



October 18, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we continue our sermon series, *Everyday Disciples*, by reflecting on the surprising invitation Jesus offers to those he meets. Jesus' invitations to discipleship are unexpected not just in how he calls people to follow him but also who he invites. Everyday discipleship with Jesus offers every kind of person an exciting journey of forgiveness and freedom. *How has our journey as his followers looked like this? How good are we at inviting people the way Jesus did?* The message this Sunday will focus on Matthew 9:9-13, "A Surprising Call."

Following the message, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. For those attending in-person, 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 in the center for those who desire this option. 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) **DISABILITY CONCERNS** is now a part of Thrive. Thrive is the coordination of 9 CRC ministries which seeks to better equip and encourage our congregations. The desire of this fund is to help end the isolation and disconnectedness of persons with disabilities in our churches. While the name may have changed, Thrive wants to help our churches become places where everybody belongs, and everybody serves. For more information → crcna.org/disability

NEXT WEEK – MINISTRY SHARES: is a cooperative venture of all CRC churches in Canada to send missionaries around the world, start new churches, resource congregations, train pastors and leaders, and use media to spread the gospel. The pooled resources allow the church to do more together than an individual church could do on its own. For more information → crcna.org/MinistryShares

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the **HUITSING** family in your prayers this week. **JOHN** and **HARRY'S** father, **HEERO**, went to be with the Lord. The family has gathered this week for a celebration of life in Ontario.

RUTH GROVES was admitted to hospital October 4. She will be discharged Friday and will be staying with family. She shares a heartfelt thanks to the Bethel family who have advocated on her behalf for healing through prayers, and encouraged her through texts, phone calls, and visits. God has been working full time and has sent fellow believers to be His hands and feet while she has been in hospital.

TRINITY KILKENNY has left Canada to participate in YWAM in Osaka, Japan, until March 2025. Please remember her as she learns to adapt to a new culture and being away from home. Pray for encouragement during lonely times, and a strengthening of faith as she experiences in new and unfamiliar ways what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Please continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN, GERRY & JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA, EVANS KOTIO, JEAN SAATHOF, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL & RANDY SNEEP,** and **PASTOR WENDY WERKMAN** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS: Please stop by the lost and found items table located outside the sanctuary across from the library.

MAKING MORE JOYFUL NOISE: We will be welcoming back the children of the Joyful Noise Choir next Sunday (Oct. 27). The 50 children are ambassadors for Rehoboth Christian Ministries and visit churches and communities to encourage support for those with developmental disabilities. October is Rehoboth's donation drive and the opportunity become friends of the organization. Since 1979, over 800 children, including many from Bethel, have been ambassadors for Rehoboth.

PODCAST UPDATE: We've launched a new series called Midweek Conversations on our main podcast channel. Our goal is to help you follow Jesus, grow, and encourage you in your discipleship by reflecting on your questions and going deeper beyond the Sunday morning. If you have a question about a Sunday message or the series in general, whether big or small, please send it to media@discoverbethel.com. Make sure you're following our podcast wherever you find your podcasts, so you don't miss out when we release a new episode. You can also find these on our website [here](#).

MEN'S MINISTRY: We have upcoming breakfast gatherings on October 19 and November 16. In between those gatherings, we're organizing conversation groups, discussing a book, *Fighting Shadows* (by Jon Tyson and Jefferson Bethke). If you'd like to read with you us, you can purchase your own copy [here](#). If you'd like to join a conversation group, email Pastor Cris (cris@discoverbethel.com).

MEMBER LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE RENT: A quiet woman in our congregation is looking to rent (shared accommodations) in a Christian home on the Northeast side of the city. If you are interested in offering her a place to live, please e-mail the office at info@discoverbethel.com.

