



September 26, 2025

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we continue our fall sermon series, *Habits of the Church*, by reflecting on the practice of prayer in the early church. The Book of Acts gives us a picture of a church alive with purpose, passion, and power, modeling six habits that shaped the early church: devotion to God's Word, life-giving fellowship, the breaking of bread (hospitality), powerful prayer, generosity, and worshipful witness. These were not occasional activities but consistent rhythms that formed a Spirit-filled community and made the gospel visible to the world. In this series, we'll discover how these same habits can shape us today into a church that is committed to becoming like Christ and sharing Him with others.

The message this Sunday will focus on Acts 4:23-31, "And to Prayer."

*Each week, notes and resources for "what to do next" related to the habit of the week on the sermon are posted on the sermon resources page. You can see these [here](#).

Following the message, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

- For those attending in-person, we will pass around the elements with plates and baskets. When you receive them, please wait to eat and drink together at the same time. We welcome you to use the time for singing, prayer and reflection. Gluten-free bread is available in the centre for those who desire this option. Also, you may leave the disposable cups in the pews to be collected later.
- 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.
- For parents with Children who you would like to participate in the Lord's Supper, there will be space for you to quickly check out your children in the lower level following the message

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

OUR OFFERINGS

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

COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

September 7	Alpha Canada
September 14	King's University
September 21	Edmonton Native Healing Center
September 28	Ministry Shares

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

BECKY & MICHAEL WERKMAN'S 2.5-year-old niece, Callie, was diagnosed with Stage IV diffuse midline glioma - brain cancer. There is no cure, and they are recommending palliative radiation to extend her life 6-12 months. Please keep her family (Sheri, Cam, and Molly Guenther (age 5)) in your prayers. They live in Abbotsford BC.

Continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN, MARIJKE COUVREUR, SYLVIA MILFORD, JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA** and **JEAN SAATHOF** as you pray for our church community.

BETTESU STUDENT SPONSORSHIP: THANK YOU! Once again those of us involved with the Bettesu school are overwhelmed with the generosity of the members of Bethel. All 320 students are sponsored; we praise God for your support! Thank you

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHEL FAMILIES: Among the many significant practices of the church, celebration the Lord's Supper beautifully captures God's grace and his acceptance of us in Christ. We want to emphasize this more and more for children growing up in Bethel. Children are welcome to receive communion just as God welcomes them. We will plan for upcoming services that include celebrating the Lord's Supper (typically the last Sunday of the month) to also have sufficient time for parents to check out their children from Bethel Kids after the message. The first service where we will intentionally invite families to include their children as part of the Lord's Supper will be on September 28, 2025.

There are two additional things to note here:

1. We support the discernment of parents about if your children are ready to participate in the Lord's Supper. We ask you to pray and reflect on this as a family – not to mention talk with your kids, which may lead to some great conversations about the gospel and the Lord's Supper.
2. We have resources available to talk about this at home. Please take a look on the resources tab for the current sermon series [here](#) – under "To the Breaking of Bread."
3. If you have questions, or are unsure, please don't hesitate to reach out to our staff team. We would be happy to walk alongside you as you prepare your family for celebrating the Lord's Supper together.

PLAN TO PROTECT FALL SESSION: This training is for anyone who is currently volunteering or will be working with children, youth, or vulnerable adults this coming year. The next training session will be on Wednesday, October 1. The session is 2.5 hours, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. and is for those who need to have a refresher and for those who have never attended. Anyone who has been before will need to attend because we have not run the sessions for some time. Please sign up [here](#).

GEMS FUNDRAISER: on Monday, September 29, we are making freezer meals again with Collective Kitchen. Two sessions are available, 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Make 10 freezer meals to take home for the cost of \$300. To sign up, please use this [link](#). Any questions, text or call Marjy at 780-995-1369.

CADETS: Cadets is a group for boys in grade 2-6. Cadets meets every second Tuesday from 7:00- 8:30pm from October – May. Our first Cadets night is October 14. 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. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

YOUNG ADULTS: Join us each month for Bethel Young Adults Gathering. We will meet this Sunday, September 28, 2025, 7:00–8:30 p.m. hosted at the Harpers. We will spend time in prayer and worship, exploring how we can support each other into the fall. Snacks provided. Email Pastor Cris at cris@discoverbethel.com for details.

DISCOVER BETHEL CLASS: If you are interested in learning more about Bethel Community Church or if you are considering becoming a member of Bethel, we invite you to join this 2-hour session after the service on Sunday, September 28, in the Fireside room (adjacent to the main entrance). You will learn about the history of Bethel Community Church, its ministries and mission, and the Christian Reformed Church denomination. Please RSVP by clicking [here](#). A light lunch will be served. For more information, please email Pastor Cathy at cathy@discoverbethel.com

GET INVOLVED

BETHEL KIDS: We need lots of adults to share God’s word and show his love to these amazing children of the King. Whether you are a storyteller, activity leader, baby cuddler, security monitor, check-in desk manager, or an extra set of hands to assist a leader, we would love to have you. Check out our team sign up page, [here](#).

SMALL GROUPS: We invite you to sign up to be a part of something special! Small groups are where we grow in our faith in Jesus, support one another in times of need and welcome others on the journey of faith. Groups are home based and typically work through a bible study, have faith discussions and share joys & needs and pray for one another. Click [here](#) to learn more or sign up!

BETHEL LIBRARY: Do you love reading and sharing book recommendations with others? If so, consider being part of the library team! You’ll open the library on Sundays after church and help readers of all ages check out books to grow their hearts and minds. Let’s work together to keep the library open for readers! Interested? Please email Christie Thomas at christinanthomas@gmail.com for more info.

