



May 5, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This week we continue our journey through **40 Days of Belonging**. Each week we are exploring a key value that shapes who we are becoming as a church family: a "House of the Lord," which is what Bethel means, and a "House of Belonging." Our goal is to re-affirm what this means for every person at Bethel and allow unity for what we care about most to guide our lives together in Christ.

On Sunday, we will look at God's call for us in **Everyday Discipleship**.

What is discipleship? Who do we look to as a model of good discipleship, and how do we become good disciples together? We will look at the essentials of becoming disciples, and how we can become committed to the mission of Jesus as a community.

The message this Sunday will focus on Colossians 3:15-17 and Matthew 28:19-20.

OUR OFFERINGS

- 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 – CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK is a partnership of 15 church-based agencies working together to end global hunger. We support programs implemented by our member churches and agencies through their local partner organizations in countries around the world.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

We rejoice that this Sunday, May 5th, **ELLA DALMAIJER** will profess her faith in Jesus Christ. We hope that you join us in praying for Ella as she takes this momentous step in her faith journey.

Please pray for **KATHY AND MIKE JACKSON** as Mike has been diagnosed with lymphoma in the brain. He has been moved to palliative care. We ask that the Lord provides care and comfort to Kathy and their family in the upcoming weeks.

MELANIE and NATE WRIGHT are absolutely thrilled and feeling incredibly blessed to welcome James Aaron Arturo Wright to their family. He was born April 15th at 10:02 a.m. weighing 8lbs 3oz. Mom and baby are doing great! **NATE WRIGHT** also had an unexpected surgery earlier this week requiring removal of his appendix. Praise God for his provision of taking care of Nate through the medical system before his appendix ruptured. Prayers for their family as both Melanie and Nate recover from their surgeries and manage at home with a newborn and toddler!

Please continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN, DRIKA DUTHLER, MIKE JACKSON, JENNY PENFOLD, DON PROKUDA, ELEANOR PROKUDA, EVANS KOTIO, JANE SHULTZ, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP** and **EVERT VROON** as you pray for our church community.

Please be aware of a phone number correction for **HANS HUIZINGA** in the Church Directory. The correct phone number is 780-473-9045.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

40 DAYS OF BELONGING SERIES: This Spring we want to ask an important question as a church: What does it mean to belong to Bethel? We will be reflecting on our key values which shape who God has called us to become as a church family and a “house of the Lord.” If this is the kind of house we’re supposed to be, we want to re-affirm what this means for every person at Bethel. This conversation in our church should flow through everything we do. Every week we will send out resources and discussion guides. Every Sunday we will focus on another value that draws us together as a family through our sermon series, House of Belonging. We’d love for you to journey with us as we say together as members of one body: **You belong here.** For details and, visit discoverbethel.com/belong.

NIGHT OF BELONGING - SAVE THE DATE: Through our House of Belonging series, we wanted to express to every one a part of Bethel: You belong here. Join us for an "All-In" family gathering on Monday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m., a night filled with stories, fellowship, and fun. We're grateful for the family God has made among us, and we're excited for what's next!

NEW BIBLE READING PLAN - THE GOOD LIFE by the Bible Project: Have you been part of Bethel’s Bible Reading Plan? This is a great way to try something new or continue your journey through the bible. Starting May 10, in this 14-day plan, you’ll gain two complementary perspectives on how to experience the good life. Proverbs invites readers to fear God and follow wisdom. Ecclesiastes challenges the reader to think more deeply about God’s goodness in light of death and the unpredictable nature of life. Try it out and be part of the conversation! Find the plan [here](#). To join the Bethel Group email Pastor Wendy at wendy@discoverbethel.com

24/7 PRAYER WEEK – SEEK MY FACE, A WEEK OF CONTINUAL PRAYER: We will be dedicating May 12-19 as a week of 24/7prayer. We hope to have at least one person in the building praying every hour for the whole week. (What a way to lead up to Pentecost Sunday on May 19!) You can sign up for prayer slots [HERE](#). This is the 24-7 Prayer website and you will need to create a log in to confirm your spot. You can also visit the 24/7 Prayer page [here](#). If you are willing to be a night security guard or a host/greeter for the event, please call Pastor Wendy to let her know (780-476-3762). We invite you to come and pray!