HARVEST FEST: Bethel's annual **Harvest Fest and Trunk-or-Treat** is next Saturday, October 26th, 2-4p.m. at Bethel Church. We are hoping for more people to sign up to host a trunk. If you cannot do this but are willing to donate candy or make a monetary donation please connect with Pastor Cathy.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION SUNDAY: A couple of months ago we started Community Connection Sundays. This created space for everyone to connect with food, fellowship and by wearing name tags. We want to continue this by having a **Soup-er Sunday on November 3** after the service. Join us in the lower-level to enjoy this Soup and Buns Potluck for lunch. Help with set-up, clean-up and dishes is needed. You can sign up to bring a soup and/or buns or offer to help with the meal by clicking here! There will also be a sign-up form at the Welcome Desk in the back of the sanctuary. We hope you will join us!

ADVENT CANDLES: Advent begins December 1, 2024. If you want to order an Advent Candle holder you can do this by emailing lisa@discoverbethel.com. This comes with the wooden Candle holder, 5 Candles, and information to help guide you through lighting these candles every week. Orders need to be in by November 5, 2024. The cost is \$20.

SAVE THE DATE! Bethlehem Comes to Bannerman: **A Christmas Dinner Theatre** will have two showings on Saturday, Dec. 14th. We assure you; this is an event you won't want to miss! Keep your eyes peeled in the coming weeks for more information about how you can get involved. It's going to be a blast, so come on Bethel, join us in blessing the community of Bannerman!

TODAY DEVOTIONALS: The Today booklets for November/December are in. Please pick them up at the Literature Rack or the Welcome Desk.

EV AND LINDA VROON are sharing their collection of CD's, DVD's, and books with the congregation. There will be a table at the back of the sanctuary with these items over the next couple of weeks. Please feel free to take what interests you. Donations to Bannerman Kids Club are welcome and appreciated.

BETHEL YOUTH

PAUL & PANCAKES CONTINUES! Next meeting is this Sunday, October 20, during the service.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER

October 6	World Renew
October 13	Edmonton Food Bank
October 20	Disability Concerns
October 27	Ministry Shares

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, October 20

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person and live stream
10:30 a.m. Paul & Pancakes

MONDAY, October 21

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, October 22

2:00 p.m. Parent Prayer Cohort
5:00 p.m. Dove Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. GEMS
7:00 p.m. Life Groups

WEDNESDAY, October 23

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and zoom
9:30 a.m. Oasis
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, October 24

12:30 p.m. Food Bank
5:00 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

FRIDAY, October 25

SATURDAY, October 26

2:00 p.m. Harvest Festival

COMMUNITY NEWS

REHOBOTH'S ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE: This October, we invite you to become a "Friend of Rehoboth" and partner with our ministry in supporting persons with developmental disabilities to flourish. Friendship involves a "shared responsibility of the shared Christian community for those within their community that require their support." Donations of any size are appreciated and helps us grow our reach. Look for the **Friends of Rehoboth** envelopes in your mailbox or at the Welcome Desk. You can also speak with Jo-Ann Tavenier-Vriend. Alternatively, a digital online submission is available [here](#).

REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES FUNDRAISER: October 19th visit Dutch Delicious (13232-118 Ave) in support of *For the Love of Opa*; an annual fundraiser where 50% of sales are donated to local charities. Enjoy free coffee and cinnamon buns while shopping for a great cause!

CHRISTMAS AT SEA: is fast approaching here in the Port of Vancouver, and the Ministry to Seafarers is once again preparing Christmas gifts for seafarers who come here at that time. Please send donations for this project by cheque to Ministry to Seafarers, 401 E Waterfront Rd, Vancouver, BC V6A 4G9, or donate online through our website, ministrytoseafarers.com. Either way, be sure to designate your gift for the Christmas at Sea fund. Thank you!

LOVEDMONTON CHAPEL (MARKETPLACE MISSION SOCIETY): Join us for the 1st Annual Dinner and Silent Auction in support of, on Friday, October 18th, at the Fantasyland Hotel. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for an evening of fellowship and community, followed by a delicious dinner at 6:00 p.m. This event is a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends and supporters, bid on unique auction items, and hear inspiring stories of impact from the work being done at Lovedmonton Chapel. Your presence and participation will help us continue our mission of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to every visitor at West Edmonton Mall. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you! Buy tickets [here](#).

