



March 5, 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."

We continue our journey through Lent in 1 Samuel, A King in God's Place, by picking up in chapter eight where we find Samuel at a later stage in his life. He's growing old and yet the changes he pushed for aren't sticking. The problem is that Israel wants to be like everyone else, a feeling and temptation we truly understand. Wouldn't it be easier if we had life that included everything we wanted? Wouldn't it be easier if God did everything we asked him to do? Israel had accepted Samuel as a strong leader, but this was far easier than trusting God in the gaps. Because of their fear and resentment, they push for what they think is an easy solution: let's have a king like everyone else. Even as God relents to give them what they want, it is clear that God's people have missed the point: the Lord has always been and always will be their one true king.

Our message Sunday will focus on 1 Samuel 8, entitled: "A King in God's Place."

We are excited to celebrate the baptism of **Evan Barr**, son of **Doug and Cherie Barr**, on Sunday. The water in baptism is a sign and seal of God's covenant love for Evana, which testifies to the truth "we love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). Join us in praising God for how the Good News has already blessed this family and commit with us to loving and supporting them in their faith.

OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 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 – YOUTH MISSIONS: The money raised through this offering supports the financial needs of our youth missions team who will be travelling to Mexico from March 23-April 2, 2023. Bethel Youth has partnered with Centro Biblico Familiar El Sembrador in Hermosillo, Mexico since 2011 and our teens are excited for the opportunity to serve with them and share the good news of Jesus Christ through various ministry opportunities in and around Hermosillo, Mexico.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

WILLY VROON was transferred to Norwood for palliative comfort care this week. In Willy's words, "she longs to be with Jesus." We pray with her and the Vroon family that the Lord will receive her soon.

RUTH GROVES experienced a fall last week and sustained a concussion. She has been released from the hospital and is staying with friends as she recovers.

Please continue to pray for **CALVIN BRUINSMA** as he will be undergoing some tests in in the next couple of weeks, we pray for wisdom for his doctors.

Please keep **MONIKA CHAMBERLAIN** in your prayers as she is struggling with some health issues.

We praise the Lord with **PETER RIETVELD** who had his knee replaced on February 27, he is at home and doing very well.

We also keep **JANNY BARTHEL** in our prayers as she has undergone foot surgery and is recovering at home.

Please continue to pray for **ELLA JENSEN, ELEANOR PROKUDA, and JILL SNEEP.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIRING SUMMER CHILDREN'S/YOUTH INTERNS: Do you have a passion for working with children or youth? Bethel is hiring two summer interns to help run our programs for children and youth. Applications are due by March 24 and the internship runs from May 23 to August 25. If you are interested, please check out the job descriptions at discoverbethel.com/jobs.

PASTOR OF OUTREACH AND MISSIONS: We are looking to hire a new Pastor; this position puts a specific focus on our mission of "Sharing Christ with Others". The person in this role will be responsible to encourage, train, and stretch us as we all become more intentional about reaching out to our community, near and far, with the good news. We desire that Christ would transform our neighbourhood and world as we boldly share our faith story and invite others in. This is a half time position that will require gifts in the areas of evangelism and community engagement. For more information about the posting, visit discoverbethel.com/jobs

WILLOWWOOD CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL, located in Bethel's lower level, is now accepting registrations for our 2023-24 school year. We offer both a 2 day and 3-day morning class. If your child will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2023, we would love to have them join our preschool. For more information and to register, visit us online at willowwoodpreschool.com or email us at willowwood@discoverbethel.com.

EASTER IS COMING! We will be hosting two services for Easter Sunday April 9, at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. We look forward to celebrating Christ's death and resurrection with you.

You can also join us for our **Easter Choir!** Practices will be held on the following Thursday evenings, March 9, 16, 23 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Also, on Thursday, April 6 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. If you are interested, please email lisa@discoverbethel.com.

