

August 20, 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.](#)"

David faced the ultimate test deep in a desert cavern. Shockingly, Saul slept right before him. David could have ended it all right there—all the running and strife. Instead David chose to trust God's judgment and timing. This test reveals what has taken place in David's heart. Just as David was tested, so will we be tested. The question is: What will our test reveal about us?

Our message Sunday will focus on 1 Samuel 24, "Test of the Heart".

## OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **HOPE MISSION:** Hope Mission is a Christian not-for-profit social care agency that provides compassionate care and offers hope to hurting, hungry and homeless people.

**NEXT WEEK – REFUGEE FUND:** This ministry of the deacons provides support for refugee families to get to Edmonton and to help support them as they prepare for life in Canada.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for **JENNY PENFOLD** as she broke her spine at T-11. She is in pain and needs our prayers for a speedy recovery. Please pray also for her husband Gerry as he cares for her and the children.

**KEN AND GRACE CRAIG'S** son, **JIM**, has shown great improvement over the past week and continues to recover at the University Hospital in Edmonton. He no longer requires care in the ICU, we are thankful for God's healing in Jim's life. Thank you for your prayers and support during this time.

**MERRA MENTIE**, whose family has been part of Bethel small group in recent years, went home to be with the Lord last week. His family and friends gathered this past Saturday to remember him. Please keep them in your prayers.

We lift **DON GROOT** and his family in prayer as his dad **WILLIAM GROOT** passed away last week at the age of 101. A Memorial Service took place this week remembering and celebrating his life. Please keep this family in prayers.

Please continue to pray for **DON PROKUDA** as he undergoes chemo treatment during the next 3 months.

Prayers for **CALVIN BRUINSMA** as he prepares for an EEG on August 23. We pray that this test will give him and his doctors answers for why he had a seizure last year.

Please continue to pray for **CURTIS COENEN, MARCEL CROCKER, MIKE JACKSON, ELEANOR PROKUDA, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP, and LINDA VROON.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALLING OF WENDY WERKMAN:** We are excited to inform you that the vote to call Wendy Werkman resulted in an 97% approval outcome. We gave Wendy an official letter of call this week. Wendy will have three weeks to consider and pray over the call. Please remember her in your prayers during this time.

**A WARM WELCOME TO CATHY:** We are thrilled that this week Cathy Ferchau has started as our Pastor of Outreach and Missions. If you have any questions or comments, you can contact Cathy by emailing her at [cathy@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cathy@discoverbethel.com).

**THE “EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY DISCIPLESHIP COURSE”** begins Tuesday, September 19. This 8-week course by Peter Scazzero will outline the top ten symptoms of emotionally unhealthy spirituality and will unpack core biblical principles that will guide us into an experience of lasting transformation in our relationship with Christ. Join us as we learn to slow down and be deeply changed by Jesus.

You can purchase the book (Emotionally Healthy Spirituality – updated edition) and workbook (Emotionally Healthy Spirituality – updated Workbook) or go through Bethel to have one provided. (The cost is \$38.95 for both)

Please sign up on the Events page [here](#) or at the back of the Sanctuary. If you are unable to purchase the books, scholarships are available; please contact Pastor Wendy Werkman.

**KID’S CAMP:** A special **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers and kids who made our kid’s camp a fantastic week!

**PLOT:** Drop-in youth events will happen every Tuesday this summer until August 22 for grades 6 and up. Plot meets in the Bethel Church parking lot. Join us for activities like tie dye colour run, life-size Monopoly, fear factor, and SO MUCH MORE!! No registration is needed and there is no cost!

**BANNERMAN BACKPACK DRIVE:** Thank you to everyone who has bought backpacks and supplies and financially supported this year’s backpack drive. If you picked up a tag and haven’t brought your backpack or supplies to the church yet, please drop them off at the office by August 23. We still have a few backpacks that need to be purchased and you can help us do that by donating through any of the regular giving methods and choosing ‘Bannerman Backpack Drive.’

We also need some help on August 24 to get all the backpacks ready to distribute. If you can assist with sorting supplies and filling backpacks, join us at the church at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Selikke at [kids@discoverbethel.com](mailto:kids@discoverbethel.com). Thanks so much for your generosity.

**BETTESU UNIFORM DRIVE:** Thank you to everyone who donated to the Bettesu School Uniform Drive; we are thrilled to share with you that **ALL** the students have been sponsored.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE: Our Mission and Ministry:** \$63,388 was collected in the month of July for a total of \$729,991 this year. \$817,289 was anticipated by this time based on our restated budget for this year. Currently, the giving of the church has been greater than our expenses. We are blessed by the continued support for our ministries.

