

September 24, 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.](#)"

We continue our sermon series, *The Good News*, this Sunday by reflecting on the devotion among the earliest followers of Jesus. Through relational practices and rhythms—meditating on the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer—the message of Good News transformed and deepened their community. This also is how we must live out the gospel and share it with others. *How can this be an example of how we reach out to and live with one another?*

Pastor Harold Roscher, Director of the [Native Healing Centre](#), will be guest preaching for us this Sunday in a message focusing on Acts 2:42-47, "Good News through Fellowship."

Following the message, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. For those attending in-person, we will invite you to come forward to receive the elements at the front, sharing them together as a group. If you are not able to come forward, please raise your hand and the elements will be brought to you. Gluten-free bread is available for those who desire this option.

For everyone online, please have communion elements ready at home (bread, juice/wine) to join with us in sharing the meal. You can partake of the elements at home while they are being served in the sanctuary.

We look forward to celebrating Christ's meal of grace with you Sunday. Please prepare your hearts for this time of remembrance and celebration in light of our forgiveness through the cross.

OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **THE EDMONTON NATIVE HEALING CENTRE** empowers individuals to grow stronger and creates vibrant community relationships while honoring our culture through Spiritual development centered in the heart of the Creator.

NEXT WEEK – MINISTRY SHARES: Supports various CRC initiatives that send missionaries around the world, start new churches, train pastors and leaders, and use media to spread the gospel.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

We rejoice that on Sunday, October 1st, **JUSTIN PATTERSON** will be baptized and profess his faith in Jesus Christ. We hope that you join us in praying for Justin as he takes this momentous step in his faith journey.

CURTIS COENEN will be going for facial surgery to fix a broken cheekbone in the next few weeks. Please pray for his quick healing.

Please also remember **CALVIN BRUINSMA, MARCEL CROCKER, MIKE JACKSON, JENNY PENFOLD, DON & ELEANOR PROKUDA, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP, and LINDA VROON** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are deeply sorry to share that Alexander, a young Karen member of Maranatha Church passed away suddenly on Sep 8th. Alexander is a brother to our recently sponsored Refugee family, Abraham, Hsa Wah and Mat, and son to Jame. There will be a funeral service on Monday September 25th at 2pm at Maranatha Church, followed by interment at Little Mountain Cemetery (16025 54 St. NW); after which there will be a reception at Maranatha Church.

A family friend has set up a GoFundMe page for his family to help with Funeral Expenses; click [here](#) if you would like to contribute. Bethel's Refugee Committee will be donating directly to the family too. Thank you.

WORSHIP ARTS: Do you have a flair for decorating? Would you enjoy making our stage look amazing to assist with worship services throughout the year? Worship arts is looking for some individuals to help with stage design for thanksgiving. We have one person but would appreciate a couple more creative people. Please contact Lisa lisa@discoverbethel.com

BETHEL KIDS THIS FALL: Bethel Kids seeks to provide a caring, safe place of belonging for the children of Bethel, where they can grow in their faith as they learn about and explore God's Big Story. This is only possible with the work of a team of adults. If you have a heart for building relationships and helping build lasting faith in Jesus, come serve with us. There are several different ways you can be involved.

Large group leaders welcome children in and share the Bible stories with the whole group.

Small group leaders model faith and guide children in exploring God's story through games, crafts, activities, and discussions. *Check-in desk greeters* welcome and sign in visitors and new families and ensure each family is checked in, and *security people* help keep our children safe in the lower level. Bethel Kids will also bless you as you bless the children. Expect God to draw you near to him as you prepare for and lead each session. Expect kids to ask questions and offer insights that will challenge and grow your faith walk as well as theirs! To sign up, or if you have questions, contact Selikke Duthler at kids@discoverbethel.com or visit discoverbethel.com/serve.

BETHEL YOUTH CORN MAZE ADVENTURE: is on Friday, September 22nd from 6-10 p.m. The youth will take a bus from Bethel at 6 p.m. to explore the Edmonton Corn Maze. We ask that parents complete the online registration form. Cost is \$15 per person for admission and bus. Sign up at discoverbethel.com/youth.

