



September 4, 2026

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This week, we will be concluding our sermon series - *The Way of Wisdom*, which has taken us through the book of Proverbs. The final message entitled; **"The Wisdom of Chayil"** is based on Proverbs 31:10-31.

What does it mean to be a woman of *chayil*? Proverbs 31 offers far more than a checklist for the "perfect woman." As we explore the meaning of this powerful Hebrew word, the story of Eve, and the beautiful structure of the passage, we'll discover God's vision for women as strong, courageous, wise, and faithful. But we'll also learn how this vision is not just for women; it's for every follower of Jesus.

Join us as we discover what it means to live a life of *chayil*.

For past messages, subscribe and follow our podcast: discoverbethel.com/podcasts

To explore our resources on Proverbs, visit: discoverbethel.com/resources

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **24/7 PRAYER** is part of a global movement that's passionate about encountering God and transforming our world through prayer, mission, and justice. They ignite passion for prayer in hearts across Canada, provide tools and resources to deepen your prayer life, and help churches to create spaces for non-stop prayer.

COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

SEPT 6 24/7 Prayer
SEPT 13 King's University
SEPT 20 Seeds of New Creation
SEPT 27 Ministry Shares

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for **Janny Bartel, Evans Kotio, Kathy McDonald, Ashley Patton, Jenny Penfold, and Eleanor Prokuda** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

24/7 PRAYER WEEK, SEPTEMBER 6-13: Starts this Sunday!! This is a week where people commit to pray for hour-long blocks of time so that we have people praying EVERY HOUR of EVERY DAY for an entire week. You can sign up here [24-7 Prayer | Bethel Community CRC](#). You can pray at the church, from your workplace, or from home. If you're able, consider signing up for more than one hour.

- Throughout the week, you'll be encouraged and equipped through:
Lectio 365 daily prayer resources
- A kickoff service on Sunday September 6 and wrap-up celebration on Sunday September 13
- A Wednesday evening worship gathering
- A devotional guide
- A dedicated prayer space at the church

Questions? Contact Taliah Jeske or Helen Krol.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY: We're excited to kick off a new ministry year together on September 13, 2026.

Join us as we begin a new sermon series exploring **belonging, membership, and life together at Bethel**. Throughout the morning, you'll have the opportunity to learn more about our ministries, discover ways to get involved, and connect with others as we continue pursuing God's mission as a church family.

Be sure to check out the **Ministry Display at the back of the sanctuary**, featuring many of the ways you can get involved and serve.

Take a few moments to explore the different ministries and prayerfully consider where God might be inviting you to use your gifts. **Sign-up sheets are available beside each ministry!**

Once you sign up, the ministry leader will connect with you, share more about the ministry, explain the time commitment, and let you know about any training or opportunities to get started.

Serving is a wonderful way to share the gifts God has given you, make a difference in the life of our church, and build meaningful connections with others.

Come take a look—you may discover a place where your gifts and passions can make a difference!

Following the service, we'll head to **Rundle Park** for a relaxed **Picnic in the Park**. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food, fresh air, and meaningful fellowship as we celebrate the start of a new season together. Whether you're new to Bethel or have been part of our church family for years, we'd love for you to join us!

Picnic in the Park

When: Sunday, September 13, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Where: Rundle Park, Picnic Site #2

What to Bring:

- Lunch for your own family
- A dessert to share
- Lawn chairs or a picnic blanket
- Your game face! There will be games and activities for all ages

Come enjoy an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship as we look ahead to all God has in store for the year ahead. We can't wait to see you there!

BETTESU UNIFORM DRIVE: This drive will continue until all students have been sponsored. Thank you for your faithful support as we continue our 11th annual Bettesu Uniform Drive for the children of Bettesu and the surrounding villages. A gift of \$50 provides one child with a school uniform, essential school supplies, and teacher instructional materials for the entire school year. Your generosity is a tremendous blessing to families who would otherwise struggle to provide these necessities. You can give online by clicking [here](#), or sending an e-transfer to accounting@discoverbethel.com

(please note Bettesu Uniform Drive in the memo box). Thank you again for your generosity, prayers, and continued support. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of these children.

