

January 03, 2025

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we start the New Year with a sermon series on *Everyday Prayer* to guide us through **21 Days of Prayer and Fasting**. The men and women following Jesus realized that they did not know how to pray like Jesus. After each lesson and miracle they had witnessed, the disciples began to see the gap between what conversation with God could look like and their normal everyday life. Jesus lovingly offered them the Lord's Prayer, a guide for Christians ever since it was spoken. As we seek God in prayer, let us access his heart and his words in this extraordinary prayer so that God's kingdom may come among us.

The message this Sunday will focus on Luke 11:1-4, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray."

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **BETHEL WORLD MISSION VISION – NEHEMIAH CENTRE:** seeks to rebuild the physical, social and spiritual structures that have been broken down by natural disaster, civil war and corruption in Nicaragua. Their work is done through learning and training leaders and pastors using a biblical and holistic worldview to cultivate local, national, and international collaboration for Christ-centered cultural transformation of communities. For more information → <https://nehemiahcenter.net/>

NEXT WEEK - REFUGEE FUND: is money directed to support the transition of refugees that Bethel sponsors. The Refugee Committee works closely with the new individuals and families that come to Canada. The deacons administer the funds in collaboration with the Refugee Committee. For more information, please contact Arnie Steenbergen at arniesteen@shaw.ca or 780-999-6125

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

TRINITY KILKENNY is currently serving with YWAM in Seoul, South Korea. Please pray for God's purposes to be achieved there as this team begins to serve. Also, Trinity has been suffering from a viral infection for over a week. Please pray for her health to be restored and that the whole team would be protected during this time.

Please continue to remember **CALVIN BRUINSMA, CURTIS COENEN, JENNY PENFOLD, and ELEANOR PROKUDA** as you pray for our church community.

BETHEL YOUTH

PAUL & PANCAKES: This is an opportunity for youth to gather for fellowship and Bible study during the service; and of course, there will be pancakes! Everyone in Grades 7-12 is invited to meet in the downstairs kitchen. Our next Paul & Pancakes will be on January 19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The upcoming congregational meeting will be Sunday, January 12, after the worship service. The year-end financials were sent in the This Week at Bethel email on January 3rd. If you did not receive these and would like a copy, please email info@discoverbethel.com.

The format looks slightly different from recent year ends as we hired an accounting firm this year. We apologize for the delay and look forward to reviewing the past year with you at our meeting.

21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING: On January 1, we started the year by pursuing God through **21 Days of Prayer and Fasting**. Our goal is to build stronger habits that help us embrace lives that are closer with God. We encourage everyone to seek out time and place to pray every day. We also encourage everyone to explore and commit to fasting. At the beginning of this year, will you join us in building and refreshing our habits and rhythms each of us need for the year to come? For resources for 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, visit discoverbethel.com/21DaysofPrayer

COFFEE VOLUNTEERS: Have you considered joining Bethel's coffee volunteer list? There are lots of us, and we would love to have some more people! Your commitment is to help once every 3-4 months, and it takes about an hour of your time. The job is very simple. As a bonus, you get to serve with others and get to know some new Bethel people! Call or text Christina at 780-263-3636 if you have questions or would like to volunteer. The new schedule starts in January.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COURSE: Feeling those January bill blues? Join us for a 6- week Finance Management Course which starts on Tuesday, January 14 to February 18 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This course will give you an easy-to-follow personalized plan for money management. You will be guided through Dave Ramsey's, "7 Baby Steps", which starts with saving for an emergency fund and ends with building wealth and giving. Learn how to handle money, budget with confidence, and set, track and reach your financial goals. Within the first 90 days of following the 7 Baby Steps, the average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700. Cost: \$75/household. Register [here](#).

ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE: Alpha - The Marriage Course is a seven-session video course designed to help couples invest in their relationship. Topics include Communication, Resolving Conflict, Forgiveness, and much more! Conversations during the course are between couples and are private. The Marriage Course will run Sundays, starting on January 19, 2025, after the service at 11:30 a.m. We will begin with lunch and the session will follow at 12:00 p.m. and run until 2:00 p.m. at Bethel Community Church. All married couples are welcome! Register before January 14 by clicking [here](#). The cost is \$30/couple. If a lack of childcare or cost is stopping you from signing up, please let us know by emailing Krista at kmilford74@gmail.com

ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE VOLUNTEERS: Do you have a heart for supporting strong marriages and families? We are looking for a few volunteers to provide a hearty stew or soup and buns, serving food and cleaning up, for each week that the marriage course will be running. Please sign up [here](#) or email Krista at kmilford74@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY

January 5	Bethel World Mission Vision - Nehemiah Centre
January 12	Refugee Fund
January 19	Mustard Seed – The Mosaic Centre
January 26	Ministry Shares

COMMUNITY NEWS

EMMANUEL SENIORS LIVING SOCIETY is now hiring multiple positions at The Lighthouse, our second seniors' residence located in the Inglewood area and opening in January. For more information visit emmanuelhome.ca or find us on Facebook.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR: This 2 or 5 km fundraiser walk on February 22, 2025, will support ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE. To support or register a team of 6-8 walkers click [here](#). To learn more about Adeara’s work visit [Adeara Recovery Centre](#).

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, January 5

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

MONDAY, January 6

7:00 p.m. Prayer - Zoom

TUESDAY, January 7

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Cadets

WEDNESDAY, January 8

6:00 a.m. Prayer – In-person & Zoom

9:30 a.m. Oasis Women’s Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Greater Edmonton Cadet Meeting

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, January 9

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, January 10

SATURDAY, January 11