



March 3, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we continue our sermon series for Lent, **I AM**. Each of the statements Jesus makes about himself in the Gospel of John invite us to follow Christ more fully because of who he is and not what we would prefer him to be. Next, we look at what it means for Jesus to say, "I am the door." Jesus was not thinking about our modern-day doors, but the door of a sheep pen, the gate of access between a flock of sheep and the life-giving pastures in the world. What Jesus proclaims about himself is shocking: he is the exclusive way to salvation. Whoever follows his voice will have life in the full. We are invited to follow after our shepherd, but first we must meet him at the door.

The message this Sunday will focus on 10:7-9, "I AM the Door."

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 – Mexico Youth Missions: Bethel Youth has been partnered with Centro Biblico Familiar El Sembrador church in Hermosillo, Mexico since 2011. Since then, Bethel has sent nine teams of teens and leaders to work alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ in the ministry they are doing in Hermosillo and surrounding areas. In early July of 2024, Bethel has the privilege of hosting a team of youth and young adults from Mexico as we continue our shared vision of reaching out and proclaiming the gospel to our neighbours.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Our condolences go out to **ROZINA PHILLIPS** on the passing of her son. Our love, support and prayers go out to her as she remembers and celebrates his life.

Please pray for **EVANS KOTIO**. Over the past several years he has experienced complications with his health related to his liver. We are praying that he will be able to receive a liver transplant this year. Pray he will experience god's comfort and peace during this time of waiting.

DON PROKUDA'S surgery has been rescheduled to March 15. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for this.

Please continue to remember **CATHY FERCHAU, CURTIS COENEN, MIKE JACKSON, JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA, JANE SHULTZ, CELINE SIGVALDASON, and JILL SNEEP** as you pray for our church community.

FROM THE DEACONS:

A family in our congregation is urgently seeking a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom (or a larger 2 bedroom-to accommodate a crib and adult bed, and 2 bathroom) on or before April 1st. If you know of a rental unit that is available, please contact Doug (Deacon contact) at 587-785-3131. Any information or assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

A single mother, from the Karen community, recently widowed, with two pre-teen girls is in need of clothing for her girls. If you have clean and gently used spring/summer girls' clothing items in sizes 11/12 and 13/14 or footwear size 4.5 please contact Eleanor Prokuda at 780-886-9804. Items can be placed in a box under the mailboxes. Gift cards to purchase new items would also be welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER!

We're excited to announce that Zach Rayment started this week as our new Director of Youth Ministries during Melanie's upcoming maternity leave. We're grateful for Zach to join the team at Bethel and cannot wait for you to meet him!

Zach graduated from Prairie College, earning his Bachelor of Theology degree. He is passionate about the word of God and is always down to discuss the beautiful complexity of faith and how it impacts our lives. In his free time, he also loves sports, board games, baking, and the occasional hike through the mountains!

We'll be introducing Zach on Sunday. Let's make sure to give him a warm Bethel welcome!

BANDCAMP ADULT SESSIONS: Do you have a desire to dig deeper into questions like: Why do we worship? Why is God worthy of my worship? How does what I believe about God impact the way I play with my band members? Every session will include time to connect, explore worship in Scripture, and worship through making music together. The heart of BandCAMP is to create a space for you to grow a heart and skill for worship. The date for the final session is March 12 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. To sign up please message lisa@discoverbethel.com

FAMILY WORSHIP MEET 'n EAT (aka Family Worship Camp): Join us for our monthly Family Worship Lunch series and learn how to equip your child to live a life of worship. This Family Worship series aims to help families understand the different ways people connect with God, giving practical tools to help kids and teens engage in worship at church and home. Parents and their kids ages 4-18 (nursery care provided for ages 0-3) are invited to join us once a month after Sunday worship to have lunch and learn more about how you can engage in worship. There are four sessions – sign up for all or just the sessions you can make. Our next session will be **Sunday, March 10** from 11:45-1:30. For more information and to sign up, click [here](#).

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY EVENINGS: It's not too late to join! We meet at the church 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and are guided by a study plan from Francis Chan. There will be handouts available at each session that are no cost to you! Just come ready to listen and share as we journey together through the book of James. Register at discoverbethel.com/events.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Men of Bethel, we would love to have you join us this Saturday, March 16, at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel for food and fellowship. Please register [here](#). We are looking forward to seeing you!

ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE: Alpha - The Marriage Course is a seven-session video course designed to help couples invest in their relationship. Topics include Communication, Resolving Conflict, Forgiveness, and much more! Conversations during the course are between couples and are private. The Marriage Course will run Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at Bethel Community Church starting April 2, 2024. All married couples are welcome! Register before March 22, on the Bethel events page by clicking [here](#) to ensure enough time to order materials. The cost is \$30/couple. If a lack of childcare or cost is stopping you from signing up, please let us know by emailing Krista at khmailbox@shaw.ca

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of the end of January, we are 41.7% through the fiscal year (September 2023 through August 2024). We have collected 36.6% of the budgeted income for the year, and have spent 37.3% of the budgeted expenses for the year. This means that currently our expenses are slightly higher than our income.

The 2023 Tax Receipts were sent out by email or mail on February 16, 2024. If you have not received your statement or have any questions, please contact the church office.

