

June 30, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we wrap up our series through the letters to the Thessalonians, *Built Different*, by looking at Paul's final blessing: May the Lord of peace give you peace at all times and in every way. While this is a common way Paul ends many of his letters, we should not miss its importance. As people who are called to follow God, we must live into peace for the present and future. This peace comes from close relationship with God and results in a grace-led ownership that we are equipped to make a difference in a world of pain and struggle. Receive God's blessing and presence; step forward with peace and grace.

The message this Sunday will focus on 2 Thessalonians 3:16-18, "Living Towards Peace."

Following the message, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. During the next few summer months, we plan to celebrate this differently.

For those attending in-person, please stay in your seats, 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.

We look forward to celebrating Christ's meal of grace with you Sunday. Please 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) **THE KING'S UNIVERSITY:** Located in Edmonton, The King's University offers exceptional liberal arts education (in business, teaching, natural and computing science, government, industry, and more), from a Christian perspective and serves students from across Canada and around the world. Building a Christian learning community where all belong and flourish has been a top priority for the university since it was founded in 1979. King's is known for its vibrant tight-knit campus; student-professor ratio; accessible academic, mental health, and wellness supports; faculty availability outside of the classroom; and as a place where life-long friendships are formed each year.

NEXT WEEK – 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.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

We are excited to celebrate the baptism of **JAMES AARON ARTURO WRIGHT**, son of Nate and Melanie Wright, next Sunday, July 7. The water in baptism is a sign and seal of God's covenant love for James, which testifies to the truth "we love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). Join us in praising God for how the Good News has already blessed this family and commit with us to loving and supporting them in their faith.

Bethel Prayer Focus: Please continue to remember **JANNY BARTHEL, CURTIS COENEN, JENNY PENFOLD, DON PROKUDA, ELEANOR PROKUDA, EVANS KOTIO, JANE SHULTZ, CELINE SIGVALDASON, and JILL SNEEP** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER AT BETHEL: We are excited to join with you in the change of season and rhythms that come with summer. Here is a heads up about few items we will be featuring this Summer.

1. **Preaching and Worship:** We will be featuring a sermon series, starting July 7, called Sabbath in the Psalms. We want to invite and encourage you to embrace this Summer as a time of rest and fun with God. Worship with us this Summer with the same posture that Augustine prayed, worship with us this Summer: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”
2. **Praying through the Summer:** This summer we ask you to pray for a specific part of Bethel’s ministry and community each week, lifting up areas of need and opportunity for the ministry, while interceding for current and desired leadership teams. We’ll send out an email every Tuesday reminding you of the prayer emphasis for the week and noting a few specific ways you can pray. So, whether you’re in town or out of town, please pray with us! Note: If you want to receive these prayer reminders, please make sure you are on our weekly email list. The prayer schedule will be posted on our [summer](#) page.
3. **Check out our upcoming events through the summer:** Youth Camp (starting July 22) and Kids Camp (starting August 16). All sign-ups are open. You can find details on our [events](#) and [summer](#) pages.

NOTE FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY FOLLOWING SYNOD: Please click [here](#) to read the letter.

CANADA DAY: On Monday, July 1st from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Bethel is hosting a FREE Canada day celebration! We will celebrate with games, food, live music, face painting, and more! We would love to see you there!

HELP WANTED: The ministry fair featured specific opportunities to use your gifts, talents, and abilities to serve Bethel and our community. There are also summer ministries that require support and assistance. The Help Wanted board is in the back of the sanctuary. Please take a look and consider how you can play your part in the life of the church. Sign up by using the QR code or clicking [here](#).

Keep reading to learn about how you can serve in a variety of ways right now!

BETHEL KIDS NEEDS YOU! During the summer we give our regular Bethel Kids leaders a break for July and August, so we need you to come hang out with the children on Sundays. This is a less structured program with a video lesson, quiet toys, and coloring. Age 3 - Grade 4 will stay together in the Chapel. We need a minimum of 3 adult supervisors each Sunday to maintain safety ratios as well as some nursery caregivers. Sign up at the check in desk for the Sundays that work for you.

CHURCH FAMILY & MEXICO TEAM POTLUCK: July 7th, after the Sunday Worship Service, we will be having a potluck BBQ at the church. We want our Bethel Family to meet the team from Mexico & share fellowship with one another over a meal. Hot dogs will be provided; please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. No need to sign-up, just join us after the service and get to know the team!