BETHEL GEMS: Bethel GEMS is a program for girls in grades 2-9, where we meet up and experience God's love through Bible study and skill-building badges and activities. Our first meeting of the season will be Tuesday, Sept 22. Then alternating Tuesdays to follow. To register click [here](#)

If you are seeking to volunteer with this ministry, or have any questions about the program, please contact Corina (780-909-1567) or Marjy (780-995-1369) or email gems@discoverbethel.com

GEMS COLLECTIVE KITCHEN FUNDRAISER: Bethel GEMS Collective Kitchen fundraiser! Please consider signing up for a freezer meal prep session. Come and prep 10 freezer meals to take home, or pay extra to have them made for you and delivered. \$20 from each set supports Bethel GEMS! There are two sessions available, either Sept 25 or 26, 10am-12pm. Sign up link: <https://forms.gle/RdENMAyQbXoL4Ju5> Any questions, contact Marjy 780-995-1369

GET INVOLVED

JESUS TO NOW: CHURCH HISTORY CRASH COURSE: Do you ever wonder what it was like to be a Christian centuries--even millennia--ago? Why are there so many different denominations? Are you a *tiny* bit curious about how God used people, places, and world events to bring us to where we are today, worshipping God together at Bethel? Throughout the course, we'll take a big picture view of many moments in time and then dive in for a closer look at some people you may not know. Some themes and topics we'll look at in this course are:

- The different eras of church history and some of the key players
- How we have some of the major creeds, confessions, and decisions of our faith, including our own particular confessions within the Christian Reformed Church
- We'll learn about some "big" names like Augustine, Aquinas, Luther, Calvin, and Bonhoeffer. But what about Monica, Brigid, John Chrysostom, Argula von Grombach, Jacob Spener, Abraham Kuyper, and William Seymour? How did these ordinary people follow God, and why should we remember them?
- What can we take away to see how God is leading us today, in our own lives and communities, to follow him?

This class will be taught by the wonderful Christy Harper and will run on Sundays from 11:45 to 1:00 pm on September 20, September 27, October 4, October 18, November 1 and November 8, 2026. Space is limited to a maximum of 20 people. If childcare would help you be able to attend, please let us know how many kids and their ages and we will try to accommodate this need. Please also note any dietary restrictions as we will be serving a light lunch. Participants teen to adult are welcome. A sign-up link will be available next week.

DRUMMER NEEDED: Would you like to be part of our worship team? We are currently looking for a drummer to serve **once a month** during our Sunday morning service. Your time commitment would be to attend Thursday practice from 7:00–9:00 p.m. prior to the Sunday morning service. If you're interested in dropping in for a practice or would like more information, please contact lisa@discoverbethel.com. We have so much fun at practice, we'd love to have you join us!

OASIS: Oasis, Bethel's Wednesday morning women's study, is kicking off with a **potluck on September 16**, followed by our first study on **September 23**! Join us weekly from **9:30–11:00 AM** in the lower level. We begin together with a video, song, or devotional, then break into smaller groups for discussion and connection. This fall we are diving into Gateways to Empowered Ministry - learning about the Holy Spirit through the teachings of Dunamis Fellowship Canada. Child care for Kindergarten and under is provided, as well as coffee and women are invited to take turns bringing a light snack. If you have questions email Laura at OasisBethelEdmonton@gmail.com

OASIS BACKUP LEADERS WANTED FOR WEDNESDAY MORNINGS: We are looking for a few more adult volunteers to help out as subs with the Homeschool Kids Groups on Wednesday mornings! Men or women are

welcome to help out. While we have three (amazing) regular volunteers, we're hoping to find a few more people to help out occasionally in the class(es) as subs for when these leaders are away.

This group meets in the lower level from 930-11 while their mothers attend Oasis women's Bible study here at Bethel. We are planning to split into two age groups (gr 1-5/6-8), but would love a few more adults on our list to make that happen. There is typically a bible lesson, discussion time, a small craft and snack time. But this could be a bit flexible.

Plan to protect training and criminal record checks will be needed.

Email Laura at OasisBethelEdmonton@gmail.com for more information!

