



September 12, 2025

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday, September 14, we continue our fall sermon series, ***Habits of the Church***. The Book of Acts gives us a picture of a church alive with purpose, passion, and power, modeling six habits that shaped the early church: devotion to God's Word, life-giving fellowship, the breaking of bread, powerful prayer, generosity and worshipful witness. These were not occasional activities but consistent rhythms that formed a Spirit-filled community and made the gospel visible to the world. In this series, we'll discover how these same habits can shape us today into a church that is committed to becoming like Christ and sharing Him with others.

The message this Sunday will focus on Acts 2:42-47, "To the Fellowship."

Each week we'll include notes and resources for "what to do next" related to the habit of the week on the sermon resources page: [here](#)

BAPTISM: This Sunday, September 14, we will joyfully celebrate the sacrament of baptism with the BARR family as Doug and Cherie bring their son, Zachary, to be baptized. Let us join together in prayer and support as this family takes this meaningful step of faith.

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **THE KING'S UNIVERSITY** offers liberal arts education from a Christian perspective and serves students from across Canada and around the world. The King's University is a community that values who students are now and believes in the potential they will uncover. For more information → www.kingsu.ca

COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

September 7	Alpha Canada
September 14	King's University
September 21	Edmonton Native Healing Center
September 28	Ministry Shares

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN, MARIJKE COUVREUR, SYLVIA MILFORD, JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA** and **JEAN SAATHOF** as you pray for our church community.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: **DON & ELEANOR PROKUDA** will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 13th, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Bethel Church. Bethel Community, you are invited to rejoice and share in this special occasion with them. Please stop by that afternoon to bring your congratulations and share some finger foods with the Prokuda's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETTER TOGETHER LIBERIA - BETTESU STUDENT SPONSORSHIP: The opportunity to contribute to students in Bettesu continues. For only \$50 you can see a child attend school with a new uniform and all the school supplies they will need for the year. You can donate online using PushPay by clicking [here](#) . Please select Bettesu – School Supplies Drive from the drop-down menu. You may also send an e-transfer to bettertogetherliberia@gmail.com We are forever grateful for the generous support we receive from Bethel year after year!

PLAN TO PROTECT FALL SESSION: This training is for anyone who is currently volunteering or will be working with children, youth, or vulnerable adults this coming year. The next training session will be on Wednesday, October 1. The session is 2.5 hours, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. and is for those who need to have a refresher and for those who have never attended. Anyone who has been before will need to attend because we have not run the sessions for some time. Please sign up [here](#).

OASIS: This week Wednesday morning, September 17, we begin our Women's bible study, exploring "When Strivings Cease" by Ruth Chou Simons. It runs from 930-11 in the lower level. Free childcare, coffee, and snacks are available. Email Laura at OasisBethelEdmonton@gmail.com for more information or just join us that morning.

BETHEL SUMMER READING CHALLENGE: Thanks to everyone for participating in our first summer reading challenge! Be sure to return your books and don't forget to stop by the library to check out the new reading materials.

GEMS: (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior). - Empowering girls to feel confident, secure and loved. We hope to have a wonderful year together building skills, experiencing God's love and growing in faith. Come join us for fellowship, Bible study, badge work, and lots of fun. GEMS runs alternating Tuesdays, from 7:00-8:30pm, starting September 23. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

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.

FAMILY TABLE: Are you raising kids or teens? Pull up a chair at *The Family Table*! This new series of Sunday afternoon gatherings will help your family discover simple ways to grow faith at home. Join us Sept. 21 after church for *Setting the Table*, a family potluck and time of vision, connection, and encouragement. Bring a dish to share and be ready for some great fellowship and inspiration. Families with children and teens (ages 0-18), sign up [here](#).

YOUNG ADULTS: Join us each month for Bethel Young Adults Gathering. This month, we will meet on Sunday, September 28, 2025, 7:00–8:30 p.m. hosted at the Harpers. We will spend time in prayer and worship, exploring how we can support each other into the fall. Snacks provided. Email Pastor Cris at cris@discoverbethel.com for details.

DISCOVER BETHEL CLASS: If you are interested in learning more about Bethel Community Church or if you are considering becoming a member of Bethel, we invite you to join this 2-hour session after the service on Sunday, September 28, in the Fireside room (adjacent to the main entrance). You will learn about the history of Bethel Community Church, its ministries and mission, and the Christian Reformed Church Denomination. Please RSVP by clicking [here](#). A light lunch will be served. For more information, please email Pastor Cathy at cathy@discoverbethel.com

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT: The women of Bethel Community Church are having a retreat, *Still Waters, Deep Roots*, at Camp Nakamun, from Friday October 31 to Sunday November 2, 2025. Join us for a weekend away to learn, deepen our relationships with God, and strengthen our community as a church. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register.

GET INVOLVED

BETHEL KIDS: We need lots of adults to share God's word and show his love to these amazing children of the King. Whether you are a storyteller, activity leader, baby cuddler, security monitor, check-in desk manager, or an extra set of hands to assist a leader, we would love to have you. Check out our team sign up page, [here](#).

BETHEL LIBRARY: Do you love reading and sharing book recommendations with others? If so, consider being part of the library team! You'll open the library on Sundays after church and help readers of all ages check out books to grow their hearts and minds. Let's work together to keep the library open for readers! Interested? Please email Christie Thomas at christinanthomas@gmail.com for more info.

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!

A BIG COOK IS COMING! Meals Ministry invites you to join us in a big cook on Saturday, October 4 from 1:00-4:00 p.m! An afternoon of laughter and visiting and putting some freezer meals together to help the deacons and staff bless members of the community when they are going through a time of need.

