



January 22, 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 in our series, **1 Samuel: Prophetic Grace**, by looking at how God demonstrates his grace through both blessing and judgement. In complete contrast to Hannah's humble witness last week, we must deal with proud priests. Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, have made worship at Shiloh a sham, and Eli has allowed it to happen. God's prophecy to them is a harrowing reminder that how we worship matters. Abuses of power and moral failure have no place in worship of God. However, we give thanks because God is gracious in his stubbornness. Instead of starting over with people who have not made mistakes (yet), he persists in love for those who have made many, seeking to restore us through his faithful love.

Our message Sunday will focus on 1 Samuel 2:22-36: "A House Under Judgement."

## OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) NEWGROUND** - is a program through Diaconal Ministries Canada that helps churches start or grow ministries at the ground level, with discovering where God is at work in their community and then providing coaching and resources to help them get a new community ministry started. They also aim to develop both current and future leaders through Deacon Scholarships and the Youth Justice Project.

**NEXT WEEK – WORLD RENEW:** Compelled by God's deep passion for justice & mercy, World Renew joins communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. Working in more than 30 countries World Renew embraces a family-centered approach to ending global poverty and providing disaster response services.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

A couple of months ago **CALVIN BRUINSMA** experienced a seizure. He has given us an update and he is doing very well now. Please pray for him as he looks forward to his neurologist appointment on February 28 where he hopes to find out more information about what happened.

Please continue to pray for **CURTIS COENEN, MARCEL CROCKER, ELLA JENSEN, ELEANOR PROKUDA, JILL SNEEP, and WILLY VROON.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**READ THE BIBLE WITH US!** In 2023, we invite you to join us for 51 weeks of going through the Bible together! Project 51 is a plan to read and meditate on the New Testament and Psalms in 51 weeks. Each weekday one chapter from the New Testament will be read, meditated on, and put into action. The Psalms will be read on the weekends in preparation for worship. Join us in reading the same passages together each day – reading, discussing, and praying the Scriptures so that we might be shaped more and more in the image of Christ through his word. Subscribe to the plan online at our Reading Scripture Together Page: [discoverbethel.com/readingscripturetogether](https://discoverbethel.com/readingscripturetogether). Though the reading plan began on January 2, you are still welcome to join. The plan is done through the **Youversion Bible app**.

**EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY DISCIPLESHIP:** Pastor Cris and Pastor Wendy are working on one of the needs expressed in the Church Pulse, a clear pathway for growing in our Christian walk. You can find a brief overview of the program and its resources [here](#). If you are interested in being part of a pilot program for this class, email Pastor Cris at [cris@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cris@discoverbethel.com).

**UPCOMING FAMILY MEAL:** We are having a Family Meal on February 19, 2023, after our worship service and we hope that you can join us. It will be a Potluck, so bring a dish to share. If you are interested in helping organize this event, please send an email to Pastor Cris at [cris@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cris@discoverbethel.com).

**PRAYER CARDS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:** Our children's and youth ministries are soon launching a re-imagined practice of prayer cards. Our hope is that every child and teen (ages 0-17) would have a member of the congregation intentionally praying for them. These prayer cards will be ready for people to pick up on Sunday, February 19. Look for more information in the coming weeks. If you have questions, ideas, or concerns about this initiative, please contact our Youth Pastor Melanie ([melanie@discoverbethel.com](mailto:melanie@discoverbethel.com)) or our Director of Children's Ministry, Selikke ([kids@discoverbethel.com](mailto:kids@discoverbethel.com)).

Parents, if you have not done so already, please send photos of your children to Melanie or Selikke so we can include them on the prayer cards.

**CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRY FUNDRAISER:** Support Bethel Youth's Mexico Missions team by purchasing a box (or two... or three) of chocolate covered strawberries. Strawberries come in boxes of a dozen (\$20/box), half a dozen (\$12/box), and individually (\$2/box). Orders can be made through a form on the membership desk or by emailing Bethel's Youth Pastor, Melanie ([melanie@discoverbethel.com](mailto:melanie@discoverbethel.com)). The deadline to order is February 1st and orders will be made on February 11th for pick up on Sunday, February 12th.

**BETHEL YOUTH GYM NIGHT:** On Friday, January 20th from 7-9:30 p.m., Bethel Youth are gathering with Trinity Youth at the Trinity CRC church gym (13427 57 St NW) for a game's night.

**BETHEL YOUTH TRIBE NIGHT:** Save the date for Friday, January 27th when Bethel Youth will be splitting into "tribes" (aka small groups) for various activities. Check out [bethelyouth.com](http://bethelyouth.com) a few days before to find out more information or email Bethel's Youth Pastor, Melanie ([melanie@discoverbethel.com](mailto:melanie@discoverbethel.com)).