SECURITY SYSTEM CHANGEOVER: We have been planning a security system changeover from Nordic to Telsco. It was scheduled to happen on March 6, but it has now been delayed. We will announce the new date as soon as we find out what it is. Please contact us at info@discoverbethel.com if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE: On June 9 - 11, we are having a church campout. More details to come.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: This is a reminder that Daylight savings time is coming, on March 12 we lose an hour, don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead!

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Our Mission and Ministry: \$53,261 was collected in the month of January for a total of \$344,309 this year. \$382,179 was anticipated by this time based on our restated budget for this year. We are blessed by the continued support for our ministries.

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

Ministry Shares:	\$	1,325.00
Adeara:	\$	5,021.00
Mustard Seed:	\$	1,893.00
New Ground:	\$	705.00
World Renew:	\$	1,260.00
Other Causes:	\$	2,340.00

COLLECTIONS IN MARCH:

March 5	Ministry Shares
March 12	Youth Missions – Mexico Trip
March 19	Micah Center Honduras Water Project
March 26	World Renew

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION: Edmonton Christian High School is excited to present *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Showtimes are on March 16, 17, 18 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. To book your tickets please call (780)408-7945. For more information please click [here](#).

PRAYER FOR CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH: On Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11, delegates from all the Christian Reformed Churches in Alberta from Red Deer in the south to Fairview in the north will meet as Classis Alberta North. (A classis is a regional gathering of churches.)

We will be celebrating exciting ministries including the Edmonton Native Healing Center, our Campus Ministries at the U of A and at NAIT, and the work of World Renew. We will be exploring option about allocating funds to visionary future projects. We will also be spending time considering how we will live and act faithfully as individual churches and as a denomination in the light of the Human Sexuality Report adopted by our Synod last June.

So, what is your role as someone who will not be a delegate to the Classis meeting? Please surround all the delegates with prayer as they seek to hear and follow the Spirit's leading in their deliberations.

INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES will be hosting a gathering on Saturday, March 4, from 7-9pm at Inglewood CRC (12330 113 Ave NW). ICS is a Toronto-based, community-supported, Christian graduate school in the Reformed tradition. President Ron Kuipers and Dr. Edith van der Boom, ICS Director of Educational Leadership, will discuss current activities and projects at the school, with special attention to developments in ICS's Educational Leadership program. If you are interested in attending the gathering, please RSVP to Danielle at dyett@icscanada.edu by March 3.

PART-TIME MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY IN KELOWNA: Check out this unique ministry opportunity! The Kelowna Christian Reformed Church (KCRC) and the Christian Reformed Campus Ministries Okanagan (CRCMO) are collaborating to create a joint part-time (approximately 25 hours per week) position for a uniquely qualified individual. KCRC is looking for a gifted individual to lead and organize its Sunday morning worship services (15 hours per week), while CRCMO is looking for a person for approximately 10 hours per week to serve at Okanagan College. For more information about the position at KCRC, please contact Bob Folkers at bobrfolkers@gmail.com, or Rev Dr Todd Statham at crcampusokanagan@gmail.com for information regarding the position at Okanagan College. You can also see more information on our bulletin board about these opportunities.

ROCK RIDGE CANYON is a nonprofit Christian organization through Young Life and is looking for Summer Interns. If you are a teen or a young adult looking for summer opportunities, click [here](#).

BIBLICAL STUDY TOUR TO ITALY (May 22 - June 2, 2023): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Assisi (home of St. Francis); Florence; Ravenna; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, March 5

10:00 a.m. Worship - In Person & Live Stream
11:30 a.m. Youth Missions Lunch

MONDAY, March 6

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

TUESDAY, March 7

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. Cadets

WEDNESDAY, March 8

6:30 a.m. Prayer - In Person & Zoom
9:30 a.m. Oasis – Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. TRC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Young Adults - Offsite
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, March 9

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Worship Practice
7:00 p.m. GEMS - Offsite

FRIDAY, March 10

1:30 p.m. Food Bank
7:00 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, March 11