



October 11, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we will pause our *Everyday Disciples* series for a message taken from Mark 10:17-31 entitled, "*Rethinking Thanksgiving.*" Isn't it true that the world tells us we are blessed and should give thanks if we have success in our career, if we have good health, if we are able to accumulate a multitude of material possessions? They're not wrong, but today we will investigate what God values most (1 Samuel 16:7) and take a look at the deeper things we ought to embrace and give thanks for as followers of Jesus.

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **EDMONTON FOOD BANK** provides food, free of charge, to those experiencing hunger through a variety of effective distribution methods throughout the city. The food bank runs hamper programs, and meal and snack programs through a number of locations throughout the city. The money collected allows the food bank to purchase bulk food at a discounted rate for use in the programs they run. For more information → edmontonsfoodbank.com/

NEXT WEEK – DISABILITY CONCERNS is now a part of Thrive. Thrive is the coordination of 9 other 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

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 will gather next week for a celebration of life in Ontario.

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.

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 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 just around the corner. This family fun, indoor-outdoor event will be held at the church on Saturday, October 26th, from 2-4p.m. Our goal is to make this year's event bigger and better than ever with more trunks, and more (new) activities, but we need YOU! Click [here](#) to find out how you can get involved.

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!

DAYS FOR GIRLS WORK BEE: Our next work bee is scheduled for this coming Thursday, October 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Next month, we are scheduled for Saturday November 16, if you wish to save that space in your calendar. 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. Please let me know if you plan on coming by emailing lindesrosiers@gmail.com, so we can ensure we bring enough work for everyone. Location is at LDS Church, 9010 - 85 Street NW Edmonton. Please come to the west side back door.

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

BETHEL YOUTH

PAUL & PANCAKES CONTINUES! Next meeting is on 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 13

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

MONDAY, October 14

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, October 15

2:00 p.m. Parent Prayer Cohort

5:00 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Cadets

7:00 p.m. Life Groups

WEDNESDAY, October 16

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

9:30 a.m. Oasis

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, October 17

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:00 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, October 18

SATURDAY, October 19

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

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!

KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION: Please join the 10th annual Live and Silent Auction fundraiser on Friday, October 18, 2024! There will be live music by Erin Kay, as well as refreshments, awesome auction items and exciting updates on Kindred Hearts Cambodia programs! The event will be held at a new, larger venue, the Woodvale Community Facility (Millwoods Golf Course). You can purchase tickets at eventbrite.ca or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. See you there!

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
Microsoft Teams (Online Webinar)

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP EVENT: If you are single (never married, widowed, separated, divorced) and 50+, join us at First Church of the Nazarene (14320 - 94 Street) on Thursday, October 17, drop-in time from 7-8:15 p.m. for Thanksgiving pumpkin pie and refreshments! It will be a great time of fellowship and encouragement as we meet together with people who share similar life experiences. Hope to see you there!! You can phone 780-232-3876 if you have any questions.

ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE: We are excited to extend a special invitation and a challenge to you for our **annual Evening of Dreams Gala**, taking place at the Evario Events Centre, October 18, 2024. The Evening of Dreams Gala is a tangible way to come alongside the most vulnerable women and children and show that they are not alone, but rather have a community of people who believe in them. For more details and to purchase your table, visit adeara.ca/gala. We would love to have you join us.

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.

END-OF-LIFE PLANNING WORKSHOP: Join us for a Complimentary End-of-Life Preplanning Workshop and get all your questions answered. There will be two sessions happening on October 29, 2024, at Chateau Louis Convention Centre, 11727 Kingsway Ave NW, Grand Ballroom. The first session will be at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m., the other being at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The sessions are hosted by Connelly-McKinley Funeral Homes. Seating is limited! Please register to reserve your spot [here](#).

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: 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.

SYNOD 2024 UPDATED FAQ: Earlier this year, we shared an initial draft of the FAQ document with you. Since that time, we've encountered additional questions as well as some misinformation that has been circulating. In an effort to address these, we've updated [the FAQ document](#) and wanted to bring it to your attention. There is a new section on racism and diversity. Other updates are in the "covenant for officebearers" section. In compiling this document, we acknowledge that the concerns of many leaders and members of our churches may run deeper than we are able to reach here, despite our good-faith efforts to answer questions based on the facts as we understand them. It is also likely that, based on feedback that we receive, some of the responses here may be updated and new questions and responses may continue to be added. If you have questions and would like to reach out to us, please contact us at communications@crcna.org.

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](#).