KIDS CAMP: Bethel is hosting a weeklong summer Kid’s Camp for ages 4-10 on August 12-16. The theme for this year is Camp Firelight; A summer camp adventure with God. The week will be filled with daily bible stories, crafts, games, and much more! To sign up to volunteer please register online [here](#). Registration is also open for children to attend. To do so, please register online [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please email Kaitlyn@discoverbethel.com.

FINANCE CHAIRPERSON NEEDED: we are seeking an individual to take on the role of Chairperson for our Finance Team. This position helps ensure our church’s financial matters are managed effectively. If you feel called to this position, or if you have any questions about this position, please email clerk@discoverbethel.com.

TREASURER NEEDED: we are also seeking an individual to take on the role of Treasurer of Bethel. This position ensures our church’s financial matters are handled with integrity and transparency. If you feel called to this position, or if you have any questions about this position, please email clerk@discoverbethel.com.

NEW BIBLE READING PLAN - THE WISDOM OF PROVERBS by the Bible Project: July 6 begins our 32-day journey revisiting Proverbs. The Book of Proverbs claims that God’s own wisdom has been woven into the fabric of the universe, and you are invited to participate. What’s the wise choice when it comes to relationships and money and work, the stuff of day-to-day life? This plan will walk you through Proverbs step by step as you train your heart to discern the wise way forward. Find the plan [here](#). To join Bethel’s Reading Group on the app, email Pastor Wendy at wendy@discoverbethel.com.

BETHEL YOUTH

YOUTH & MEXICO TEAM CAMPING TRIP: Join us as we experience God’s Creation at the Kootenay Plains Provincial Recreation Area near Nordegg. This overnight camping trip, July 4-5, with our Mexico Mission Team is for youth currently in grades 7-12. If you are excited to join us, and especially if you are a youth looking to go down to Mexico on a trip next year, please sign up or email zach@discoverbethel.com with questions. For a tentative schedule and packing list, and to sign-up please visit [Youth Summer Camping Trip 2024 \(cognitofirms.com\)](https://cognitofirms.com).

YOUTH CAMP: From July 22-26 youth camp will be taking place at Bethel. We will be doing a variety of activities ranging from soccer to water fights, crafts and capture the flag. Come join us for a week of fun! Drop off will be at 10 a.m. and pick up will be at 3 p.m. each day, lunch will be provided. The cost for the week is \$20. For more information and to register click [here](#). If you are interested in helping with camp, please sign up [here](#). Reach out to Ayaan@discoverbethel.com with any questions, we would love to have your help!

PLOT IS STARTING AGAIN! PLOT, abbreviation for parking lot (original I know) is a drop in ministry that we run each summer for youth in the community. All youth, from grade 6-12 are welcome, and it takes place every Tues day night from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the church. We hang out, have a brief devotion, and spend our Tuesday nights playing games and having a good time together. Our first PLOT will be Tuesday July 2nd, I hope to see you there!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

COLLECTIONS IN July

- July 7 Ministry Shares
- July 14 Cornerstone Counselling
- July 21 Pregnancy Care Centre Edmonton
- July 28 Bethel World Mission - Vision Nehemiah Center

Please visit our website at 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.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, June 30

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

MONDAY, July 1

12:00 p.m. Canada Day Celebration
5:30 p.m. Prayer Potluck with Mexico Team

TUESDAY, July 2

2:00 p.m. Mobile Food Bank
7:00 p.m. PLOT

WEDNESDAY, July 3

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

THURSDAY, July 4

11:45 a.m. Youth Camping Trip – Departs from King’s
7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, July 5

9:30 p.m. Youth Camping Trip – Returns to Church

SATURDAY, July 6

COMMUNITY NEWS

EMMANUEL HOME IS HIRING! We are planning to hire a **Site Manager** at Emmanuel Home. This is a new mid-level manager role that we are excited to add to our management team. This addition is needed as we gear up to the transition of having a second site, the Lighthouse, which will open in early spring of 2025. If interested, contact Laura Pothoven by email at lpothoven@emmanuelhome.ca and be sure to check out our website [here](#) for more detailed information.

THE STUDIO SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION (<https://www.thestudionschool.com>) is now taking applications for their next cohort, beginning October 20, 2024. The Studio 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 or rev.klok@gmail.com to find out more. Fuel for the Heart; Food for the Soul.

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](#).