A BIG COOK IS COMING! Meals Ministry invites you to join us in a big cook on Saturday, October 4 from 1:00-4:00 p.m! An afternoon of laughter and visiting and putting some freezer meals together to help the deacons and staff bless members of the community when they are going through a time of need.

HARVEST FEST: Save the date, Saturday, October 25, for Harvest Fest and Trunk or Treat,. The afternoon event will be hosted in the Bethel Church Parking lot. More details and an opportunity to get involved will be shared next week!

BETHEL YOUTH

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **no youth** tonight, September 26, but we look forward to another fun youth night on October 3!

YOUTH AND PANCAKES: Sunday September 28, all youth grades 7-12 are invited to meet in the Lower Level during the service for pancakes and a time of connection.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WILLOWWOOD CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL – Spaces available: We are still accepting registrations for the 2025-26 school year. If you are looking for a great play-based Christian preschool for your 3 or 4 year old, we would love to have you join us. Located in Bethel Community Church, WillowWood offers both a 3 day and 2 day morning program. For more information and to register, visit willowwoodpreschool.com.

WE'RE HIRING – WillowWood Christian Preschool is looking for a teaching assistant for our program. This position is 18 hours/week, 8:30- 12:00 M-F, plus a short weekly staff meeting. If you have a passion for play-based preschool education, hold at minimum a level 1 Early Childhood Educator certificate, and are an active member of a Christian church, please send your resume and cover letter to willowwood@discoverbethel.com. Full job description available [here](#).

EVENING OF DREAMS GALA: Celebrate with us at Adeara Recovery Centre's annual Evening of Dreams Gala, Friday October 3. This spectacular event is designed to inspire and bring hope as we support women who are building new futures for themselves and their children after addiction. Tickets available [here](#).

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY HARVEST BANQUET: Join us for our annual Harvest Banquet at The King's University on October 4, 2025. Let's gather in fellowship and reflect on the ways Christian education shapes lives for God's glory. Early Bird tickets are now available! Visit [here](#) or call 780-465-8314 to learn more or purchase tickets. We hope to see you there!

LOVEDMONTON'S DINNER & SILENT AUCTION: You are invited to celebrate with us God's transformative work in our community. At Lovedmonton, our mission is to be a storefront to the gospel, reaching people who might never walk into a church. Through relational ministry, we meet people where they are, sharing God's love in ways that are meaningful and accessible. Your support makes this possible, and we can't wait to celebrate the impact we've made together. Join us October 17th, 2025! Click [here](#) for tickets.

KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION: Please join Kindred Hearts Cambodia Foundation at their 11th annual Fundraiser Gala & Silent Auction on Friday, October 17, 2025! There will be amazing food, live entertainment, a 50/50 draw and great company! Come out for a fun evening, while supporting the KHC programs in remote Cambodia. The event will be at the Woodvale Community Facility (Millwoods Golf Course Clubhouse) and early bird tickets are only \$20, available at eventbrite.ca or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. See you there!

DUNAMIS FELLOWSHIP CANADA: Dunamis Essentials will be hosted at Bethel Community Church October 16-18. Registration for The Power of Prayer is now open. Click [here](#) for more information.

ROOM FOR RENT: A family member of our church community has two single rooms available for rent at \$700/room with a required damage deposit of \$200. Preferably looking for students or working adults. Quiet home and neighbourhood with two small dogs. Utilities as well as internet included. Shared bathroom and laundry. Rooms are partly furnished. Close access to bus and LRT routes. House rules must be followed and will be discussed at rental interview. Serious inquiries only, references are an asset. Contact 780.802.8095 or 780.221.7774.

CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH: There are several opportunities to serve the wider CRC community. Please consider submitting a nomination or volunteering for one of the following roles:

1. Classis continues to desperately seek someone willing to serve as Treasurer.
2. Classis needs a Minister of the Word (active or retired) to serve on the Classis Interim Committee
3. Classis Alberta North is looking for 2 Ministers of the Word (active or retired) to serve as Synodical Deputy and Alternate Synodical Deputy respectively.

4. Classis needs persons to serve on the Classis Abuse Response Team (CART). Click [HERE](#) for information about CART.
5. Classis seeks nominations for a Minister of the Word (active or retired) to serve as our representative on the Board of Calvin Theological Seminary.

Our denomination is also seeking nominations for:

- a Minister of the Word (active or retired) to serve on the Judicial Code Committee,
- a non-ordained person with no legal training to serve on the Judicial Code Committee,
- a “at-large” member of the Council of Delegates, and
- a person to serve on the Candidacy Committee.

Click [HERE](#) for information about the Judicial Code Committee and the Council of Delegates.

Click [HERE](#) for information about the Candidacy Committee. (Scroll to page 11.)

Send names to Lucinda Klapwyk, Nominations Coordinator, at klapwyk@yahoo.ca.

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 28

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person & live stream
 10:00 a.m. Youth and Pancakes
 12:00 p.m. Discover Bethel Class

MONDAY, September 29

10:00 a.m. Collective Kitchen Session 1
 7:00 p.m. Collective Kitchen Session 2
 7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, September 30

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

WEDNESDAY, October 1

6:30 a.m. Prayer-In-person & Zoom
 9:30 a.m. Oasis
 6:30 p.m. Plan 2 Protect
 8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, October 2

12:30 p.m. Food Bank
 5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

FRIDAY, October 3

7:00 p.m. Bethel Youth

SATURDAY, October 4

1:00 p.m. The Big Cook