UPCOMING VISIT EVENTS AT THE KING'S UNIVERSITY:

- Fall Open House: At The King's University on October 19, 2024 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Admissions Online Information Session: On October 23, 2024 | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

STEVE BELL CONCERT: Christian singer-songwriter Steve Bell will be performing in Sherwood Park with his band (featuring special guest pianist Mike Janzen) on Sunday, October 27, 7:00 p.m. at Sherwood Park Alliance Church (1011 Clover Bar Road). The concert is celebrating his 23rd album release, *The Glad Surprise*. Tickets are \$29.00. Visit <https://stevebell.com/events/> for more info.

ESTATE PLANNER JOHN KOK FROM NAVIGATOR MINISTRIES for The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Estate Planning: "Every heartbeat brings us one moment closer to eternity." King Hezekiah got a clear warning that his time was up and that he needed to put his house in order. We will look at what it means to put "your house in order." We will focus on the legal, financial, and charitable considerations. We will use real life examples of the good, the bad and the ugly of estate planning. You will learn why many people fail with this critically important responsibility and how you can learn and benefit from their mistakes. The event will be held at Hope Mission's Green Manor. Parking is available in the lot on the South side of the building, or along the street on the North side of the building. Snacks & coffee will be provided. If you have any questions, please call Kevin from Hope Mission at 587-341-9664.

WELCOME TO THE LIGHTHOUSE: Our newest Christian community for seniors is designed with you in mind, offering a warm and welcoming environment where you can truly thrive. To learn more about this exciting new chapter in senior living, we invite you to join us for an information meeting on October 29 at 7 PM in The Lighthouse dining room. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our team, ask questions, and get a firsthand look at the vision behind this project. The building is scheduled to open in Spring 2025 and has many options for suite layouts and budgets. Visit emmanuelhome.ca/lighthouse for more information.

DIG A WELL IN KENYA FUNDRAISER: Frank and Carolyn Van Boom were on a mission trip to Kenya this past year. They are helping to raise funds to dig a well in an impoverished area in Kenya. Please join them in advancing God's kingdom by coming to our fundraising dinner on Saturday November 2nd at Trinity CRC. There will be live music, delicious food and a silent auction. The cost is \$30.00. Feel free to email Carolyn at fcvanboom@gmail.com if you have any questions or to RSVP. Carolyn is also able to take e-transfer, cheque or cash.

INTERMISSION SILENT RETREAT: Noise Getting to You? Tired of Busy? Since January 2005, InterMission Silent Retreat has offered time away for prayer, self-reflection, and rest. Consider Jesus's invitation, "Come away with me by yourself and get some rest." It is \$500 for 2 nights' accommodation, 5 meals, private room, up to 3 sessions of spiritual direction, and all the amenities of the retreat centre. November 1-3, 2024 at Star of the North Retreat Centre. To register email rev.klok@gmail.com.

DUNAMIS ESSENTIALS: This is an abridged version of each of the 6 Dunamis Projects, taken over 3 years, where we teach the content in a condensed time frame, either on-line or in-person. You will get to experience live teaching, small groups and worship together. Our goal is to make the Dunamis teachings more accessible to more people. Dunamis Essentials #1, **Gateways to Empowered Ministry**, is a core teaching on the person and works of the Holy Spirit, from a Biblical and reformed theological framework. This event as an in-person session, November 21-23, 2024, at the Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton. Registration deadline is November 8. Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

EMMANUEL HOME'S CHRISTMAS MARKET: You are invited to our annual Christmas Market on Saturday, November 23 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Home (13429-57 Street). Bring your family and friends to enjoy a festive time of crafts, Dutch food, silent auction, and great fellowship. If you would like to rent a table to sell your crafts and wares, contact Aria at aria@emmanuelhome.ca or 780-822-1274. Hope to see you there!

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE (March 28 - April 8, 2025): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN TURKEY & THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION (May 27 - June 8, 2025): Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

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