

August 18, 2024

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This summer we are featuring a sermon series called *Sabbath in the Psalms*. Sabbath with us at Bethel as we explore the rhythms of Sabbath and rest in the Psalms. We are not only made for rest but need rhythms of rest and Sabbath that draw us back to God and his good purposes. Each week, we will look at a specific Psalm used in Israelite worship to stir their hearts towards God's presence.

We want to invite and encourage you to embrace this summer as a time of rest and fun with God. If you're looking for resources for how to explore and practice Sabbath, please visit our sermon resources page [here](#). Step into summer with the words of Jesus in mind: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

This Sunday we continue our summer series, *Sabbath in the Psalms*, by exploring the connection between God's promises and rest. In Psalm 91, God assures us that he is faithful and will not change. We receive these promises and reminders so that we can also respond in trust to the Lord's sacred invitation—that "whoever dwells" in his presence, and makes their home in God, will find refuge and security.

The message this Sunday will focus on Psalm 91, "Resting in His Will."

## OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **HOPE MISSION:** A Christian, not-for-profit, social care agency that provides compassionate care and offers hope to hurting, hungry and homeless people. Hope Mission exists to serve, strengthen and uplift men, women, youth and children through the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

**NEXT WEEK – MICAH CENTER HONDURAS WATER PROJECT:** The King's University has been partnered with World Renew the Northern Alberta Diaconal Conference and Diaconia Nacional (Honduras) for more than 20 years to make what we call The *Honduras Water Project* possible. The *Honduras Water Project* provides an opportunity for students to apply their knowledge by bringing running water to impoverished people in Honduras.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

We celebrate with **MARINA DEYETTE** her baptism at the Pembina River on Sunday. This joyous occasion marks an important step in her faith journey as she publicly declares her commitment to Christ.

**SAM VEENSTRA** was recently in hospital because his cerebellum was inflamed. He is now at home recovering after an intense week in hospital. Please pray for healing.

**LORETTA HUIZINGA** had a knee replacement on July 13. The surgery went well, and she is progressing in her recovery but still dealing with pain. Pray for continued healing and ability to endure this time of discomfort.

**GERRY PENFOLD** has had a back injury and is on disability as a result. Pray for healing and provision for their family.

Please continue to remember **JEAN SAATHOF, JANNY BARTHEL, CURTIS COENEN, JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA, EVANS KOTIO, CELINE SIGVALDASON, and JILL SNEEP** as you pray for our church community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **BETHEL STAFF UPDATES:**

A few weeks ago, we shared that there would be a transition in our Accounting Tech role since Sara Leenheer has taken a new job with Adeara. With this in mind, we've hired Pamela Sheriff, an interim bookkeeper, to work with us on a 3-month contract while we assess our needs for this role. If you have any needs or requests, please don't hesitate to let us know by emailing [accounting@discoverbethel.com](mailto:accounting@discoverbethel.com) as this will continue to be the primary email for this communication.

Unfortunately, we have an additional staff transition to announce. Zach Rayment, our Youth Director, has given us notice that he will be stepping down from the position on August 23, so that he can pursue other work opportunities. An update letter was sent out to parents and families of youth this week. Our plan will be to review Bethel's Youth ministry throughout the fall, while continuing a few regular Bethel Youth connect points, such as Paul and Pancakes. If you're a parent of a current or future Bethel Youth, please reach out to Pastor Cris ([cris@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cris@discoverbethel.com)) who will be arranging a parent meeting in September to discuss the plan and review process for Bethel Youth. Not only would we love to include you in the conversation, but we also welcome your prayers and involvement as we discern God's leading looking ahead.

**BETTESU UNIFORM DRIVE:** It's that time of year! Time to sponsor students in and around Bettesu, Liberia so they can attend school in September! Your \$40 donation goes towards buying one student a uniform and all their books and school supplies for the whole school year. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one or more students to attend school this year. Go to [discoverbethel.com/give](https://discoverbethel.com/give) or see John Lendein at the back of the Sanctuary after the service this Sunday to sponsor a child.

**BANNERMAN BACKPACK DRIVE EXTENDED:** Thank you to those that have already donated. There are still several backpacks that need to be filled, **so we are extending the supply drive until August 21**. There are two ways that you can help:

- 1) Please check out the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary this Sunday and take a student information tag, fill out your contact info on the tag behind it and fill a backpack for that student.
- 2) You can also donate financially by going to [discoverbethel.com/give](https://discoverbethel.com/give) and using our regular giving methods to Bannerman Backpack Drive, and we will do the shopping for you.

