

October 08, 2023

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

**THIS SUNDAY:** We will be worshipping together through one service in person and over live stream at 10:00 a.m. To join us online, go to Bethel's home page and click on the button that says: "[Worship Online with Us.](#)"

We continue our sermon series, *The Good News*, this Sunday by looking at the next great speech in Acts, Peter's message in Cornelius' House. Peter is fresh off of a spirit-inspired vision about God's heart and plan to include the Gentiles in his family—all peoples. While Peter and the first followers of Jesus experience this vision with surprise, this intentional inclusion of the nations was predicted and promised throughout Scripture. We are often catching up to God's plan. Even when the Good News does what is unexpected (for us), it is always perfectly in line with God's will and heart. Cornelius and his whole house responds in faith to the Gospel. They received the Holy Spirit and were baptized thereafter. Even as God leads the church into new ways of welcoming others, the message about Jesus remains the same in its grace, in its focus, and its call to obedience.

The message this Sunday will focus on Acts 10, "The Good News Does the Unexpected."

## OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **EDMONTON FOOD BANK:** To be stewards in the collection of surplus and donated food for the effective distribution, free of charge, to people in need in our community, while seeking solutions to the causes of hunger.

**NEXT WEEK – DISABILITY CONCERNS:** Helps churches end the isolation and disconnectedness of persons with disabilities. It also encourages the gifts of people with disabilities so that they can serve God fully in their churches.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

**JANE SHULTZ** experienced a hard fall on Monday and broke her femur. Please pray for complete healing in her body.

**JOHN KOYU'S** father passed away on Wednesday, September 27. Please pray for John, Sandy, and their family as they mourn this loss.

Please pray for **PAULINE LENDEIN** as she recovers from heart surgery. Her recovery will take about three months, so our prayer is that she heals quickly and well.

Congratulations to **IFY NWATARALI** and **ELIJAH KABUYA** on their wedding happening on Saturday October 7. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this journey of love and friendship together through marriage.

**LINDA VROON** had a third stroke this past June and suffered various side effects. A recent visit with a neurologist team, at the U of A hospital, declared satisfaction with her progress, healing and new medications declaring, "You are doing well; keep it up!" God has answered our prayers. Thanks be to Him for this miracle and, thank you Bethel for your support!

Please also remember **CALVIN BRUINSMA, CURTIS COENEN, MARCEL CROCKER, MIKE JACKSON, JENNY PENFOLD, DON & ELEANOR PROKUDA, CELINE SIGVALDASON,** and **JILL SNEEP**, as you pray for our church community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **FAITH FORMATION EVENT: Little Habits, Big Faith: Simple Habits to Help Your Family Grow in Jesus.**

Have you ever said to yourself, "I don't have enough time to do family devotions," "I don't know how to teach the Bible to my kids," or "my own relationship with God isn't good enough?" It's easy to assume that we, as parents, aren't knowledgeable enough, disciplined enough, or interesting enough to share Jesus with our kids and teens. Join us for an un-boring, liberating class and we'll share how you can confidently nurture big faith in your kids and teens through little habits that add up over time. Register [here](#) for this event hosted by Bethel Kids and Youth on Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m-3 p.m. Cost: \$25 per family. **The deadline to register is Tuesday, October 10.**

**PAUL AND PANCAKES:** is an opportunity for youth to gather for fellowship and Bible study while making pancakes together. Next Sunday (Oct 15), youth will meet in the downstairs kitchen of Bethel during the worship service and make and eat pancakes while watching a 10-minute devotional video followed by a discussion.

**HARVEST FEST 2023:** Bethel Church is hosting a Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 28 from 2-4 p.m. This outdoor event in the parking lot will feature "Trunk or Treating" (where kids can go from car trunk to car trunk with their candy bags), pumpkin decorating, music, and community fun! If you are able to help either through donation of treats or volunteering your time, please click [here](#).

**CALLING ALL MEN!** Join us for food and fellowship on Saturday, October 21 at 9 a.m. Please register at [discoverbethel.com/events](https://discoverbethel.com/events) or signup at the Welcome Desk to let us know you're coming. We'd love to see you there!

**RACHEL BEVERIDGE VISIT:** Join the Missions Committee in welcoming Rachel Beveridge to Bethel on October 22. Rachel is one of Bethel's missionaries, serving in Guatemala. She runs Cohort Central America: a 1-year service-formation opportunity for young adults who want to get to know Central America, God and themselves better! Cohort: Central America is looking for people who are discerning their calling, want to learn Spanish, are willing to lean into cultural discomfort, love serving others, are looking for authentic community, and want to see what God is up to in another part of the world! **Join us in learning more about Rachel, her work, and the Cohort immediately after the service on October 22!**

**PRAY FOR CLASSIS:** Classis Alberta North (all the Christian Reformed Churches in Alberta north from Red Deer) will be meeting on Oct. 13 and 14. Please pray for wisdom for the delegates as they consider the mission and ministries of the Church and as they have the privilege of examining three candidates called to the Ministry of the Word in our churches, two of which are our own pastors, Pastor Wendy and Pastor Cathy.

A copy of the agenda for Classis can be found on our website at [www.classisalbertanorth.ca](http://www.classisalbertanorth.ca).

**ORDINATION SERVICE:** We are anticipating an Ordination Service after Classis on Sunday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m. Join us in blessing and ordaining Pastor Wendy and Pastor Cathy into their roles as Ministers of the Word.