PLAN TO PROTECT TRAINING SESSION: The training sessions scheduled for September 24 and 27 are postponed. If you have not taken Plan to Protect training and are volunteering in a ministry area, please contact your ministry leader regarding this training. We hope to plan training sessions specifically for each ministry area in the coming weeks.

CALLING ALL MEN! Join us for food and fellowship this Saturday, September 23 at 9 a.m. Register at discoverbethel.com/events to let us know you're coming. We'd love to see you there!

IT'S BIG COOK TIME! Fun, fellowship, and food prep. What more could you ask for?

On Saturday, September 23, join us at 1 p.m. (*please note time change*) to help us refill the meals ministry freezer! Come ready to cut, boil, bake, fry, and portion as we put together these meals to be used at later dates!

THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION: is just around the corner, Bethel's Truth and Reconciliation Committee invites you to visit Bethel's website for information on a Bannock and Coffee event held in the Fireside Room on Sunday September 24. This will be immediately following a service with Guest Preacher Harold Roscher.

WOMEN OF BETHEL: Please join us on Sunday September 24th for a walk in the River Valley! At 2PM we are going to be meeting in the Fraser Neighborhood and will enjoy a 1.5-hour walk. We are meeting at the corner of Fraser Vista Northwest, near the River Valley Trail access point. The exact location is 53.610336,-113.357917 (copy and paste the pin into your Google Maps) or you can meet at Bethel at 1:45PM to carpool together. Can't wait to see you there. If you plan to carpool or if you have any questions please contact Becky Werkman at 780-475-2655.

BANDCAMP: We're excited to share that BandCAMP has started! It's not too late to join the fun! It runs Tuesdays, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. This 6-week program provides a community for those aged 12-25 who want to develop a heart and skill for worship. Each gathering will consist of four segments: specific skill development, community connection, worship foundations in Scripture, and band dynamics. At the end of these six weeks, we hope that every person involved will not only have new tools for leading and understanding worship but will be inspired to live an authentic life of worship wherever they go. This program will be facilitated by Melanie Salte under the direction of Lisa Vander Heide. If you have any questions about the program, please email lisa@discoverbethel.com.

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior): is starting an exciting year of fellowship, Bible study, badge work, crafts and more. GEMS meets every other Tuesday from 7-8:30 pm beginning September 26. Girls in grade 2-9 are invited to come build skills together, experience God's love and grow in their faith. The registration fee for the year is \$50 per girl. Scholarships are available if the cost is prohibitive. Register your girls [here](#) . For more information contact Selikke Duthler at kids@discoverbethel.com.

EVANGELISM... What's that? In the Matthew 28:19, we are told to, "go and make disciples of all nations..." **But how?** Meet Pastor Cathy in the lower-level chapel immediately following the service on October 1st for a light lunch, and teaching. This workshop is about an hour long and will include a take-away to help you remember one method for sharing the gospel. You will also be given an opportunity to practice what you learn at the workshop. Check it out on the Bethel events page at: <https://www.discoverbethel.com/events>. If you have any further questions, please reach out to Pastor Cathy by calling the church at (780) 476-3762, or email: cathy@discoverbethel.com. Hope to see **YOU** there!

FAITH FORMATION EVENT: Little Habits, Big Faith: Simple Habits to Help Your Family Grow in Jesus. Have you ever said to yourself, "I don't have enough time to do family devotions," "I don't know how to teach the Bible to my kids," or "my own relationship with God isn't good enough?" It's easy to assume that we, as parents, aren't knowledgeable enough, disciplined enough, or interesting enough to share Jesus with our kids and teens. Join us for an un-boring, liberating class and we'll share how you can confidently nurture big faith in your kids and teens through little habits that add up over time. Register [here](#) for this event hosted by Bethel Kids and Youth on Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m-3 p.m. Cost: \$25 per family.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Our Mission and Ministry: \$66,821 was collected in the month of August for a total of \$796,812 this year. We are blessed by the continued support for our ministries.