Please contact Selikke at [kids@discoverbethel.com](mailto:kids@discoverbethel.com) if you have any questions. Let's bless the students in our community with backpacks, school shoes and school supplies for the upcoming year.

**GARDEN HARVEST TABLE:** The time of year has come again when many of us are starting to enjoy the produce from our gardens. Starting Sunday, August 18 we will be setting up our Harvest Table. This is an opportunity for those avid gardeners among us to be able to share their excess produce with fellow Bethelites. If you would like to contribute, drop off your produce at the table by the elevators before the worship service; everyone is free to pick up items that they like after the service. Bring your own bags and continue to be both blessed and a blessing in our community.

**DEACON REQUEST:** We are looking for a female with a vehicle who is willing to teach and practice driving with an individual. She has recently completed the AMA Learner's Driving Program and needs to practice before taking the Class 5 road test. If you are willing and able, please contact the office at [info@discoverbethel.com](mailto:info@discoverbethel.com).

**PRAYING THROUGH THE SUMMER:** This summer we ask you to pray for a specific part of Bethel's ministry and community each week. We will be lifting up areas of need and opportunity for the ministry, while interceding for current and desired leadership teams. We'll send out an email every Tuesday reminding you of the prayer emphasis for the week and noting a few specific ways you can pray. Whether you're in town or out of town, please pray with us! Note: If you want to receive these prayer reminders, please make sure you are on our weekly email list. The prayer schedule is available [here](#) and is posted on the Bethel [Summer](#) page.

This Week's Prayer Emphasis: **Bethel Kids (August 13-20)**

Next Week's Prayer Emphasis: **Bethel Staff (August 20-27)**

**BETHEL KIDS NEED YOU!** During the summer we give our regular Bethel Kids leaders a break for July and August, so we need you to come hang out with the children on Sundays. This is a less structured program with a video lesson, quiet toys, and coloring. Age 3 - Grade 4 will stay together in the Chapel. We need a minimum of 3 adult supervisors each Sunday to maintain safety ratios as well as some nursery caregivers. Sign up at the check in desk for the Sundays that work for you.

**PLAY YOUR ROLE!** We believe everyone has a part to play at Bethel, from serving in our sound booth to caring for our children in the nursery. We are looking for a few more people to help with the sound booth team and children's ministry. We are also looking for a treasurer. For more information, visit [discoverbethel.com/serve](http://discoverbethel.com/serve).

**TREASURER NEEDED:** we are also seeking an individual to take on the role of Treasurer of Bethel. This position ensures our church's financial matters are handled with integrity and transparency. If you feel called to this position, or if you have any questions about this position, please email [clerk@discoverbethel.com](mailto:clerk@discoverbethel.com).

**FROM THE REFUGEE COMMITTEE:** Welcome to Anita, her 5 children Kellia, Kenty, Kessia, Keilla, Kenny, Anita's nephew Yves and her niece Deliane who have arrived from Rwanda. The family was introduced in church a few weeks ago and are staying with their brother-in-law Eric, who was previously sponsored by Bethel. Thank you to everyone in the congregation for their prayers and generous support of the Refugee Fund. We ask for your continued support as we help the family adjust to life in Canada. Keep them in your prayers as they begin new schools and jobs. Thank you, Bethel! The family is so grateful.

**TODAY DEVOTIONALS:** The Today booklets for September/October are in. Please pick them up at the Literature Rack or the Welcome Desk.

**NEW BIBLE READING PLAN – PAUL'S LETTERS by the Bible Project:** On August 6 we began a new plan that takes you on a 53-day journey through the letter's of Paul. Each book includes videos specifically designed to enhance your understanding and engagement with Scripture. Find the plan [here](#). To join Bethel's Reading Group on the app, email Pastor Wendy at [wendy@discoverbethel.com](mailto:wendy@discoverbethel.com).