### **COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER:**

- October 1 Ministry Shares
- October 8 Edmonton Food Bank
- October 15 Disability Concerns
- October 22 Bethel World Mission Vision – Rachel Beveridge
- October 29 World Renew – World Hunger Sunday

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

**OCTOBER IS REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES (RCM) ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE!** RCM has rebranded the membership campaign as “Friends of Rehoboth”. RCM creates awareness and raises funds to support adults with disabilities in a Christian environment in facilities throughout Alberta in ways government funding does not. Please check your Bethel mailbox for the October 2023 FLOURISH! Newsletter and further information on this year’s campaign together with a donation envelope and options for giving. For further inquiries please contact Jo-Ann Tavenier-Vriend (780-569-2597).

We anticipate the participation of The Joyful Noise Choir (who are ambassadors for RCM in Alberta) in Bethel’s worship service on October 15th!

**KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION:** is having their 9th annual Wine and Cheese and Silent Auction fundraiser on Friday, October 13, 2023! The evening entertainment will be musician, Martin Kerr and will be catered by Dutch Delicious Bakery. All proceeds will go toward the KHC programs in remote Cambodia. The event will be at Robertson-Wesley United Church, and tickets are only \$20, available at [eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca) or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. See you there!

**NEW: A DIAKONIA CIRCLE:** Tuesday, November 7 from 7-9 p.m. at Ebenezer CRC in Leduc. This is a shout out to all deacons past, present and future, whether you have a formal title or not -- Come to an evening of sharing and community with likeminded-individuals for inspiration for serving our communities and to meet your DMC area coach!

To let us know you are coming and to ask any questions, please email [yournadc@gmail.com](mailto:yournadc@gmail.com). On behalf of NADC and DMC, see you all soon!

**YOU’RE INVITED TO A JUSTICE WORKSHOP!** The biblical call to do justice is something that we as Christians strive to live out. However, in a world with so much injustice, where is a person (or a church) to start?! We can get easily overwhelmed when trying to address too much at once, when programs are vague and unsustainable, or when issues are so complex that it seems like our efforts are merely ‘a drop in the bucket’. Join the CRC’s Justice Mobilizer, Cindy Stover, and DMC’s Edmonton Diaconal coach, Erika Repka, on October 12th from 7-9 pm at Inglewood CRC (12330 113 Ave). This event is open to all those with a passion for seeking justice – not just deacons! Coffee and cookies will be provided. Please click this link to RSVP asap as space is limited! [Justice: An Everyday Spiritual Journey \(regfox.com\)](https://www.regfox.com)

**THE MICAH CENTRE at The King’s University:** would like to invite all of you to an evening of learning and conversation on Thursday, October 12 at King’s (room N102) at 7 p.m. Palestinian theologian and pastor Munther Isaac will be presenting a theology of ‘prophetic peacemaking’ from his unique perspective as a Bethlehem-based pastor, scholar, and teacher deeply involved in the issues facing the contemporary Palestinian church.

**THE KING’S UNIVERSITY** invites all members to their 2023 Annual General Meeting happening on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please **RSVP by Friday, October 20** by emailing [board@kingsu.ca](mailto:board@kingsu.ca).

**FRIENDSHIP/COMPASSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Join us as we work to cultivate places of neighbourliness, compassion, and connection. Places of belonging where loneliness and hopelessness are fought through the gift of presence. It’s an opportunity to share your gifts and stories and to build relationships with people from all walks of life. Lodgepole Communitas (Avenue CRC, St. Faith’s, and St. Mary’s Anglican) in partnership with Boyle Street Community Services, will be launching Belonging Centres in October. The Belonging Centres are an opportunity to share the space of churches with community members in need of respite. Interested in participating or need more information contact Pastor Loretta at [loretta@avenuechurch.ca](mailto:loretta@avenuechurch.ca) or 780-455-9359.

**THE STUDIO SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** (<https://www.thestudioschool.com>) is currently seeking volunteers to meet one-on-one with students entering their second year of study. Volunteers, over the course of one year, will receive spiritual direction (at no cost) as part of a supervised practicum for Studion students. We have students who are able to offer direction in Spanish or Chinese (Cantonese & Mandarin) as well as English, and there are opportunities specifically for youth (junior high and high school age). If this opportunity interests you, please email [thestudioschool@gmail.com](mailto:thestudioschool@gmail.com) or [rev.klok@gmail.com](mailto:rev.klok@gmail.com) to find out more. Fuel for the Heart; Food for the Soul.

**GETTING TIRED OF NETFLIX? Maybe it's time for something different.** InterMission Silent Retreat is coming up October 27-29, 2023, at Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert, a lovely and cozy retreat house, close to trails through the river valley and into Lois Hole Provincial Park. Two nights' accommodation, 5 meals, 2-3 spiritual direction sessions, silence, rest, peace, quiet, spirit, soul. Single private room. "Be still and know that I am God." Registration is \$480/person. Contact [rev.klok@gmail.com](mailto:rev.klok@gmail.com) to register.

**ADEARA** is hiring Life Skills Support Workers. Our team of caring professionals serves a diverse group of women and their children, and we are committed to serving them with love, compassion, dignity, respect, integrity, and accountability. If you share Adeara's vision and values and believe you have the skills and experience needed to support our programs and services, we encourage you to apply for our current opportunities. Click [here](#) for more information.

**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, October 8**

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

### **MONDAY, October 9**

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, October 10**

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Band Camp

7:00 p.m. Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

7:00 p.m. GEMS

### **WEDNESDAY, October 11**

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

9:30 a.m. Oasis

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, October 12**

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

### **FRIDAY, October 13**

### **SATURDAY, October 14**

9:00 a.m. Little Habits, Big Faith