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

**STARTING SOON! WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** is starting, January 25 at 7 p.m. in person at the church. Join us in the study "*Joshua: Winning the Worry Battle*" by Barb Roose. Do you or someone you know struggle with worry or anxiety? Come and join us for a six-week in-depth study on the book of Joshua where we'll explore powerful Biblical principles and learn practical tools that really work so that you can end your stressed-out days and sleepless nights. Study Guides are \$20 each. You can pay by debit, cash or e-transfer to [sara@discoverbethel.com](mailto:sara@discoverbethel.com). (If you need help with paying for a study guide, please email [afkelsey@gmail.com](mailto:afkelsey@gmail.com)). To sign up, please email [afkelsey@gmail.com](mailto:afkelsey@gmail.com) with your full name and phone number or you can register on the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. The deadline to register is Friday, January 20, 2023. We hope to see you there!

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN TO SEW!** We have four workshops running Tuesdays at 7 p.m. – Jan 31, Feb 7, Feb 21, and Feb 28. While it helps if you can attend all four workshops, it is not mandatory. Each week will build on the lesson before, but beginners are welcome at any of the workshops. We do need numbers to ensure we have enough tables set up, so we ask that you sign-up at the information desk at church or email Laura at [ljboskers@hotmail.com](mailto:ljboskers@hotmail.com) for any of the dates you are available. If you have your own sewing kit and notions such as needles, scissors, seam rippers, etc. you can bring them along. If you already have a sewing machine, please bring it along with its own feet, bobbins, etc. If you don't have a machine, perhaps you have a family member or friend who can lend you one. There will also be a couple available to share during the workshops. All other materials will be supplied (except your mending week 4).

**QUARTERLY STATEMENTS:** The quarterly statements for December 2022 have been emailed. Please review your statements carefully and report any errors to the church office so that errors can be corrected before tax receipts are issued in February. If you have not received your statement, please contact the church office to update your email address.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE: Our Mission and Ministry** - \$105,411 was collected in the month of December for a total of \$291,048 this year. \$317,235 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 December:

Ministry Shares:	\$1,605.00
Edmonton Food Bank:	\$1,290.00
International Justice Mission:	\$1,410.00
Seafarers Vancouver:	\$705.00
Christmas Hampers & Gifts	\$810.00
Other Causes:	\$10,269.00

**COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY:**

January 1	Ministry Shares
January 8	Adeara
January 15	Mustard Seed
January 22	NewGround
January 29	World Renew

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 [sara@discoverbethel.com](mailto:sara@discoverbethel.com).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**CRC YOUTH SKI TRIP:** for grades 7-12 hosted by West End CRC, Edmonton. When? March 4/5. How? Magic bus to Marmot, and one night in the HI Hostel Jasper. Cost? \$200 per person (with church subsidy of \$50). Register no later than January 31 @ <https://westendcrc.tpsdb.com/OnlineReg/1130>. For more information, talk to your youth leader, or email [lvanderleek@westendcrc.ca](mailto:lvanderleek@westendcrc.ca).

**STUDENT HELP!** An international student who attends Covenant CRC and is a student at The King's University needs housing near King's. If you are able to help or know of a lodging opportunity for this student, please contact Sally Leder at [sally.leder@supremesteel.com](mailto:sally.leder@supremesteel.com) or 780 934 9660 (cell).

**CHRONOS VOCAL ENSEMBLE PRESENTS GENERATION TO GENERATION** - Featuring sacred music from British composers Jordan Van Biert the conductor and Jeremy Spurgeon on the organ. The program will be at 7:30 p.m., Sunday January 22, 2023 at All Saints' Cathedral, 10035 103 St. Edmonton. For more information and to buy tickets click [here](#).

**TOUR THE BIBLICAL LANDS OF ISRAEL:** March 6 – March 17, 2023. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to [toursofisrael.wordpress.com](https://toursofisrael.wordpress.com) or call Peter Tuininga: 1-289-877-8433 or e-mail: [peter.tuininga@gmail.com](mailto:peter.tuininga@gmail.com)

**APPLY TODAY! THE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER** is growing and expanding their team. They are currently looking for an Office Manager for their Edmonton location. Click [here](#) to view the job posting.

**IMPACTUS MEN'S CONFERENCE:** Every man wants to make an impact. What if the key to having an impact is to first be impacted by God? Join us Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 8:40 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Impactus Men's Conference where you will learn how to press into all God has for you, and to become the man he is calling you to be. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

**A THANK YOU FROM REFRAME MINISTRIES:** Thank you, congregation, for your recent gifts and your prayers in support of Reframe Ministries. Our English language programs continue to grow and connect more churches and people with their community around the world. Our Russian and Ukrainian outreach teams are working in extremely complicated places as this is written. Because of government intervention, our ministry within China has had to reinvent itself, and in West Africa, social unrest threatens Christian ministry. At the same time, many of our ministry leaders report higher demand for Scripture, devotions, and resources. God is moving mightily as we enter 2023! Thank you for your part in sharing the Gospel with millions of new believers. Visit <https://reframeministries.org/> to see how your church is making a difference in thousands of lives around the world!

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY, January 22**

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

### **MONDAY, January 23**

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, January 24**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, January 25**

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  
8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, January 26**

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo  
7:00 p.m. Worship Practice  
7:00 p.m. GEMS – Trinity CRC

### **FRIDAY, January 27**

1:30 p.m. Food Bank  
7:00 p.m. Youth – Tribe Night

### **SATURDAY, January 28**