FAMILY WORSHIP MEET ‘n’ EAT (aka Family Worship Camp): Families with children under 18, you are invited to join us for our final Family Worship Meet ‘n’ Eat after the service Sunday May 5. After enjoying lunch together, we will split into learning groups for parents, teens, and children. Childcare is available for 3 and under. Please help us prepare by registering [here](#).

WOMEN’S BEAUTY IN BLOOM EVENT: Please join us on Friday, May 24, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Bethel Community Church for our Beauty in Bloom Event. Enjoy a night of delicious desserts and refreshments, worship, and a session to plant flowers in a pot for your front porch or deck. The cost for the event is \$30. The deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, May 15. Click [here](#) to register.

BETHEL KIDS AND YOUTH PRAYER CARDS: We are working on creating this year’s prayer cards for all children and youth at Bethel. Our hope is that every child and teen (ages 0-17) would have a member of the congregation intentionally praying for them. If you consider Bethel to be your home church and would like your teen(s)/child(ren) to be included, please fill out the form [here](#) and send us an updated photo of your child. We hope to distribute prayer cards to the congregation in late May. Email selikke@discoverbethel.com if you have any questions.

BANNERMAN IN ACTION: Do you want to serve the community, meet some of Bethel’s neighbours, and create new relationships? **Bannerman in Action needs your help!** For several years, Bethel has partnered with the Bannerman Community League for a day of service. This year the community league has invited the church to partner with them in a different way. The community hall needs renovations estimated at \$500,000 or more. To raise those funds, a card has been created to promote several fundraising events to advertise community building activities through the community league as well as Bethel Church activities (e.g. VBS, PLOT, etc.). We’re looking for 20-30 Bethelites to volunteer their time on Saturday, May 25th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. to help distribute those cards. Volunteers will meet at the community hall at 9 a.m. where they’ll be served coffee and muffins, grouped in teams, and sent out to engage neighbours to draw attention to the events. We are excited to join Bannerman in modernizing a space we all enjoy and use! To volunteer, please sign-up [here](#).

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS WITH A HEART FOR MISSIONS: Are you a young adult and over the age of 18? Do you have missions' opportunities lined up for the summer with your university or a missions program? Did you know Bethel's World Missions Committee has grant funding available for short term (less than a month) and long term (more than a month) missions opportunities? If this is something you're interested in, email a letter of application to Pastor Cathy at cathy@discoverbethel.com by May 6. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Please include your mission group, location, duration, a brief description, and how this will grow your faith.

A REQUEST FROM BETTER TOGETHER LIBERIA: Better Together Liberia has enjoyed tremendous support from our church family for the work in Liberia and the board is immensely grateful to all of you at Bethel. We are reaching out tonight to see if you can help in any way possible as the organization needs funds to clear the container of medical equipment that will be arriving to Liberia in about a week and half. Due to the construction expenses and the transportation of the container from Canada to Liberia, the organization is currently left with little to clear the sea can from the port in Liberia. We must move the container, or we will receive daily charges. Any donations at this time will go a long way in getting that equipment cleared from the port and transported to Bettesu.

BETHEL YOUTH

CATALYST: On Friday May 3rd Bethel youth is starting up Catalyst again for the month of May. Come and join us at 7:00 p.m. for a time of games, fun, and most of all fellowship with other youth in the Bethel Community. For more information on Catalyst, feel free to look at the updated youth page [here](#). I look forward to seeing you there!