## **BETHEL YOUTH**

**LASER TAG:** Tuesday, August 20th, Bethel Youth is hosting a night at Laser City (5104 67 Avenue) as a wrap up to our PLOT ministry. We will leave the church at 6:30 pm and return at 9:30 pm. Youth can be dropped off/picked up at Laser City as well – time details on the registration form. The cost is \$20 which includes laser tag and pizza. At Laser City, we will be playing rounds of laser tag and checking out other fun activities the place has to offer. It is shaping up to be a great time! Invite your friends and we hope to see you there! Sign up by clicking [here](#).

**PAUL & PANCAKES:** Will be happening during the service this Sunday. Come join us for some delicious food and great discussion!

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

### **COLLECTIONS IN AUGUST**

August 4	Ministry Shares
August 11	Meals Ministry
August 18	Hope Mission
August 25	Micah Center Honduras Water Project

Please visit our website at [discoverbethel/give](http://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).

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, August 18

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

### MONDAY, August 19

7:00 p.m. Prayer – In person

### TUESDAY, August 20

2:00 p.m. Mobile Food Bank

6:30 p.m. Bethel Youth – Laser Tag

### WEDNESDAY, August 21

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

8:00 p.m. AA

### THURSDAY, August 22

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

### FRIDAY, August 23

### SATURDAY, August 24

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### KING'S UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **King's New School Year Begins** – First day of classes is Thursday, August 29 at The King's University. Let's lift our voices in unity, asking for guidance, wisdom, and blessings upon students, faculty, and staff. May this year be marked by learning and growth. May all students know the bright hope they have in Christ. Your prayers make a difference!
- **The King's University Harvest Banquet** – The King's University has been providing Christian university education since 1979. You've helped shape the past. Now you're helping shape the future. Join us on Saturday, October 5 from 5-9pm on campus as we celebrate, together for 45 Years. RSVP by September 20 at [kingsu.ca/banquet](https://kingsu.ca/banquet) or by calling 780-465-8314.
- **Gerry Segger Heritage Collection** — The Gerry Segger Heritage Collection located in the library at The King's University is collecting records about the Dutch immigration to Canada experience. This includes letters, diaries, journals, government paperwork, scrapbooks, photos, family histories, etc. For more information, contact Bonita Schalk Bjornson, [bonita.bjornson@kingsu.ca](mailto:bonita.bjornson@kingsu.ca).

**THE LIGHTHOUSE – OPEN HOUSE:** Come to The Lighthouse Open House on September 10 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for a chance to preview Edmonton's newest Christian seniors' community. Suites on the main and 2nd floors in the east wing will be available for viewing, and you will have the opportunity to view some of the common areas and amenities. With 101 fully self-contained suites, The Lighthouse is set to open in early 2025 and has many options available for suite layouts and budgets. Staff will be available to answer all your questions. Park by the intersection of 128 St & 114 ave and look for the balloons. Contact us at [info@the-lighthouse.ca](mailto:info@the-lighthouse.ca) for more information.

**EDMONTON FOOD BANK:** The Edmonton food bank has a number of fundraising events and food drives over the summer and fall. September 19, join an Evening with Martin Kerr, a local musician, or consider attending the annual Harvest Luncheon on October 24. More details for and tickets for these and other events can be found at their website; click [here](#).

**ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE:** We are excited to extend a special invitation and a challenge to you for our **annual Evening of Dreams Gala**, taking place at the Evario Events Centre, October 18, 2024. The Evening of Dreams Gala is a tangible way to come alongside the most vulnerable women and children and show that they are not alone, but rather have a community of people who believe in them. For more details and to purchase your table, visit [adeara.ca/gala](https://adeara.ca/gala). We would love to have you join us.

**EMMANUEL HOME – JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** Emmanuel Home, a Christian Seniors Home that provides facilities and care in a Christian community, requires a Maintenance Lead (FT) and a Maintenance Aide (Temporary) to begin soon. The Maintenance department at Emmanuel Home ensures that the facility is maintained in excellent condition, both inside and out. Please go to [emmanuelhome.ca](https://emmanuelhome.ca) for details about qualifications, responsibilities and how to apply.

**REHOBOTH IS HIRING!** We invite you to apply to serve people with disabilities and help them to flourish. We are primarily looking to fill a variety of positions in Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, and Parkland County areas. The following link [www.rcmflourish.ca](https://www.rcmflourish.ca) will take you directly to the career section of the Rehoboth website. We look forward to meeting you.

**PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE** (March 28 - April 8, 2025): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**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](#).