**Other Giving:** The deacons gratefully acknowledge the following receipts for other collections taken in June:

Ministry Shares:	\$ 1,415.00
Cornerstone Counselling:	\$ 945.50
Cuba Connection:	\$ 1,295.00
Bethel World Mission Vision:	\$ 785.00
Meals Ministry:	\$ 750.00
Other Causes:	\$ 5,530.00

### **COLLECTIONS IN AUGUST:**

August 6	Ministry Shares
August 13	World Renew
August 20	Hope Mission
August 27	Refugee Fund

Please visit our website at [discoverbethel/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).

**A NOTE FROM RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION:** Dear friends at Bethel Community CRC, Thank you for believing in God’s mission—and in God’s plan for our denomination! I’m so glad that we can stand together and declare, in faith, that the future is bright! I’m filled with excitement and anticipation for what God is doing now through the Christian Reformed Church around the world, and for the new story God is writing for us. My dream is that every one of our 1,100 churches will come to trust Resonate as their preferred partner on mission, but we can’t achieve that without you. The future is bright because congregations like yours are willing to give, serve, pray, and support God’s mission! When I look at other denominations and organizations that we partner with, the global focus of Resonate and the Christian Reformed Church makes us unique. I’m grateful that you see this, too, and that you’re ready to shine as a community of love and grace. Together with you we can point the way to Jesus Christ as the hope of the world! Thank you for your support, and may God bless your church on mission. Kevin DeRaaf, Director

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**KING’S NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS:** First day of classes is Thursday, August 31 at The King’s University. Let’s lift our voices in unity, asking for guidance, wisdom, and blessings upon students, faculty, and staff. May this year be marked by learning and growth. May all students know the bright hope they have in Christ. Your prayers make a difference!

**KING’S FALL FAIR:** Join us at The King’s University Fall Fair on September 9 from 10a.m-midnight. Enjoy a day of carnival rides, games, and food. Help us support the Edmonton Food Bank by coming with a donation. Let’s make a difference together while having a blast! Don’t miss out!

**KING’S SILENT AUCTION AND DESSERT RECEPTION:** You’re invited to King’s Silent Auction and Dessert Reception at Supreme Steel in Acheson, Alberta on Saturday, October 14 from 7-9p.m. It will be an evening of appetizers, drinks, mingling and live ambient music. Tickets are by donation. RSVP by September 30 at [kingsu.ca/rsvp](https://kingsu.ca/rsvp) or by calling 780-465-8314.

**WRITERS NEEDED:** Diaconal Ministries Canada is looking to expand its network of story writers! We need freelance writers and news correspondents (paid per story) to share what deacons and churches are doing across Canada to show the love of Christ in their communities. If you love stories and the church, and are willing to learn, email our communications coordinator, Erin Knight at [eknight@crcna.org](mailto:eknight@crcna.org). If you are an experienced writer, please mention that in your email.

**SERVE IN CENTRAL AMERICA:** Are you a young adult looking for what’s next? Resonate is recruiting for Cohort Central America! Cohort is an opportunity for young adults to live in community, serve in a grassroots ministry, and engage in deep spiritual formation. Learn more at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/cohort](https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/cohort).

**MILL WOODS CARE CLOSET NEEDS VOLUNTEER WORKERS:** If you know of anyone who is a committed follower of Jesus who is looking for an opportunity to serve our Mill Woods community, we would love for the opportunity to discuss with them the possibility of serving with us at the Mill Woods Care Closet Food and Clothing bank. Please click [here](#) for more information.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT:** On Eagle’s Wings (OEW) is an ecumenical ministry that proclaims Jesus Christ and serves the Church and individuals in remote and isolated areas of northern Canada. They are looking someone to fill the Executive Assistant position. This is a 0.8 time in-office role (4 days per week), working from the Katzman Centre in West Edmonton. Please direct any queries to [staff@oneagleswings.ca](mailto:staff@oneagleswings.ca).

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY, August 20**

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

### **MONDAY, August 21**

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

6:45 p.m. GE Meeting

### **TUESDAY, August 22**

7:00 p.m. PLOT

### **WEDNESDAY, August 23**

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

8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, August 24**

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

### **FRIDAY, August 25**

1:45 p.m. Food Bank – parking lot

### **SATURDAY, August 26**