



November 12, 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 World in Crisis, this week reflecting on how Christ has called us to respond to him through our habits, practices, and use of technology. We must acknowledge that the technological innovations in history flow from God's creative purposes – he made us as creative beings. However, the way we use technology will either form us into the image of Christ or form us into something else. The question for us in the 21st century is not whether we should use technology or not – but how we must use it in our worship, discipleship, and mission to glorify God. Likely, we need to address the lack of discernment and boundaries in our own uses of technology, asking deeper questions about why we use certain tools, and is there a better way to use them to reflect our identity as image-bearers of God.

The message this Sunday will focus on 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1, "Techni(wise)."

ORDINATION OF PASTOR WENDY: We rejoice in Christ's special care and love for His church as He leads us to ordain Pastor Wendy to the ministry of the Word in Bethel Community Church this coming Sunday, November 12.

OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) DUNAMIS FELLOWSHIP CANADA:** Their mission is to mobilize, equip and deploy Spirit-empowered witness for Jesus Christ to take part in fulfilling the great commission, and to make disciples of people in all nations. Dunamis Fellowship Canada fulfills that mission by offering courses and conferences on the person and work of the Holy Spirit based on Christ-centered, biblical teaching from a Reformed perspective and anchored in practical, experiential learning

NEXT WEEK – EduDeo MINISTRIES: EduDeo Ministries is a Canadian, Christian, mission organization serving children in developing countries with quality education rooted in a Biblical worldview.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

We rejoice that on Sunday, November 19, **JOSH McCREA** will share his testimony and be baptized during our worship service. We hope that you join us in praying for JOSH and the important step this is for his faith journey.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN OF BETHEL! Are you looking to stay warm up this winter? On Friday, November 17th, from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., you are invited to our Snow Much Fun winter event at Bethel Community Church in the chapel. We are partnering with the Pregnancy Care Centre by making some cozy baby blankets and Christmas cards to add to the care packages they prepare for pregnant and new moms. At this event, you can also expect to be warmed with fellowship, laughter, and delicious treats/drinks. You can sign up online through the [google form](#) or in person at the back of the church. The cost of this event is \$10. Please pay ahead of time at the information booth or pay debit/cash upon arrival at the event. You should come! It's a snow-brainer!

CALLING ALL MEN! Join us for food and fellowship on Saturday, November 18 at 9 a.m. Please register [here](#) or sign up at the Welcome Desk this Sunday to let us know you're coming. We'd love to see you!

BRING IT IN! WINTER YOUTH RETREAT: What does it mean to belong to something? To be who God has created us to be? To belong to Jesus and the church? Join us at Camp Nakamun for Bring It In! – a retreat for junior high and high school students focused on answering these questions of belonging. Bethel Youth will be heading to Camp Nakamun the first weekend of December (Dec 1-3). All junior high and high school students are invited to join us for this retreat focused on the topic of belonging. Paper registration forms are available on the desk at the back of the sanctuary or online [here](#). Check out discoverbethel.com/youth for more information and the schedule for the weekend. Email Pastor Melanie at melanie@discoverbethel.com for more information. The deadline to register for this retreat is **Sunday, November 19**.

ADVENT IS COMING! Advent begins December 3rd. This is the final day to request your advent candle set! The sets include 5 candles with a wooden base and scripture passages to read with your family as you light a candle each week. Candles can be ordered by sending an email to lisa@discoverbethel.com by November 10th. Cost of the sets is \$25.

POINSETTIA AND HOLIDAY GREENERY FUNDRAISER: Our Youth Missions team is raising funds to host a team of teens and young adults from Mexico for one week in the summer of 2024. We are selling poinsettias, planters, holiday wreaths, hanging greenery boughs, and outdoor greenery arrangements. Please consider purchasing your holiday greenery through Bethel Youth [here](#). There are also order forms found in your mailboxes and at the Membership Desk. **Deadline to order is Tuesday, November 21** and orders can be picked up between December 8 and 10. Contact Pastor Melanie at melanie@discoverbethel.com for more information.

CHRISTMAS PARTY IN BANNERMAN: Save the date and join with the party planning! On December 9th, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. we will gather to celebrate with our neighbours at the church. We would love to see you at this year's party – having fun and serving the community. Please sign up [here](#).

CHRISTMAS EVE: Instead of Sunday morning worship, which is on Christmas Eve this year, we want to emphasize worship at our Christmas evening services at 4 and 6 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, November 29 will be our Congregational Meeting.

COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER:

November 5	Ministry Shares
November 12	Dunamis Fellowship Canada
November 19	EduDeo Ministries
November 26	Benevolence Fund

Please visit our website at discoverbethel/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

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR celebrates 45 years! Join the celebration by attending their concert on Saturday, November 18 at 7:00 pm at the West End Christian Reformed Church in support of Rehoboth Camp. There is no admission charge but an offering for camp will be taken. The Music Of Our Hearts (2) brings current and former members of the choir together to lead songs of praise and worship. Come celebrate and sing with us! Over the past 45 years, 800 children have been ambassadors for Rehoboth Christian Ministries as choir members.

CRC DIRECTORY 2024/25: ADVERTISEMENTS: The 2024/2025 Christian Reformed Church Directory of Greater Edmonton is underway and ready for you to place your advertisement. Don't miss out on a great advertising price for your business for a two-year period and a user base of approximately two thousand homes! Please call Brenda Paszek at 780.479.0738 or email at: dbpaszek@telusplanet.net for information. Advertising deadline: Nov 20, 2023

EMMANUEL HOME UPCOMING EVENTS: Our Online Auction will be held this year from November 27 - December 1 at www.32auctions.com/EmmanuelHome2023. Check out the great selection of items and create an account so that you are ready to start bidding on Monday, November 27! Our annual **Christmas Market** will be held at Emmanuel Home on Saturday, December 2 from 9:30 – 2:00 pm with Christmas crafts, good eats, and fun fellowship. All proceeds will be used for the care and support of our residents. For more information contact Emmanuel Home at 780-442-3122 or fwoudstra@emmanuelhome.ca.

A JOYOUS NIGHT OUT: The Annual University of Alberta Festival of Nine Advent & Christmas Lessons and Carols takes place at the Winspear Centre Monday, December 4, 7:30 p.m. Join with the U of A mixed chorus, including handbells, and wonderful organists to sing eternal praise, honour and glory to the only One truly worthy! All Seats: \$30. Call the Winspear Box Office (780) 428-1414 or get your tickets at the door. Proceeds for U of A Campus Food Bank.

BLESS A FAMILY: The Pregnancy Care Centre is gearing up for their annual Client Christmas Party. Once again, we need you to support our Bless a Family campaign! We look forward to celebrating with our precious PCC families again this year. That includes providing each family with a Christmas gift basket. That's where you come in! There are three ways to participate in this year's Bless a Family campaign. You can sponsor a family or shop for families. Email tanya@pregnancycarecentre.ca to participate. One-time financial gifts are also welcome to help create a special Christmas morning for our clients. E-Transfer to finance@pregnancycarecentre.ca, indicate "Bless a Family" in the comments along with your contact information. If you'd like to donate through another method, please call 780-424-2624.

GERRY SEGGER HERITAGE COLLECTION: The Gerry Segger Heritage Collection located in the library at The King's University is collecting records about the Dutch immigration to Canada experience. This includes letters, diaries, journals, government paperwork, scrapbooks, photos, family histories, etc. For more information, contact Bonita Schalk Bjornson, bonita.bjornson@kingsu.ca

WEST END CRC ADMINISTRATIVE COODINATOR JOB OPENING: West End CRC is looking for an Administrative Coordinator to work in the office! The position requires the right candidate to work Monday-Friday for approximately 30 hours/week, although there is some flexibility in the daily schedule itself. The ideal candidate would be organized, able to work independently, friendly, and self-motivated. For a copy of the full job posting, any inquiries, questions, or applications, please contact Darren at darren.sinke@westendcrc.ca or 780-910-9356.

EMPLOYMENT AD FOR CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH - MILLWOODS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY: We're a unique and dynamic entity that includes both a charitable organization and a not-for-profit organization co-existing and interacting daily on the same property therefore the ideal candidate will love both the challenge and variety that accompanies this role. We're looking for an accountant or bookkeeper with experience in the charitable sector as well as preparing budgets, payroll, financial reporting, audit

preparation and more. Strong communication skills are essential as there is frequent interaction with our clientele. Please send cover letter and resume to: info@calvarycommunity.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, November 12

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

MONDAY, November 13

6:45 p.m. Elders & Deacons Meetings

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

TUESDAY, November 14

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

7:00 p.m. Cadets

WEDNESDAY, November 15

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

9:30 a.m. Oasis

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, November 16

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, November 17

6:30 p.m. Snow Much Fun (Women's Ministry)

SATURDAY, November 18

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast