



July 28, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This summer we are featuring a sermon series called *Sabbath in the Psalms*. Sabbath with us at Bethel as we explore the rhythms of Sabbath and rest in the Psalms. We are not only made for rest but need rhythms of rest and Sabbath that draw us back to God and his good purposes. Each week, we will look at a specific Psalm used in Israelite worship to stir their hearts towards God's presence.

We want to invite and encourage you to embrace this summer as a time of rest and fun with God. If you're looking for resources for how to explore and practice Sabbath, please visit our sermon resources page [here](#). Step into summer with the words of Jesus in mind: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Our series, *Sabbath in the Psalms*, continues this Sunday with Psalm 37, "Trust God". Psalm 37 is filled with calls to trust in God, to be patient, and see how God will delight in those who follow his way. These are all ways in which we are formed to be like Jesus and rest secure in God's "Sabbath Rest" for us.

Following the message, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. During the next few summer months, we plan to celebrate this differently. For those attending in-person, please stay in your seats, we will pass around the elements with plates and baskets. When you receive them, please wait to eat and drink together at the same time. We welcome you to use the time for singing, prayer and reflection. Gluten-free bread is available for those who desire this option. Also, you may leave the disposable cups in the pews to be collected later.

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

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **BETHEL WORLD MISSION VISION – NEHEMIAH CENTRE:** The Nehemiah Center, in Nicaragua, is a community of learning and service that contributes to the formation of leaders and to the continuing training of pastors using a biblical and holistic worldview, and that cultivates local, national, and international collaboration for Christ-centered cultural transformation of communities and nations.

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

On July 27, **TREV CATABAY** and **BETHANY SNATERSE** will be united in marriage. We rejoice with them as they begin their married life together!

KATHY JACKSON would like to invite you to a Celebration of Life Open House in memory of her husband **MICHAEL**, who passed away on May 22, 2024. Please join her in remembering and honoring the man that

Mike was, on Saturday, August 10, 2024, between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel at Bethel Church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations to Brain Cancer Research or Bethel's Refugee Fund are appreciated

Please continue to remember **JEAN SAATHOF, JANNY BARTHEL, CURTIS COENEN, JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA, EVANS KOTIO, CELINE SIGVALDASON, and JILL SNEEP** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BANNERMAN BACKPACK DRIVE: We have the opportunity to bless the students in our community with backpacks, school shoes, and school supplies for the upcoming year. At the back of the sanctuary there is a bulletin board filled with tags with all the students' information and supply needs. Take a student information tag, fill out your contact info on the tag behind it and fill a backpack for that student. Please bring all supplies and backpacks back to the church by Sunday, August 18. You can also donate financially through all the regular giving methods to Bannerman Backpack Drive. Please contact Selikke at kids@discoverbethel.com if you have any questions.

DEACON REQUEST: We are looking for a female with a vehicle who is willing to teach and practice driving with an individual. She has recently completed the AMA Learner's Driving Program and needs to practice before taking the Class 5 road test. If you are willing and able, please contact the office at info@discoverbethel.com.

HEARING LOOP: We've been exploring updating our hearing assistance technology in the sanctuary. We have installed a temporary device called a Hearing Loop to see how it will work with our current sound system. The hearing loop sends sound from the sound system directly into hearing aids while eliminating any background noise. The sound received can be customized by each user's unique hearing aid. We do have one device in the sound booth with headphones if someone wants to utilize the technology but doesn't have hearing aids.

For a hearing aid to connect to the loop the user must have hearing aids that have telecoil (or T-Coil) technology, which most hearing aids have. To have your hearing aids set to connect to the hearing loop you will need to meet with a hearing aid practitioner and get them to activate the t-coil and set it to connect. They will have it set so you can push a button on your hearing aids to get them connected. This is a free service most hearing aid practitioners provide.

PRAYING THROUGH THE SUMMER: This summer we ask you to pray for a specific part of Bethel's ministry and community each week. We will be lifting up areas of need and opportunity for the ministry, while interceding for current and desired leadership teams. We'll send out an email every Tuesday reminding you of the prayer emphasis for the week and noting a few specific ways you can pray. Whether you're in town or out of town, please pray with us! Note: If you want to receive these prayer reminders, please make sure you are on our weekly email list. The prayer schedule is available [here](#) and is posted on the Bethel [Summer](#) page.