Other Giving: The deacons gratefully acknowledge the following receipts taken in August:

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| Ministry Shares: | \$1,145.00 |
| World Renew: | \$1,956.00 |
| Hope Mission: | \$1,967.00 |
| Refugee Fund: | \$1,795.00 |
| Other Causes: | \$2,224.50 |

COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER:

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| September 3 | Ministry Shares |
| September 10 | Tuition Relief |
| September 17 | Refugee Fund |
| September 24 | Edmonton Native Healing Centre |

Please visit our website at 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

INVITATION TO ALL CHURCH MEMBERS WITHIN CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH: Where do synod's decisions related to the Human Sexuality Report leave us as churches? Where do we go next? In order for us to better understand and evaluate the momentous events and decisions of Synod 2023, the churches of Covenant, Inglewood, and West End CRC have invited our classis delegates to report on their experiences and reflections. We extend an invitation to all of you to join us on September 26 at 7 p.m. in West End CRC, to hear from delegates Henry Kranenburg, Peter Rockhold, Michelle Rooker, and Mike Werkman. If you cannot attend in person, you can join on livestream (and later on YouTube) by accessing the links on the home page of www.westendcrc.ca.

EDMONTON FOOD BANK: We are excited to share information about the Edmonton Food Drive, a city-wide initiative that lends crucial support to Edmonton's Food Bank. It's time to help replenish the cupboards at Edmonton's Food Bank. We believe that families helping families is the quickest way to do that! It's as easy as taking a walk on a Fall Day. This Saturday, September 23, we are actively seeking volunteers and warmly invite members of your congregation to join us. To get involved, individuals can sign up to cover routes in the northeast Edmonton area by visiting our website at www.yegdrive.org.

KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION: is having their 9th annual Wine and Cheese and Silent Auction fundraiser on Friday, October 13, 2023! The evening entertainment will be musician, Martin Kerr and will be catered by Dutch Delicious Bakery. All proceeds will go toward the KHC programs in remote Cambodia. The event will be at Robertson-Wesley United Church, and tickets are only \$20, available at eventbrite.ca or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. See you there!

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 or by calling 780-465-8314.

THEREFOREGO MINISTRIES: Please join us at 5:30pm on Saturday, October 14th in support of ThereforeGo Ministries (formerly Youth Unlimited). Come on out for a pig roast dinner and learn more about SERVE and other youth and emerging adult programming that ThereforeGo offers. The event will be held at the Leder Barn. Register for the event at www.thereforego.com/evening-with-tgm/ by September 28th. Contact Ron deVries by email (ron@thereforego.com) or phone (780.619.6566) for more information.

ADEARA EVENING OF DREAMS GALA, EARLY BIRD PRICING HAS BEEN EXTENDED: You are invited to the Adeara Evening of Dreams Gala on October 20, 2023. For the past 25 years, Adeara has been committed to helping women overcome addiction and regain their lives because we believe that together, we can rise up and find hope even in the darkest moments. Please visit adeara.ca/EOD for more information or to register.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE: Is currently seeking a Community Engagement Coordinator for our Edmonton location (10434 122 St. NW). Hours of work: 30 - 37.5 hrs/week; Remuneration: \$22 - 26/hr based on qualifications and experience. You can find the details on our website by clicking [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, September 24

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person and live stream
11:30 a.m. Bannock & Coffee (TRC Event)
2:00 p.m. Women's Walk

MONDAY, September 25

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

TUESDAY, September 26

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. Band Camp
7:00 p.m. Emotionally Healthy Spirituality
7:00 p.m. GEMS

WEDNESDAY, September 27

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and Zoom
9:30 a.m. Oasis
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, September 28

12:30 p.m. Food Bank
5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
6:00 p.m. Worship Choir
7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, September 29

SATURDAY, September 30

9:00 a.m. Council Meeting/Breakfast