BETHEL YOUTH

FALL YOUTH LAUNCH GAMES NIGHT: Join us on Friday, September 19, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 p.m. as we kickoff our youth ministry for a night of games and fun!! Connect, grow, and have a great time together! Get the fall calendar [here](#).

YOUTH AND PANCAKES: Sunday September 28, all youth grades 7-12 are invited to meet in the Lower Level during the service for pancakes and a time of connection.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WILLOWWOOD CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL – Spaces available: We are still accepting registrations for the 2025-26 school year. If you are looking for a great play-based Christian preschool for your 3 or 4 year old, we would love to have you join us. Located in Bethel Community Church, WillowWood offers both a 3 day and 2 day morning program. For more information and to register, visit willowwoodpreschool.com.

WE'RE HIRING – WillowWood Christian Preschool is looking for a teaching assistant for our program. This position is 18 hours/week, 8:30- 12:00 M-F, plus a short weekly staff meeting. If you have a passion for play-based preschool education, hold at minimum a level 1 Early Childhood Educator certificate, and are an active member of a Christian church, please send your resume and cover letter to willowwood@discoverbethel.com. Full job description available [here](#).

FREE RENT: Looking for a Christian university student who may be interested in a temporary live-in arrangement with a senior in the neighbourhood. In exchange for free rent, the student would assist Norma with organizing and packing household items. The primary tasks involve boxing and labeling, with a particular focus on a large kitchen hutch filled with crockery, pottery, and a unique collection of knick-knacks. If you know someone who could benefit from free housing while attending university and would be willing to support Norma during this transitional time, contact the church office.

DAYS FOR GIRLS WORK BEE: Our next work bee is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, from 9 am to 12 noon. Please join us for this worthwhile cause. We could use workers with sewing machines and sergers, but we also need help from non-sewers for a variety of tasks: ironing, cutting, adding snaps, measuring and tracing, folding, etc. This request for help is not just for ladies, as we also have men that come out to help. Some of the tasks require a level of strength that unfortunately not all ladies have. Please email Line at lindesrosiers@gmail.com if you plan on coming so we can ensure we bring enough work for everyone: Location: LDS Church, 9010 - 85 Street. Please come to the west side back door.

OPEN HOUSE AT LIGHTHOUSE join us Friday, September 19, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. at 11425 St. Albert Trail, to explore our suites, tour the beautiful common areas, and experience the welcoming atmosphere that makes Lighthouse such a special place to call home.

GRAND OPENING AT LIGHTHOUSE: You are invited to attend our grand opening celebration of Lighthouse, an Emmanuel Home community, located at 11425 St. Albert Trail NW. The celebration will be on Thursday, September 25 at 3:30 p.m. The celebration will consist of a short program, ribbon cutting, reception and tours. RSVP by September 19 to info@the-lighthouse.ca.

EVENING OF DREAMS GALA: Celebrate with us at Adeara Recovery Centre's annual Evening of Dreams Gala, Friday October 3. This spectacular event is designed to inspire and bring hope as we support women who are building new futures for themselves and their children after addiction. Tickets available [here](#).

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY HARVEST BANQUET: Join us for our annual Harvest Banquet at The King's University on October 4, 2025. Let's gather in fellowship and reflect on the ways Christian education shapes lives for God's glory. Early Bird tickets are now available! Visit [here](#) or call 780-465-8314 to learn more or purchase tickets. We hope to see you there!

LOVEDMONTON'S DINNER & SILENT AUCTION: You are invited to celebrate with us God's transformative work in our community. At Lovedmonton, our mission is to be a storefront to the gospel, reaching people who might never walk into a church. Through relational ministry, we meet people where they are, sharing God's love in ways that are meaningful and accessible. Your support makes this possible, and we can't wait to celebrate the impact we've made together. Join us October 17th, 2025! Click [here](#) for tickets.

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 early bird tickets are only \$20, available at eventbrite.ca or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. See you there!

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.

CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH: There are several opportunities to serve the wider CRC community. Please consider submitting a nomination or volunteering for one of the following roles:

1. Classis continues to desperately seek someone willing to serve as Treasurer.
2. Classis needs a Minister of the Word (active or retired) to serve on the Classis Interim Committee
3. Classis Alberta North is looking for 2 Ministers of the Word (active or retired) to serve as Synodical Deputy and Alternate Synodical Deputy respectively.
4. Classis needs persons to serve on the Classis Abuse Response Team (CART).
Click [HERE](#) for information about CART.
5. Classis seeks nominations for a Minister of the Word (active or retired) to serve as our representative on the Board of Calvin Theological Seminary.

Our denomination is also seeking nominations for:

- a Minister of the Word (active or retired) to serve on the Judicial Code Committee,
- a non-ordained person with no legal training to serve on the Judicial Code Committee,
- a “at-large” member of the Council of Delegates, and
- a person to serve on the Candidacy Committee.

Click [HERE](#) for information about the Judicial Code Committee and the Council of Delegates.

Click [HERE](#) for information about the Candidacy Committee. (Scroll to page 11.)

Send names to Lucinda Klapwyk, Nominations Coordinator, at lklapwyk@yahoo.ca.

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, September 14

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

MONDAY, September 15

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, September 16

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

WEDNESDAY, September 17

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

9:30 a.m. Oasis

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, September 18

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

FRIDAY, September 19

7:00 p.m. Bethel Youth Launch

SATURDAY, September 20