering ways to help children and teens connect with God with a focus on nature and the senses. The teens will prayerfully reflect on the elements of communion, and the children will be exploring nature together. Childcare is available for 3 and under. For more information and to sign up, click [here](#).

**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](#).

**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](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com) for any questions.

**FROM THE DEACONS:** A single mother, from the Karen community, recently widowed, with two pre-teen girls is in need of clothing for her girls. If you have clean and gently used spring/summer girls' clothing items in sizes 11/12 and 13/14 or footwear size 4.5 please contact Eleanor Prokuda at 780-886-9804. Items can be placed in a box under the mailboxes. Gift cards to purchase new items would also be welcome.

## BETHEL YOUTH

**NOW HIRING:** Do you have a passion for reaching and working with children or youth in our community. Bethel is hiring two interns to help run our summer programs for children and youth. These positions are 35 hours a week, from May 21 to August 23, 2024 (dates and hours subject to change based on receipt of funding from the Canada Summer Jobs Grant). Applications will be accepted until April 12, 2024. For more information and to apply, go to [discoverbethel.com/jobs](https://discoverbethel.com/jobs).

## 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](https://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](mailto:accounting@discoverbethel.com).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**BRIDGE CHURCH NEWS:** Raymond Evans will be installed as a Commissioned Pastor on April 14 at 10:00 a.m. at Bridge Church.

**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](http://www.joyfulnoisechoir.ca) or [www.rcmflourish.ca](http://www.rcmflourish.ca).

**AVENUE CHURCH** is hosting a Standing Stones worship service on Sunday, April 7 at 9:30 AM at Lodgepole Communitas (11725-93 St.) This is a Christ-centred service that infuses Cree tradition into Christian ceremony as an act of both worship and reconciliation. Father Travis Enright from St. Faith's Anglican will be leading the service. All are welcome!

**DUNAMIS FELLOWSHIP CANADA:** Igniting Revival in the Power of the Holy Spirit - Come join us April 10-13 at the Providence Renewal Centre. This event aims to equip individuals and small teams to cooperate with Jesus to see outpourings of the Holy Spirit, which could lead to revival and the Next Great Awakening. For tickets click [here](#).

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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: King's Cantorum and Chamber Singers** present "I Believe" on Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 10025-105 Street. The concert will conclude with a performance of two songs by a King's Alumni Choir. Anyone who has ever sung with King's Choirs is most welcome to join. The Alumni Choir will rehearse from 6:00-7:00 pm immediately before the concert. Contact Melanie Turgeon ([melanie.turgeon@kingsu.ca](mailto:melanie.turgeon@kingsu.ca)) for full details and to receive the repertoire. The concert will celebrate the retirements of Dr. Joachim Segger and Elizabeth Raycroft. Tickets are available from Eventbrite at [tkubelieve.eventbrite.ca](http://tkubelieve.eventbrite.ca) or at the door: \$20/general; \$10/seniors & non-King's students; \$5/alumni and children under 12; King's Students FREE with valid ID; Free tickets to all King's Current and Retired Faculty and Staff.

**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](http://kingsu.ca/camps).

**PRISON FELLOWSHIP CANADA – ANGEL TREE CAMPING** program connects church communities and individuals with the families of prisoners through a Summer Camp experience. Children get 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](http://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](mailto:thestudionschool@gmail.com) or [rev.klok@gmail.com](mailto: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 7**

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

### **MONDAY, April 8**

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

6:45 p.m. Council Meetings

### **TUESDAY, April 9**

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. ALPHA The Marriage Course

7:00 p.m. GEMS

### **WEDNESDAY, April 10**

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and zoom

9:30 a.m. Oasis

7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, April 11**

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

### **FRIDAY, April 12**

### **SATURDAY, April 13**

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast