



March 10, 2024

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we continue our sermon series for Lent, **I AM**. Each of the statements Jesus makes about himself in the Gospel of John invite us to follow Christ more fully because of who he is, and not what we would prefer him to be. Next, we look at what it means for Jesus to be the "Good Shepherd."

The analogy of a Shepherd brings about images of being led and cared for. What does it mean to be one of God's sheep? The message this Sunday we will explore the "I AM" statement of a good shepherd through readings from John 10 and Psalm 23.

The message this Sunday will focus on John 10:14-18, "I AM the Good Shepherd."

## OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **MEXICO YOUTH MISSIONS:** 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. In early July of 2024, Bethel has the privilege of hosting a team of youth and young adults from Mexico as we continue our shared vision of reaching out and proclaiming the gospel to our neighbours.

Individual pictures of team members and prayer cards with a group picture and schedule of events for the week they are here will be at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**NEXT WEEK – BETHEL WORLD MISSION VISION - HOME OF BLESSINGS:** ("Casa Bendicion" in Spanish) is the name of a special ministry centre in the Suchitoto municipality of El Salvador contributing to Christian outreach, training & support of leaders, and quality of life and integral community development in Central America. This ministry is closely aligned with the local organization, Seeds of New Creation, a partner organization of Resonate Global Mission. The ministry is founded on, guided by and engaged in promoting Christian transformation and values, reconciled relationships and the Kingdom of God.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Condolences to **MONIKA CHAMBERLAIN** who is mourning the passing of her stepbrother Mitch. Please pray for Monika and her stepdad **HARRY** as they grieve the loss of their family member.

Please pray for **EVANS KOTIO**. Over the past several years he has experienced complications with his health related to his liver. We are praying that he will be able to receive a liver transplant this year. Pray he will experience God's comfort and peace during this time of waiting.

**DON PROKUDA'S** surgery has been rescheduled to March 15. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for this.

Please continue to remember **CATHY FERCHAU, CURTIS COENEN, MIKE JACKSON, JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA, JANE SHULTZ, CELINE SIGVALDASON,** and **JILL SNEEP** as you pray for our church community.

**FROM THE DEACONS:** A family in our congregation is urgently seeking a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom (or a larger 2 bedroom- to accommodate a crib and adult bed, and 2 bathroom) on or before April 1st. If you know of a rental unit that is available, please contact Doug (Deacon contact) at 587-785-3131.

A single mother, from the Karen community, recently widowed, with two pre-teen girls is in need of clothing for her girls. If you have clean and gently used spring/summer girls' clothing items in sizes 11/12 and 13/14 or footwear size 4.5 please contact Eleanor Prokuda at 780-886-9804. Items can be placed in a box under the mailboxes. Gift cards to purchase new items would also be welcome.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:** This is a reminder that Daylight Savings time is coming. Don't forget to change your clocks one hour ahead on Saturday, March 9.

**FAMILY WORSHIP MEET 'n EAT (aka Family Worship Camp):** Join us this Sunday, March 10, after the service, for our next Family Worship Meet 'n' Eat. After sharing lunch together, kids will join Pastor Wendy and youth will meet with Pastor Cris and Zach to learn about worship in the church. Parents will learn how to equip their child to worship not only Sundays in church but to live a life of worship. Childcare is available for 3 and under. For more information and to sign up, click [here](#).

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY EVENINGS:** It's not too late to join! We meet at the church 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and are guided by a study plan from Francis Chan. There will be handouts available at each session that are no cost to you! Just come ready to listen and share as we journey together through the book of James. Register at [discoverbethel.com/events](https://discoverbethel.com/events).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men of Bethel, we would love to have you join us this Saturday, March 16, at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel for food and fellowship. Please register [here](#). We are looking forward to seeing you!

**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! Time is set aside for private discussions with your spouse. The Marriage Course will run Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at Bethel Community Church starting April 2, 2024. All married couples are welcome! Register before March 22, on the Bethel events page by clicking [here](#) to ensure enough time to order materials. 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 [khmailbox@shaw.ca](mailto:khmailbox@shaw.ca)

**WILLOWWOOD CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL:** Open House, March 20, 4-7 p.m. Come meet the teachers, tour the classroom, and learn more about our program. WillowWood, located in Bethel's lower level, is a loving, accepting Christian preschool that encourages a love of learning in a play-based setting. We offer both a 2-day and 3-day morning class. If your child will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2024, we would love to have them join our preschool. For more information and to register, visit us online at [willowwoodpreschool.com](https://willowwoodpreschool.com) or email us at [willowwood@discoverbethel.com](mailto:willowwood@discoverbethel.com).

**BETHEL KIDS: What goes on at Bethel Kids and how can you join the fun?** Every week, we have the privilege of welcoming the children of God into a time of exploration of God's Great Big Story, the Bible. Through stories, games, crafts, activities, and lots of fun, we invite children to interact with God's story, experience God's love, wonder at His greatness, and find their place in His family. That only happens through a great team of caring adults, pouring into the lives of children, and sharing God's Word and God's love with them, and we would love to grow our team. If you are curious about what goes on in the lower level and are looking for a way to get involved and serve at Bethel, come join us on a Sunday and check it out. For more information talk to Selikke after the service, or email [kids@discoverbethel.com](mailto:kids@discoverbethel.com).

**BETHEL YOUTH – Launch Pad:** There will be a youth Launch Pad night on Friday March 22, 2024. Drop off your youth at the church at 7:00 p.m. we will be taking a bus to Launch Pad and will get back at 9:30 p.m. Join us for a night of jumping fun and limitless trampolines. The cost will be \$20 a student, all parents need to sign a waiver for their youth to participate. You can sign up [here](#). We hope to see you there.

**NOW HIRING:** Do you have a passion for reaching and working with children or youth in our community. Bethel is hiring two interns to help run our summer programs for children and youth. These positions are 35 hours a week, from May 21 to August 23, 2024 (dates and hours subject to change based on receipt of funding from the Canada Summer Jobs Grant). Applications will be accepted until April 12, 2024. For more information and to apply, go to [discoverbethel.com/jobs](https://discoverbethel.com/jobs).

**EASTER IS COMING!** We will be hosting two services for Easter Sunday March 31, at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. and a Good Friday service on March 29 at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to celebrating Christ's death and resurrection with you. We encourage you to invite friends, family, and those around you to come.

**A CALL TO PRAYER – CRC ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER:** Our denomination has designated the second Wednesday in March (March 13 this year) as the Annual Day of Prayer. On this date, all CRC congregations are requested to take time to seek God's leading, blessing, and transformation to become more like Christ. Our denominational ministries have provided the following prayer guide to assist you in this important time: [CRC Annual Day of Prayer Resources](#).

**DAYS FOR GIRLS:** I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your very generous donation to the Days for Girls Edmonton Chapter. Thanks to you, over 100 more girls will receive the gift of a menstrual kit, allowing them to stay in school and get an education that will benefit their entire community. According to the Global Partnership in Education, "The power of girls' education on national economic growth is undeniable: a 1% increase in female education raises the average gross domestic product (GDP) by 0.3 percentage points and raises annual GDP growth rates by 0.2 percentage points. Thank you for helping make that happen.

Louise Colonnier

Please mark your calendar our next work bee is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. till noon. More details will be posted next week.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### COLLECTIONS IN MARCH

March 3	Ministry Shares
March 10	Mexico Youth Missions
March 17	Bethel World Mission Vision – Home of Blessings
March 24	World Renew
March 31	Benevolence 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).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**REMBRANDT'S JESUS: REFLECTION FOR LENT** - In our walk of life and faith, the timeless art of Rembrandt invites us to explore the light of God as it shines in our dark places. Join art historian and pastor, Tony Maan, author of "Rembrandt's Jesus: Meditations on the Life of Christ" for an evening of Lenten reflections and renewal as we journey with Jesus through the eyes of the Dutch master. Come Thursday, March 14, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at The Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert. Registration is \$20. Register at [here](#) or call 780-459-5511.

**EMMANUEL HOME AND LIGHTHOUSE TOWN HALL:** Come to Inglewood CRC, 12330 113 Avenue, on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. to learn more about the Lighthouse Christian Retirement Home which is scheduled to open in Spring of 2025. A presentation and question period will provide all the details you need about affordability, suite layouts and amenities. You will also have the chance to schedule a meeting to choose and guarantee a suite at the Lighthouse. Suites are going fast so take advantage of this opportunity! A second town hall is scheduled for Thursday, April 18 at Providence Canadian Reformed church. We hope to see you at one of these presentations!

**KING'S UNIVERSITY: President's Social** — We invite you to join us on campus for our President's Social on Friday, March 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the Centre for Teaching and Learning at The King's University. Gather to hear stories of God's faithfulness. We will also be honoring the recipients of our Alumni Achievement Awards. We look forward to seeing you at this special celebration! RVSP by Friday, March 15 by visiting [kingsu.ca/presidents-social](https://kingsu.ca/presidents-social).

**TOGETHER FOR GOOD MARRIAGE WORKSHOP:** Trinity CRC is hosting this Family Life Canada marriage workshop on Saturday March 23, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. This one-day marriage workshop is designed to help strengthen your communication and build a healthier, more joy-filled and resilient marriage. Cost is \$40/couple with lunch and snacks provided. Please contact Krista at [khmailbox@shaw.ca](mailto:khmailbox@shaw.ca) for more information or click [here](#) to register.

**DUNAMIS FELLOWSHIP CANADA:** Igniting Revival in the Power of the Holy Spirit - Come join us April 10-13 at the Providence Renewal Centre. This event aims to equip individuals and small teams to cooperate with Jesus to see outpourings of the Holy Spirit, which could lead to revival and the Next Great Awakening. For tickets click [here](#).

**LIFE CHANGING!** That's what **Rehoboth Camp Ministry** can be! RCM provides a one-week summer camp experience for persons with developmental disabilities, and we need volunteers. Come and be a friend to someone with a developmental disability and show them the love of Christ, and at the same time enjoy our beautiful camp facility. We are looking for all kinds of volunteers, especially nurses/LPNs, cooks, and counsellors for each week: R&R (a more relaxed week from June 23 – 28), Adult 1 (June 29 -July 5), Adult 2 (July 6 -12), Independent (July 13-19), and Youth (July 20 - 26).

Check out our website at [www.rcmflourish.ca/camps](http://www.rcmflourish.ca/camps) for descriptions of the weeks and more information. Anyone age 14 and up is welcome to apply. No experience is necessary and full training and support is provided. Bring a friend! For more information, please e-mail [camp@rcmflourish.ca](mailto:camp@rcmflourish.ca). With your help we can flourish in the land. See you at camp!

**CHRISTIAN SLO-PITCH:** Join in the fun and fellowship of playing slo-pitch with fellow Christians this spring. The league has been operating for more than 30 years and is made up from various Christian churches in the Edmonton area. Teams consist of a minimum of 10 players, including at least 3 women and 3 men, all players must be at least 14 years old. League fees are typically \$475 per year (may be adjusted depending on how many teams join), plus a \$100 refundable deposit per new team. If you would like to play, you can sign your team up through our website [here](#) (deadline is April 23). If you have any questions, please e-mail [elmsp.president@gmail.com](mailto:elmsp.president@gmail.com).

**CAMP HOMEWOOD:** Love horses, camp ministry and looking for a new adventure? Camp Homewood is a non-denominational Christian camp located on 200 stunning acres on Quadra Island, B.C. We are looking for a **year-round Barn and Horse Manager** to care for our 15 horses. Camp Homewood is also looking for a Red Seal Chef to join the team onsite, **year-round as a Food Service Manager**. Besides the stunning location and great staff, we have a brand-new dining room and state of the art professional kitchen! More details can be found with [here](#). Camp Homewood also has a wide variety of summer only positions available. Come serve, make friends, and learn some new skills. Check out our positions [here](#).

**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 10**

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

### **MONDAY, March 11**

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

### **TUESDAY, March 12**

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Emotionally Healthy Relationships

7:00 p.m. Personal Financial Management

7:00 p.m. GEMS – Seniors Tea

### **WEDNESDAY, March 13**

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

9:30 a.m. Oasis

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

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

8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, March 14**

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

### **FRIDAY, March 15**

### **SATURDAY, March 16**

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

