

August 27, 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.](#)"

This Sunday we're going to hear the story of a commercial fisherman who has an encounter with Jesus that profoundly changes him. After this defining moment, what does life look like going forward? Does your life need transforming? Beloved, there is hope in Jesus! It's really good news that our world desperately needs to hear. As you become like Christ, will you share him with others? Jesus is calling us to be fishers of people too.

Our message Sunday will focus on calling of Jesus' first disciples in Luke 5:1-11, "From Sinner to Saved and Then What?"

Following the message, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. For those attending in-person, we will invite you to come forward in small groups to receive the elements at the front. If you are not able to come forward, please raise your hand and the elements will be brought to you. Gluten-free bread is available for those who desire this option.

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.

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

OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **REFUGEE FUND:** This ministry of the deacons provides support for refugee families to get to Edmonton and to help support them as they prepare for life in Canada.

NEXT WEEK – 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.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for **JENNY PENFOLD** as she broke her spine at T-11. She is in pain and needs our prayers for a speedy recovery. Please pray also for her husband Gerry as he cares for her and the children.

KEN AND GRACE CRAIG'S son, **JIM**, was discharged from the hospital this week. Thank you for your prayers over the past few weeks for him and their family. May God continue restore his strength and provide healing.

Please continue to pray for **DON PROKUDA** as he undergoes chemo treatment during the next 3 months.

Please continue to pray for **CURTIS COENEN, MARCEL CROCKER, MIKE JACKSON, ELEANOR PROKUDA, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP, and LINDA VROON.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CALL UPDATE: We're excited to announcement that Pastor Wendy has officially accepted our call to lead and serve us as the Pastor of Congregational Care and Discipleship. God has blessed us with faithful Christian leaders who continue to point us to Jesus. We are so grateful for this confirmation in Pastor Wendy's call and look forward to what God is going to do this fall through the mission of our church.

STAFF UPDATE: We are excited to share that we have hired Tara Kilkenny as another Administrative Assistant. She and Laurie will work together as a job share team to fulfill all the expected responsibilities. Help us warmly welcome Tara as she joins our staff. We look forward to this and we ask for you to pray that God's hand be there in this transition.

THE "EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY DISCIPLESHIP COURSE" begins Tuesday, September 19. This 8-week course by Peter Scazzero will outline the top ten symptoms of emotionally unhealthy spirituality and will unpack core biblical principles that will guide us into an experience of lasting transformation in our relationship with Christ. Join us as we learn to slow down and be deeply changed by Jesus.

You can purchase the book (Emotionally Healthy Spirituality – updated edition) and workbook (Emotionally Healthy Spirituality – updated Workbook) on your own or go through Bethel to have one provided. (The cost is \$38.95 for both)

Please sign up on the Events page [here](#) or at the back of the Sanctuary. If you are unable to purchase the books, scholarships are available; please contact Pastor Wendy Werkman.

BANNERMAN BACKPACK DRIVE: Thank you to everyone who has donated to bless the students in our community. We reached our goal, filled all the backpacks on the list, and delivered them to all the families this week.

SENIORS BOWLING: Free bowling next Tuesday, August 29 from at 10-11:30 a.m. at Bonnie Doon Bowling. Enjoy exercise and fellowship! Consider joining our Hit and Miss league. For more information call Evert at 780-690-8045.

YEAREND FINANCE UPDATE: As we finish this year the governing elders are grateful for the regular tithes and offerings received from our members. We have reviewed the budget and made adjustments to remove the funds designated for staffing positions and employee expenses not realized as well as funds that ministries are not expecting to spend before the year is out. The adjusted Budget is \$849,601 with donations received of \$729,991 as of July 31, 2023. We have also been fortunate to have lower than expected operating expenses, reducing funds required further. As of this date Bethel is ahead of expenses by \$17,000. We are trusting that the \$70-80,000 required for August will be met by your faithful giving. If you are not in the habit of regular tithing, now is a great time to start. See Malachi 3:10. Thank you all for your partnership in meeting this financial goal.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Our Mission and Ministry: \$63,388 was collected in the month of July for a total of \$729,991 this year. \$817,289 was anticipated by this time based on our restated budget for this year. Currently, the giving of the church has been greater than our expenses. We are blessed by the continued support for our ministries.

Other Giving: The deacons gratefully acknowledge the following receipts for other collections taken in June:

Ministry Shares:	\$ 1,415.00
Cornerstone Counselling:	\$ 945.50
Cuba Connection:	\$ 1,295.00
Bethel World Mission Vision:	\$ 785.00
Meals Ministry:	\$ 750.00
Other Causes:	\$ 5,530.00

COLLECTIONS IN AUGUST:

August 6	Ministry Shares
August 13	World Renew
August 20	Hope Mission
August 27	Refugee 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KING'S NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS: First day of classes is Thursday, August 31 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!

KING'S FALL FAIR: Join us at The King's University Fall Fair on September 9 from 10a.m-midnight. Enjoy a day of carnival rides, games, and food. Help us support the Edmonton Food Bank by coming with a donation. Let's make a difference together while having a blast! Don't miss out!

KING'S SILENT AUCTION AND DESSERT RECEPTION: You're invited to King's Silent Auction and Dessert Reception at Supreme Steel in Acheson, Alberta on Saturday, October 14 from 7-9p.m. It will be an evening of appetizers, drinks, mingling and live ambient music. Tickets are by donation. RSVP by September 30 at kingsu.ca/rsvp or by calling 780-465-8314.

CHRISTIAN IMMIGRATION SOCIETY OPERATING AS CHRISTIAN FUNERAL SOCIETY: is recruiting to fill the position of Part-Time Business Manager. You can find the job posting on the Christian Funeral Society website [here](#). Interested applicants please send resume to cis@christianburialfund.com by Monday, September 11.

MINISTRY POSITION PRESENTLY OPEN: Bookkeeper and Administrator position available with Desert Streams Healing Ministries. Main role is managing the organization's financial activities and records. The secondary role is administration. Resumes may be sent to Harry Lindenberg at harryl@desertstreams.ca.

MILL WOODS CARE CLOSET NEEDS VOLUNTEER WORKERS: If you know of anyone who is a committed follower of Jesus who is looking for an opportunity to serve our Mill Woods community, we would love for the opportunity to discuss with them the possibility of serving with us at the Mill Woods Care Closet Food and Clothing bank. Please click [here](#) for more information.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, August 27

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

MONDAY, August 28

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

TUESDAY, August 29

5:00 p.m. Piano Lessons

WEDNESDAY, August 30

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

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, August 31

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, September 1

1:45 p.m. Food Bank – parking lot

SATURDAY, September 2