COLLECTIONS IN MARCH

March 3	Ministry Shares
March 10	Mexico Youth Missions
March 17	Bethel World Mission Vision – Home of Blessings
March 24	World Renew
March 31	Benevolence Fund

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

FROM MINISTRY SHARES: You are making a difference! On behalf of the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's Kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. Thank you! To discover more visit crcna.org/ministryshares.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FAMILY FRIENDLY SOCCER: There is an adult version of fun, friendly, organized soccer this Spring. On Tuesdays & Thursdays in May & June 2024, games will be played in the evening in fields throughout Northeast Edmonton. The cost is only \$40. Online Registration begins March 1st @ 5pm, visit: <https://leagues.teamlinkt.com/familyfriendlysocceradults>

KING'S UNIVERSITY

Quandaries: The Duty and the Danger of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - Tuesday, March 5 from 7:30-8:30pm at King's, Dr. Janet Wesselius will share the tension over EDI. Some see it as a necessary corrective to injustice—both past and present—others see it as perpetuating inequality in a different form. Dr. Janet Wesselius is an alum of The King's University and Professor of Philosophy at the Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta. Quandaries, a public lecture and podcast series at The King's University, approaches contemporary moral dilemmas with wisdom in an age where we tend to react or withdraw too quickly. Visit kingsu.ca/quandaries for more info or to register.

President's Social — We invite you to join us on campus for our President's Social on Friday, March 22 from 7-9pm in the Centre for Teaching and Learning at The King's University. Come gather to hear stories of God's faithfulness. We will also be honoring the recipients of our Alumni Achievement Awards. We look forward to seeing you at this special celebration! RVSP by Friday, March 15 by visiting kingsu.ca/presidents-social.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIPS SERVICES - WINTER CONVERSATION SERIES: Have you ever considered who would make a suitable Executor or Power of Attorney? Learn about the options you have and possible implications of your decisions on your estate, and more. Christian Stewardship Services is hosting a complimentary open Q&A session about this topic on March 12. Find out more about the Winter Conversation Series and register [here](#). For more information, contact: info@csservices.ca

REMBRANDT'S JESUS: REFLECTION FOR LENT - In our walk of life and faith, the timeless art of Rembrandt invites us to explore the light of God as it shines in our dark places. Join art historian and pastor, Tony Maan, author of Rembrandt's Jesus: Meditations on the Life of Christ for an evening of Lenten reflections and renewal as we journey with Jesus through the eyes of the Dutch master. Come Thursday, March 14,

from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at The Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert. Early registration is \$20. Register at [here](#) or call 780-459-5511.

EMERGING ADULT EVENT: On Friday March 22nd, there will be an Emerging Adult event in Edmonton. This is a gathering for those who are aged 18-30ish, (single or married) who desire a place of worship, prayer, and authentic community. Attendees will be invited to dive into relevant, deep conversations about what it means to be communities of faith who love Jesus Christ and want to live for him. The location of this event will be at the River Community Church 2101 Millbourne Rd W, Northwest, Edmonton. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. For more information, please contact Ron deVries at rondevries@crcna.org or 780-619-6566.

TOGETHER FOR GOOD MARRIAGE WORKSHOP: Trinity CRC is hosting this Family Life Canada marriage workshop on Saturday March 23, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. This one-day marriage workshop is designed to help strengthen your communication and build a healthier, more joy-filled and resilient marriage. Cost is \$40/couple with lunch and snacks provided. Please contact Krista at khmailbox@shaw.ca for more information or click [here](#) to register.

DUNAMIS FELLOWSHIP CANADA: Igniting Revival in the Power of the Holy Spirit - Come join us April 10-13 at the Providence Renewal Centre for this event which aims to equip individuals and small teams to cooperate with Jesus to see outpourings of the Holy Spirit, which could lead to revival and the Next Great Awakening. For tickets click [here](#).

INTERMISSION SILENT RETREAT: Getting tired of Netflix? Maybe it's time for something different. InterMission Silent Retreat is coming up May 31-June 2 at King's Fold Retreat Centre west of Cochrane, a lovely and cozy retreat house on the ridge of the Ghost River overlooking the Rockies. Two nights accommodation, 4 meals, 2-3 spiritual direction sessions, silence, rest, peace, quiet, spirit, soul. Single private room. "Be still and know that I am God." Registration is \$500/person. Contact rev.klok@gmail.com to register.

EDMONTON SOCIETY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Save the Date...A crucial meeting of the Edmonton Society for Christian Education is scheduled for June 4, 2024. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend in person. Recently, three Board members have left their positions for a number of reasons resulting in vacancies that will need to be filled. Supporters of the Society should confirm their current membership by contacting the Society Office:780-476-6281 or email societyoffice@edmchristian.org. For further information, please contact ESCEopenletter@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2024 SUMMER WILDFIRE EFFORTS: The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services are looking for volunteers who can thrive in disaster conditions, handle long hours, be ready for deployments with potentially short notice, and especially those with cooking experience. For more information and to find out the online training times please e-mail craig.broadhurst@salvationarmy.ca

CAMP HOMEWOOD: Love horses, camp ministry and looking for a new adventure? Camp Homewood is a non-denominational Christian camp located on 200 stunning acres on Quadra Island B.C. We are looking for a **year-round Barn and Horse Manager** to care for our 15 horses. Camp Homewood is also looking for a Red Seal Chef to join the team onsite, **year-round as a Food Service Manager**. Besides the stunning location and great staff, we have a brand-new dining room and state of the art professional kitchen! More details can be found with here: <https://camphomewood.com/volunteer/full-time/> Camp Homewood also has a wide variety of summer only positions available. Come serve, make friends, and learn some new skills. Check out our positions here: <https://camphomewood.com/summer-staff/>

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, March 3

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

MONDAY, March 4

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, March 5

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Emotionally Healthy Relationships

7:00 p.m. Personal Financial Management

7:00 p.m. Cadets

WEDNESDAY, March 6

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

9:30 a.m. Oasis

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

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

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, March 7

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, March 8

SATURDAY, March 9