



March 7, 2025

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Today we are beginning a new series on the life of Joseph. We see overtones of Christ in the story of Joseph; like Joseph was betrayed, Jesus was betrayed. Joseph has a dream but because of sin it overflows into dysfunction; Jesus has a vision from what to bring to the world through his life. In Lent, Jesus brings us on a journey from our brokenness into family and life with him. How do we let go of our false understanding of the dreams we pursue?

Today's message is titled "Dreams and Dysfunction" and comes from Genesis 37:1-36.

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **MEXICO MISSIONS PARTNERSHIP:** Bethel Youth has been partnered with Centro Biblico Familiar El Sembrador church in Hermosillo, Mexico since 2011. Since then, Bethel has sent nine teams of teens and leaders to work alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ in the ministry they are doing in Hermosillo and surrounding areas. Funds collected go toward our shared vision of reaching out and proclaiming the gospel to our neighbours.

COLLECTIONS IN MARCH

- March 2 Refugee Committee
- March 9 Mexico Missions Partnership
- March 16 Resonate Global Mission
- March 23 World Renew
- March 30 Ministry Shares

It is with hearts of gratitude that the Board of **Rehoboth Christian Ministries** announces that the 2024 "Friends of Rehoboth" campaign reached \$236,134.99. Bethel Christian Reformed Community Church contributed \$2495.00 to the campaign, and we are thankful for your congregants help to "Make Room" for the individuals we serve, allowing them to Flourish. Special thanks to Jo-Ann Tavenier-Vriend for her assistance with this campaign.

2024 TAX RECEIPTS: These will be emailed this week. If we do not have an email for you then it will be mailed to your home. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 780-476-3762 or email Pamela at accounting@discoverbethel.com. If you would like to be sure we have an email address for you or to update any contact information, please call the office.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

GRACE VLEEMING was in the hospital, but we rejoice that she is now home recovering. Please pray for continued healing.

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

BETHEL YOUTH

PAUL & PANCAKES: Our next Paul and Pancakes will be March 16. This is an opportunity for youth to gather for fellowship and Bible study while, you guessed it, eating pancakes! Youth will meet in the downstairs kitchen of Bethel during the worship service.

BETHEL YOUTH UPDATE: Bethel Community Church is looking for a Youth Ministry Director (20 hours a week) with the potential for more hours as the youth ministry grows. The successful candidate will be someone who can curate, promote and build an environment where teenagers are disciplined in their faith and grow in community, as well as partner with and support families as they nurture their child's spiritual walk. The candidate needs strong skills in leadership, volunteer recruitment, and administration duties. They should also have a passion for discipleship through Bible study, extra-curricular activities, and family ministry. If you're interested, please visit discoverbethel.com/jobs. Applications and inquiries about the position can be sent to hr@discoverbethel.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS: With the start of a new year, it's a good time to think about Bethel's mission. A key factor in fulfilling that mission relies on the many different people who serve in our church. Within that group are the church leaders (Elders and Deacons). Each year, a number of these leaders finish their terms and need to be replaced. That is where you come in. We need you to prayerfully consider who you think would make good, Christ-centered leaders for these different roles. To nominate someone, please send us an email with their name to clerk@discoverbethel.com.

The individual you nominate must be a professing member of Bethel. To see our current list of elders and deacons visit our leadership page [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Arnold Groot.

LENT BEGINS: With the beginning of Lent, we begin a new series through the life of Joseph in Genesis reflecting on how his struggles anticipate the journey of Christ to the cross. To help you explore the depth of Christ this season and to practice this through daily rhythms, we are issuing a Discipleship **Lent Challenge** to Bethel. These practices will be highlighted each Sunday as we journey together to cross. For details about the challenge, discipleship practices, and more visit the Lent 2025 resources page, [here](#) (under the sermon resources tab).

SOUP-ER SUNDAY: Our next Souper Sunday potluck is coming April 6. To make this a successful event, we need people to sign up to bring soup, buns and to volunteer to help with setup, food prep, dishes and tear down. To sign up to help or to bring food please click [here](#). We're also looking for someone to help with the organization of the potluck and volunteers. If you are interested, please reach out to the church office.

DEACON REQUEST: Do you have a truck? From time to time, people need to move or move large items, but they do not have a vehicle to accomplish the task! Are you willing to be a driver to help people in the Bannerman area? The people interested in moving will collect helpers for the moving adventure! As a truck owner, you would just have to do the driving! Interested? Do you have questions? Talk to Helen Krol or send her an email at hckrol@hotmail.com.

CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH: This regional gathering of all the Christian Reformed Churches north of Red Deer, will be meeting at Trinity CRC on March 7 and 8. Please pray for the delegates as they gather to discuss many issues relating to the welfare of the churches and of the denomination. The agenda for the meeting of Classis can be found under the Documents tab on the website www.classisalbertanorth.ca


COMMUNITY NEWS

FAMILY FRIENDLY SOCCER (ADULTS): This is the 25th anniversary of Family Friendly Soccer in a just-for-fun church league! Games will be played on Tuesdays & Thursdays in May & June 2024 during the evenings. The fields are in northeast Edmonton. The cost is only \$45. Registration for the adult's league begins this Saturday, March 1st. Click [here](#) to register.

2025 ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER: Synod has designated the second Wednesday in March (March 12, 2025) as the Annual Day of Prayer. On this date each year, all CRC congregations are requested to take time to ask for God's blessing upon the world, our nations and communities, crops and industry, and the church worldwide. Will you join us? Click [here](#) for more information.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS: May 2025 marks the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. To commemorate this historic and most significant event in Dutch history (and the personal history of so many immigrants and their descendants), the Canadian Military and the Dutch Community will honour this significant milestone with a planned commemoration that will take place on Sunday, May 4th. It will be preceded by a Church Service at 10:30 am at Holy Trinity Anglican, followed by a short march/walk to South Alberta Light Horse Park in Old Strathcona where the actual ceremony will take place. The 80th anniversary, as a major commemoration, will be the last time actual living soldiers who were part of the Canadian army, will be in attendance. The few that are left are now 100 years of age or older. Also, those who were liberated are now in their late 80's or in their 90s. Thus, it will close a chapter of living history. Please consider attending.

DUNAMIS ESSENTIALS UPCOMING COURSE:

 Dunamis Fellowship Canada (DFC) will be hosting **Dunamis Essentials #2: In the Spirit's Power** at our very own Bethel Community Church starting the evening of **April 10th** to the evening of **April 12th**. In the Spirit's Power explores the nature and use of spiritual gifts and cooperation with the Holy Spirit. Participants practice discernment in a safe environment. It covers three parts: Functional Gifts (Romans 12:6-8), helping discern individual gifts; Manifestational Gifts (1 Corinthians 12 & 14), examining their use; and Principles of Power Ministry, focusing on cooperating with the Holy Spirit for advancing the Kingdom of God. If you're interested in finding out more, click [here](#).

To minimize expenses, donations of food including baked goods and meals (lunch and/or dinner) are needed. Additionally, we are looking for people who can host out-of-town guests for 3-4 nights and assist with transportation to Bethel. We're expecting 30 – 35 people. If you have questions about any of these area or know that you can assist please contact:

Kimberly Walker (busynlovinitwalker@gmail.com or text 780-499-1537) or
Jeannie Visser (visserjeannie@gmail.com, call or text 780-242-6117)

REHOBOTH CAMP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Rehoboth Camp Ministry is a Christian summer camp for people with special needs from young children to seniors. We want to share the love of Jesus, provide a summer camp experience, build relationships, and give parents or guardians a week of respite. We are volunteer-run and are always looking for volunteers to make Camp happen! A willingness to be a friend and help someone have a positive Camp experience is all that is needed. If you are 14 years old and up, have a heart for serving others, and have a week to spare this summer, then we are the place for you! Check us out at www.rcmflourish.ca/camp to get more information!

PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE: For 40 years, your support has brought hope and life to those facing unexpected pregnancies. Join us on April 12 to celebrate what we've accomplished together and look ahead to the work still to come. This milestone event isn't just a reflection — it's your opportunity to shape the next 40 years. Reserve your seat and be part of this life-changing mission! Email info@pregnancycentre.ca or click [here](#) for more information.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Adeara's Golf Tournament is back for its second year on June 11! **Tickets go on sale on Wednesday, March 12, 2025**,—so be sure to mark your calendar and set a reminder. With limited spots available, we expect them to sell out fast! Click [here](#) to register.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SEMINAR: New Life Community Church is hosting a free seminar by Not Alone Ministries on March 22 at 2:00 p.m. The seminar will include a time of education, worship, prayer, and hearing powerful testimonies of how God, by His own hand, delivered and healed victims, turning them to victors. We are excited to gather, and we believe that human trafficking can be stopped, as this is our duty. We are excited to see you there! Email notalonestrategy@outlook.com for more information or to register.

DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADA JOB OPPORTUNITY: Are you looking for rewarding work? Do you want to be part of a dynamic and committed team that equips and supports community-minded and justice-oriented Christ-followers in the CRC? Diaconal Ministries Canada is currently accepting applications for the full-time position of National Director. The National Director is responsible for the integrity, viability, and quality of all components of Diaconal Ministries Canada including programs, communications, staff, promotion, and fiscal management. This person will oversee the development and use of effective tools and resources that will help us inspire, empower, and equip Deacons as they animate congregations to join in God's transforming work in communities across Canada. Visit our [website](#) for more details and the full job description. Application deadline: March 21, 2025.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR JOB OPENING: West End CRC (WECRC) in Edmonton, is in search of a new Financial Administrator. This job is a part-time position of 10-12 hours a week with a flexible work schedule and the possibility of some work from home hours. The Financial Administrator for WECRC processes all the incoming donations, reimburses expense submissions and pays invoices, records all these transactions and then reports summaries back to committees, Council and congregation members. The Financial Administrator also ensures that WECRC meets all regulatory requirements. For a detailed job description and if you would like to know more, please contact Carol Slomp at carol.slomp@westendcrc.ca or visit our website at westendcrc.ca.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: If you are looking for a quiet, spacious office in a central location consider Inglewood CRC. We have a fully furnished private office available which includes Wi-Fi and free parking. Contact the church office at ICRC (admin@inglewoodcrc.org or 780-455-1066) if you have any questions or would like to view the space.

CRCNA: Click [here](#) to read the Pastoral Letter Regarding the Canada – United States Relationship

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, March 9

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

11:30 a.m. Alpha Marriage Course

MONDAY, March 10

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, March 11

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. GEMS

WEDNESDAY, March 12

6:30 a.m. Prayer - In-person & Zoom

9:30 a.m. Oasis Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, March 13

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, March 14

SATURDAY, March 15