

October 01, 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 looking at the next great speech in Acts, Stephen's sermon. Stephen was chosen to become a deacon, because he was "full of the Spirit and wisdom." God leads him to not only serve the community but to proclaim the good news, performing signs and wonders just like we saw Jesus do. Stephen follows the path of Jesus not just in life, but in death, becoming the first martyr of the church. Stephen dies for the good news. How does his example challenge us to bear witness to this same message?

The message this Sunday will focus on Acts 7, "A Witness of Faith."

We rejoice that on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, **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.

## OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **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.

**NEXT WEEK – EDMONTON FOOD BANK:** To be stewards in the collection of surplus and donated food for the effective distribution, free of charge, to people in need in our community, while seeking solutions to the causes of hunger.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Congratulations to **Ify Nwatarali** and **Elijah Kabuya** on their upcoming wedding October 7. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this journey of love and friendship together through marriage.

**LINDA VROON** had a third stroke this past June and suffered various side effects. A recent visit with a neurologist team, at the U of A hospital, declared satisfaction with her progress, healing and new medications declaring, "You are doing well; keep it up!" God has answered our prayers. Thanks be to Him for this miracle and, thank you Bethel for you support!

**CURTIS COENEN** had facial surgery September 25 to fix a broken cheekbone. Please continue to pray for his healing and recovery.

Please also remember **CALVIN BRUINSMA, MARCEL CROCKER, MIKE JACKSON, JENNY PENFOLD, DON & ELEANOR PROKUDA, CELINE SIGVALDASON, and JILL SNEEP**, 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 September 8th. Alexander is a brother to our recently sponsored Refugee family, Abraham, Hsa Wah and Mat, and son to Jame. 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.

**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](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com).

**CADETS:** is starting this Tuesday, October 3. A group for boys in grade 2-6, Cadets meets every second Tuesday from 7:00- 8:30pm from October - May. Through badge work, games, and physical activities, this group of boys build relationships, gain skills, and become more Christ-like in all areas of their lives. For more information contact Calvin Vanderleest at [cavanderleest@gmail.com](mailto:cavanderleest@gmail.com).

**SHARING THE GOOD NEWS WORKSHOP:** In Matthew 28:19, we are told to, "go and make disciples of all nations..." **But how?** *This Sunday, October 1*, meet Pastor Cathy in the lower-level chapel immediately following the service 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 [here](#). 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](mailto: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.

**HARVEST FEST 2023:** Please invite your neighbours, friends & family to join us in the Bethel church parking lot, October 28, 2-4 p.m. for an afternoon of trunk or treating, pumpkin-decorating, music & community fun! We would love to have plenty of trunks decorated, so please start planning your trunk design. The trunk sign-up and volunteer sign-up info will be available online soon! Please email Marjy at [dougandmarjy@hotmail.com](mailto:dougandmarjy@hotmail.com) with any inquiries.

**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 OCTOBER:

- October 1 Ministry Shares
- October 18 Edmonton Food Bank
- October 15 Disability Concerns
- October 22 Bethel World Mission Vision – Rachel Beveridge
- October 29 World Renew – World Hunger Sunday

Please visit our website at [discoverbethel/give](https://discoverbethel/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

**OCTOBER IS REHOBOTH'S ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE!** We invite you to become a *Friend of* Rehoboth and support our ministry of supporting persons with developmental disabilities to *flourish*. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated and help us to grow our reach. Look for more information in your mail slot or from your canvasser, Jo-Ann Tavenier-Vriend. Alternatively, a digital online submission is available through <https://www.rcmflourish.ca/donate/donation-form/>. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

**FRIENDSHIP/COMPASSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Join us as we work to cultivate places of neighbourliness, compassion, and connection. Places of belonging where loneliness and hopelessness are fought through the gift of presence. It's an opportunity to share your gifts and stories and to build relationships with people from all walks of life. Lodgepole Communitas (Avenue CRC, St. Faith's, and St. Mary's Anglican) in partnership with Boyle Street Community Services, will be launching Belonging Centres in October. The Belonging Centres are an opportunity to share the space of churches with community members in need of respite. Interested in participating? Need more information? Contact Pastor Loretta at [loretta@avenuechurch.ca](mailto:loretta@avenuechurch.ca) or 780-455-9359.

**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](https://www.eventbrite.ca) or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. See you there!

**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/](https://www.thereforego.com/evening-with-tgm/) by September 28th. Contact Ron deVries by email ([ron@thereforego.com](mailto:ron@thereforego.com)) or phone (780.619.6566) for more information.

**ADEARA** is hiring Life Skills Support Workers. Our team of caring professionals serves a diverse group of women and their children, and we are committed to serving them with love, compassion, dignity, respect, integrity, and accountability. If you share Adeara's vision and values and believe you have the skills and experience needed to support our programs and services, we encourage you to apply for our current opportunities. Click [here](#) for more information.

**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, October 1**

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person and live stream  
12:00 p.m. Sharing the Good News Workshop

### **MONDAY, October 2**

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, October 3**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, October 4**

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

### **THURSDAY, October 5**

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

### **FRIDAY, October 6**

### **SATURDAY, October 7**