This Week's Prayer Emphasis: **Bethel Youth and Youth Camp.**

Next Week's Prayer Emphasis: Administrative Committees

BETHEL KIDS NEEDS YOU! During the summer we give our regular Bethel Kids leaders a break for July and August, so we need you to come hang out with the children on Sundays. This is a less structured program with a video lesson, quiet toys, and coloring. Age 3 - Grade 4 will stay together in the Chapel. We need a minimum of 3 adult supervisors each Sunday to maintain safety ratios as well as some nursery caregivers. Sign up at the check in desk for the Sundays that work for you.

KID'S CAMP: Bethel is hosting a weeklong summer Kid's Camp for ages 4-10 on August 12-16. The theme for this year is Camp Firelight; A summer camp adventure with God. The week will be filled with daily bible stories, crafts, games, and much more! To sign up to volunteer please register online [here](#). Registration is also open for children to attend. To do so, please register online [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please email Kaitlyn@discoverbethel.com.

PLAY YOUR ROLE! We believe everyone has a part to play at Bethel, from serving in our sound booth to caring for our children in the nursery. We are looking for a few more people to help with the sound booth team and children's ministry. We are also looking for a treasurer and a finance chairperson. For more information, visit discoverbethel.com/serve.

FINANCE CHAIRPERSON NEEDED: we are seeking an individual to take on the role of Chairperson for our Finance Team. This position helps ensure our church's financial matters are managed effectively. If you feel called to this position, or if you have any questions about this position, please email clerk@discoverbethel.com.

TREASURER NEEDED: we are also seeking an individual to take on the role of Treasurer of Bethel. This position ensures our church's financial matters are handled with integrity and transparency. If you feel called to this position, or if you have any questions about this position, please email clerk@discoverbethel.com.

BETHEL YOUTH

PLOT HAS STARTED AGAIN! PLOT, (abbreviation for parking lot) is a drop in ministry that we run each summer for youth in the community. All youth, from grade 6-12 are welcome, and it takes place every Tuesday night from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the church. We hang out, have a brief devotion, and spend our Tuesday nights playing games and having a good time together. Join us this Tuesday for our next PLOT, I hope to see you there!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

COLLECTIONS IN JULY

July 7	Ministry Shares
July 14	Cornerstone Counselling
July 21	Pregnancy Care Centre Edmonton
July 28	Bethel World Mission - Vision Nehemiah Center

Please visit our website at discoverbethel/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.

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THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, July 28

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person and live stream
11:30 a.m. Kids Camp Orientation

MONDAY, July 29

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, July 30

2:00 p.m. Mobile Food Bank
7:00 p.m. PLOT

WEDNESDAY, July 31

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and zoom
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, August 1

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, August 2

SATURDAY, August 3

COMMUNITY NEWS

CONCERT IN THE COUNTRY: This 3-day gospel concert will be held August 9,10, & 11 in Millet, Alberta. Admission is free; donations are welcome. Tickets are available for Saturday's roast beef supper and

Sunday's pancake breakfast. Visit their website [here](#) for more information and a list of performing artists.

EDMONTON FOOD BANK: The Edmonton food bank has a number of fundraising events and food drives over the summer and fall. September 19, join an Evening with Martin Kerr, a local musician, or consider attending the annual Harvest Luncheon on October 24. More details for and tickets for these and other events can be found at their website; click [here](#).

ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE: We are excited to extend a special invitation and a challenge to you for our **annual Evening of Dreams Gala**, taking place at the Evario Events Centre, October 18, 2024. The Evening of Dreams Gala is a tangible way to come alongside the most vulnerable women and children and show that they are not alone, but rather have a community of people who believe in them. For more details and to purchase your table, visit adeara.ca/gala. We would love to have you join us.

THE STUDIO SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION (<https://www.thestudionschool.com>) is now taking applications for their next cohort, beginning October 20, 2024. The Studion is a two-year, part-time program that offers comprehensive training in the skill and art of Christian spiritual direction. Inquiries can be made to thestudionschool@gmail.com or rev.klok@gmail.com.

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](#).