BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

October 30, 2026

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday, we continue our sermon series, *Building Together*, exploring Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. After Paul reflects on the differences between the world's wisdom and God's wisdom, he explains how God builds his church, not through human means, but through loving divine care within a community that embraces the mind of Christ. After last week's discussion about Christ as the only foundation, Paul invites the church to become the temple of God as the Spirit dwells in their midst.

The message this Sunday will focus on 1 Corinthians 3:16-23, "The Temple of God."

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

OUR OFFERINGS

1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION**: The ministries and programs of Bethel.

2) **FAMILY LIFE CANADA**: Family Life Canada is a ministry of Power to Change. The marriage ministry at Bethel Church has been blessed with the work of Braden and Kristen Hafner, from Family Life Canada. Family Life Canada exists to bring help and hope to every marriage and family in Canada by mobilizing a network of partnering churches and volunteers who are strengthening relationships in their homes, churches and communities. For further information, see: https://familylifecanada.com/

COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

NOV 1 Family Life Canada

NOV 8 Dunamis Fellowship Canada

NOV 15 Community Impact Mosaic Center

NOV 22 One Book

NOV 29 Ministry Shares

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for **Jenny Penfold** and **Eleanor Prokuda** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHEL STAFF TRANSITION

We are deeply grateful for Pastor Cathy and the many ways her leadership, care, and faithfulness have strengthened our church community. She has shared her gifts and her heart with our congregation, and we give thanks to God for the blessing she has been to us. Pastor Cathy's final Sunday with us will be November 1. We invite you to join us as we express our heartfelt appreciation for her ministry among us and wish her God's abundant blessings as she begins this next chapter of her journey.

Pastor Cathy, you will be missed, and we pray that God will continue to guide and bless you wherever He leads!

We also ask for prayerful support of our staff and Council as we discern how God is leading us as a church.

For further details on the process, please see the letter sent to the congregation on October 2, 2026. Also, please do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Cris (cris@discoverbethel.com) or the Governing Elders (governingelders@discoverbethel.com) during this time of transition.

ADVENT CANDLE SET

Advent starts November 29. We will once again have advent candle sets to help bring meaning in a unique way to you and your family during Advent. The advent candle sets are available for purchase for $25. This includes the wooden base for the candles, the 5 candles as well as the instructions for different passages to read with your family as you light the candle each week. Candles can be ordered by sending an email to lisa@discoverbethel.com **by November 8th**.

YOUNG ADULTS

We're creating a space for you to gather, study the Bible, and grow in faith and community. Camila Lazzarotto will host Sunday night gatherings at her home on November 1, November 29, and December 13, at 6:00 p.m. This fall the Bible study will go through Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything by Timothy Keller. Come ready to dig deeper into God's Word and enjoy building friendships with each other! If you're interested in joining, contact Camila at camila@discoverbethel.com for more details.

THE EDMONTON FOOD BANK

It's always nice to know that you have met a practical need. Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Food Bank during the month of October.

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Over the next month, we are reflecting on what it means to be a member of Bethel following our "Where We Belong" series. As for the next few weeks, we invite you to review our updated Membership Covenant and Bethel Statement of Faith.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We will host the next "What We Believe" session on November 5 at 6 pm You can sign up for the session by visiting discoverbethel.com/events. For details in the overall process, please see the letter from Pastor Cris we sent out on October 9, 2026.

DUNAMIS

Dunamis Essentials #5 Equipping for Spiritual Warfare is coming to Bethel November 5-7, 2026. All event and registration information can be found here

SOUP-ER SUNDAY

Our next Community Connection Sunday is happening November 8. This is a time for everyone to connect with food and fellowship with one another after the service. Mark November 8 on your calendar for Soup-er Sunday. Join us in the lower level to enjoy this Soup and Buns Potluck lunch. Bring some soup, or volunteer to help make this happen.

Help with set-up, clean-up, and dishes is needed. Sign up here There is also a physical sign up sheet at the Membership desk.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our next men's breakfast will be on November 14 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Sign up here

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, November 1	**10:00 a.m.**	Worship - in person & live stream
MONDAY, November 2	**7:00 p.m.**	Prayer – Zoom
TUESDAY, November 3	**5:15 p.m.**	Dove Taekwondo
	7:00 p.m.	GEMS
WEDNESDAY, November 4	**6:30 a.m.**	Prayer - in person & Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	Oasis
	8:00 p.m.	AA
THURSDAY, November 5	**12:00 p.m.**	Food Bank
	5:15 p.m.	Dove Taekwondo
	6:00 p.m.	What We Believe Session
FRIDAY, November 6	**7:00 p.m.**	Youth Retreat (Friday to Sunday)
SATURDAY, November 7	**9:00 a.m.**	Youth Retreat

GET INVOLVED

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!

COUPLES CONNECT

You may not have heard about Couples Connect yet, but it is the name of the Marriage Ministry at Bethel!

Mission: Provide a means for couples to connect and flourish in Christ at Bethel.

- Vision: For all couples to feel supported and experience a sense of belonging at Bethel.
- Beliefs: The family is the foundation of every community, a healthy marriage is the cornerstone of a strong family, and the ultimate lasting strength of every marriage and family is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. [from Family Life Vision https://familylifecanada.com/about]
- Values: Marriage enrichment is a normal part of any marriage. Prioritizing your marriage is healthy. Holding a posture of humility toward learning about marriage and your spouse is beneficial.
- Objectives: Provide events that nurture couples and connections to other couples at Bethel:
  - Fun
  - Educational
  - Entertaining
  - Memorable

Activities: Host events throughout the year based on input from couples.

- Provide Alpha the Marriage Course March/April of each year.
- Cross-promote events such as Family Life Weekend Getaways and marriage events at partnering churches.
- Background: Couples Connect flows out of our experience hosting the Alpha for Marriage Course, in which couples expressed a desire to connect with other couples.
- We have offered two Alpha for Marriage Courses and cross-promoted other marriage events in Edmonton and Jasper, and now we are gearing up for this Fall/Winter and would like your input!

Please use the QR code to take a short survey

BETHEL YOUTH

OCTOBER 30

Join us here at the church 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

NOVEMBER 6-8

We will be attending a Youth Retreat at Camp Nakamun

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA

The Kindred Hearts Cambodia Fundraising Gala was a huge success! We had a wonderful evening together and raised a record amount for our health programs, over $42,000!
Thank you to everyone who supports Kindred Hearts Cambodia! We are truly grateful to be able to operate our programs for another year.

RIDING THE WAVES OF GRIEF

Gospel ministry to the hurting; seen through the lens of the Indigenous experience. Register here

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.