YOUTH COOKOFF: Join us next Friday (May 10th) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bethel youth will be gathering at the church for our yearly cookoff event. Come with a group of friends and be prepared to make, shop, or bake your way to victory! The Best Dish will be given the coveted cookoff trophy! Bring your chef's hat along with your best recipes and we will see you there!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

COLLECTIONS IN APRIL

May 5	Ministry Shares
May 12	Canadian Food Grains Bank
May 19	Edmonton Food Bank
May 26	Rehoboth

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.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, May 5

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person and live stream
11:30 a.m. Family Worship Meet 'n' Eat
11:30 a.m. Multi-ethnic Meeting

MONDAY, May 6

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, May 7

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
2:00 p.m. Senior's Tea
7:00 p.m. ALPHA The Marriage Course

WEDNESDAY, May 8

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and zoom
9:30 a.m. Oasis

7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, May 9

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

FRIDAY, May 10

7:00 p.m. Youth – Cook Off

SATURDAY, May 11

COMMUNITY NEWS

EDMONTON PRAYER BREAKFAST: The 26th edition of the Edmonton Prayer Breakfast is taking place this spring on Thursday, May 9th! As the Christian community of the Edmonton region, this event is a significant opportunity for us to come together to make an inspirational impact in our city. Your attendance is a reminder to our Mayor, civic leaders, and first responders that the Christian community is active and engaged in our city and that we are upholding them in prayer. For complete event details and to book your table/tickets online go to www.edmontonprayerbreakfast.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

ANNUAL AUCTION AT EDMONTON CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL: Join us on May 11th at ECHS! (14304 109 Ave) for a Live and Silent Auction. Doors at 4 p.m., Live Auction will start at 5 p.m. The event also includes various activities such as kids' games, face painting, a bake sale, fresh flower bouquets, a 'kids only' store, and the cafeteria will be open for dinner. Support the auction by donating a new item, service, or gift certificate, or join the team of volunteers! More information, plus a link to sign up to volunteer, can be found on our website [here](#).

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN RETIREMENT HOME VIEWING: Everyone is invited to join us at the Lighthouse construction site (114 avenue and 127 street) on Saturday, May 11 between 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon for a look at the new Lighthouse Retirement Home which is opening in the winter/spring of 2025. You will be able to view a couple of 1-bedroom suites, one on the main floor and one on an upper floor, and get a feel for the size, appeal, and location of the Home. You must park on the street as this is still a construction site. Another open house will be scheduled in a couple of months. We hope to see you on May 11!

ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS, are you interested in a 9-hole scramble? Join fellow golfers from Trinity CRC on June 8, with a 3:30 p.m. tee time at the Fort Inn View Golf Course. There will be a steak dinner afterwards. The total cost is \$81. If you are interested, please email Bert Goutbeck at bgoutbeck@gmail.com.

EMMANUEL HOME GOLF TOURNAMENT - presented by Keller Construction Ltd. Join us at **The Ranch Golf & Country Club on Saturday, June 22**, for an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start! The day includes a few fun challenges at some holes, prizes, and a delicious steak dinner. All proceeds directly support the residents at Emmanuel Home. Check out our website <https://emmanuelhome.ca/involved/golf-tournament> for the registration form, sponsoring opportunities and to sign up, or reach out to Laura Pothoven at lpothoven@emmanuelhome.ca.

HOPE MISSION “NO CHILD HUNGRY” WALK: Every day across the province we see children and youth coming to school hungry. These kids come to our programs who have had nothing to eat all day, and our staff across Alberta work at not only feeding hungry tummies, but also to help teens stay in school who would have otherwise dropped out to help provide for their younger siblings. Walk with us June 15th to raise hope for Albertans struggling with the challenges of rising costs. The “No Child Hungry” Walk will take place in Edmonton, Calgary, Camrose, and Red Deer. You can sign up to walk or donate at this [link](#).

PRISON FELLOWSHIP CANADA – ANGEL TREE CAMPING program connects church communities and individuals with the families of prisoners through a Summer Camp experience. Children have the opportunity to step outside of their home situation and into a camp environment full of adventure and fun. It also provides them with the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and the difference He can make in their lives. To donate and learn more about this program please visit prisonfellowship.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](#).