DUNAMIS: This fall, we'll be diving into ***Gateways to Empowered Ministry***, exploring the Holy Spirit through the teachings of **Dunamis Fellowship Canada**. There are also snacks and free childcare for children Kindergarten age and younger. Oasis runs from September through mid-May, and **all women are welcome!**
Questions? Email **Laura at OasisBethelEdmonton@gmail.com**

BETHEL YOUTH

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COMMUNITY NEWS

EMMANUEL SENIORS LIVING SOCIETY: You are invited to Emmanuel Home on Tuesday, September 8 to come enjoy an afternoon of classic antique cars, good food, and community fun! There is no entry fee, and everyone is welcome to attend. Burgers, pop, chips, and ice cream will be available for purchase. The show will run from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Weather Note: If it rains, the car show will be cancelled, but the BBQ will still take place at Northern Perk Café in Emmanuel Home. All are welcome—we hope to see you there!

ADEARA: The Evening of Dreams gala is officially one month away! It's taking place on Friday, October 2 at Evario Events Centre. Whether you are new to Adeara or a long-time supporter, this event provides simple and practical ways to ensure no woman walks through recovery alone.

At the time I'm sending this, there are only 12 tables left! Secure yours today at adeara.ca/gala

CAMPUS MINISTRY CONNECTIONS AT NAIT AND U OF A: For students attending NAIT or the University of Alberta, your CRC campus minister would love to connect with you! Christy Harper is serving both campuses this fall and would love to welcome you to campus with ways to connect with other students, drop in events, weekly gatherings, worship nights, or having a chat over coffee. You can reach out to her at christyha@nait.ca, cjharper@ualberta.ca, or text her at (587)-336-0618.

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY CES GRAND OPENING & HARVEST BANQUET: Join us on Saturday, October 3, 2026, as we celebrate the grand opening of the Centre for Excellence in the Sciences and our annual Harvest Banquet, giving thanks for God's faithfulness and looking ahead to Growing in Excellence together. Visit kingsu.ca/banquet or call 780-465-8316 to learn more or purchase tickets.

KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION: Please join Kindred Hearts Cambodia Foundation at their 12th annual **Fundraising Gala** on Friday, October 16, 2026! There will be a **live and silent auction**, as well as tasty food, a raffle and exciting updates on KHC programs! Since 2013, Kindred Hearts has provided free medical care to over 20,000 people, and also offers free mental health care and gender based violence support programs. The event will be held at a beautiful new venue, the Royal Glenora Club. You can purchase tickets at eventbrite.ca or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. We hope to see you there!

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Youth Ministries Coordinator: West End Christian Reformed Church in Edmonton is hiring a Youth Ministries Coordinator. This job is a part-time position of up to 20 hours a week with a flexible work schedule and the possibility of job sharing with another qualified candidate. The Youth Ministries Coordinator will lead our junior high and high school ministries under the direction of the Pastor of Faith Formation and the Children and Youth Ministries Committee. For a detailed job description and if you would like to know more, please contact Carol Slomp at carol.slomp@westendcrc.ca or view the posting on our website (www.westendcrc.ca).

CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH – PRAYER REQUEST: Classis Alberta North is in the midst of an important discernment process as we consider ministry priorities for the coming years. Delegates to the October Classis meeting are currently participating in Zoom roundtable discussions in preparation for the decisions that will be made together in October.

Please keep the delegates, churches, and leadership of Classis Alberta North in your prayers as we seek God’s wisdom and direction for the ministries we will support and pursue together.

RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE: A fully furnished space is available beginning **September 1, 2026**, for either a **single Christian woman aged 50+** or a **Christian couple aged 50+**. If you or someone you know may be interested, please feel free to call **780-232-3876** for more information.

The space includes:

-  Queen-size bed, closet, and two dressers
-  Private washroom
-  Kitchenette
-  Private living space

\$900/month for a single

\$1,000/month for a couple

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 6

24/7 Prayer

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

MONDAY, September 7

24/7 Prayer

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, September 8

24/7 Prayer

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

WEDNESDAY, September 9

24/7 Prayer

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

7:00 p.m. Worship and Prayer evening

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, September 10

24/7 Prayer

12:00 p.m. Food Bank

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

FRIDAY, September 11

24/7 Prayer

7:00 p.m. Bethel Youth

SATURDAY, September 12

24/7 Prayer