

September 3, 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.](#)"

In this letter from Peter, he reminds us that the final judgment is coming. In every age Christians must be ready at all times for Christ's return, so it is urgent for us to watch and pray, display self-control, mutual love and a diligent stewardship of the gifts God has given us. This is the life that will bring glory to God.

Our message Sunday will focus on 1 Peter 4:11-17, "A Godly Dash".

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 – TUITION RELIEF: This fund provides tuition relief for parents that want to send their children to Edmonton Christian Schools but don't have the funds to do so.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Congratulations to **STEVEN MULLINS** and **BETHANY MAST** on their wedding this week. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this journey of love and friendship together through marriage.

Please continue to pray for **CALVIN BRUINSMA, CURTIS COENEN, MARCEL CROCKER, MIKE JACKSON, JENNY PENFOLD, DON & ELEANOR PROKUDA, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP,** and **LINDA VROON.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CALL UPDATE: We're excited to announcement that Pastor Wendy has officially accepted our call to lead and serve us as the Pastor of Congregational Care and Discipleship. God has blessed us with faithful Christian leaders who continue to point us to Jesus. We are so grateful for this confirmation in Pastor Wendy's call and look forward to what God is going to do this fall through the mission of our church.

STAFF UPDATE: We are excited to share that we have hired Tara Kilkenny as another Administrative Assistant. She and Laurie will work together as a job share team to fulfill all the expected responsibilities. Help us warmly welcome Tara as she joins our staff. We look forward to this and we ask for you to pray that God's hand be there in this transition.

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE: Join the Truth and Reconciliation Committee as we participate in a KAIROS Blanket Exercise led by Harold Roscher on September 13, 2020, from 6 to 8 p.m. You can find more information and a registration form [here](#), or you can contact us at trc@discoverbethel.com.

THE “EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY DISCIPLESHIP COURSE” begins Tuesday, September 19. This 8-week course by Peter Scazzero will outline the top ten symptoms of emotionally unhealthy spirituality and will unpack core biblical principles that will guide us into an experience of lasting transformation in our relationship with Christ. Join us as we learn to slow down and be deeply changed by Jesus.

You can purchase the book (Emotionally Healthy Spirituality – updated edition) and workbook (Emotionally Healthy Spirituality – updated Workbook) on your own or go through Bethel to have one provided. (The cost is \$38.95 for both)

Please sign up on the Events page [here](#) or at the back of the Sanctuary. If you are unable to purchase the books, scholarships are available; please contact Pastor Wendy Werkman.

IT’S TIME FOR A BIG COOK! On Sept 23 starting at 3p.m we are running a big cook to refill the meals in the freezer! These are intended to help with meal trains when needed, with longer term food support, and occasionally to help local families in need as the deacons see fit. However, the freezer is empty and needs to be filled. We are looking for some people to come help put some meals together and fill the freezer! If you are interested in helping us, sign up at the back of the sanctuary and on the big day, bring your best knives, measuring cups, and great attitude.

FAITH FORMATION EVENT: Little Habits, Big Faith: Simple Habits to Help Your Family Grow in Jesus.

Have you ever said to yourself, “I don’t have enough time to do family devotions,” “I don’t know how to teach the Bible to my kids,” or “my own relationship with God isn’t good enough?” It’s easy to assume that we, as parents, aren’t knowledgeable enough, disciplined enough, or interesting enough to share Jesus with our kids and teens, but join us for an un-boring, liberating class and we’ll share how you can confidently nurture big faith in your kids and teens through little habits that add up over time. Register [here](#) for this event hosted by Bethel Kids and Youth on Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m-3 p.m. Cost: \$25 per family.

PRISON FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY: Looking for a new way to make a kingdom difference right from the comfort of your own home? One way is through **Prison Fellowship Canada’s PF by Phone Program**. This is a phone ministry conducted from your home within the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. All you have to do is commit to a two-hour time slot each week (calls are max. 20 min. each). With security measures in place, there is no danger of calls being traced or hacked. This is a safe and secure method of outreach, prayer, and discipleship that blesses inmates and volunteers alike. YOU are invited to a zoom information call this fall (exact date TBA). Attending the information session does not obligate you to become involved. The purpose is to give you a greater understanding of this tremendous opportunity to serve. For more info., check out the following link [here](#). To express interest, please email Pastor Cathy: cathy@discoverbethel.com.

YEAR END FINANCE UPDATE: As we finish this year the governing elders are grateful for the regular tithes and offerings received from our members. We have reviewed the budget and made adjustments to remove the funds designated for staffing positions and employee expenses not realized as well as funds that ministries are not expecting to spend before the year is out. The adjusted Budget is \$849,601 with donations received of \$729,991 as of July 31, 2023. We have also been fortunate to have lower than expected operating expenses, reducing funds required further. As of this date Bethel is ahead of expenses by \$17,000. We are trusting that the \$70-80,000 required for August will be met by your faithful giving. If you are not in the habit of regular tithing, now is a great time to start. See Malachi 3:10. Thank you all for your partnership in meeting this financial goal.

HANDICAP PARKING RAMPS: Please make sure that you are keeping the ramps clear for those who need to access the handicap parking.

COLLECTIONS IN AUGUST:

August 6	Ministry Shares
August 13	World Renew
August 20	Hope Mission
August 27	Refugee Fund

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

WHAT IS CLAC? Christian Labour Association of Canada was formed in 1952. It is a national union representing over 60,000 workers in almost every sector of the economy. Based on values of respect, dignity, and fairness, CLAC is committed to building better workplaces, better communities, and better lives. CLAC is an affiliated member of the World Organization of Workers.

CLAC is a union that was founded on the belief that people, businesses, and work communities flourish when workplaces are based on cooperation and mutual respect—when we work with each other, not against each other.

In the face of intense adversity from unions that saw workplaces as war zones, the founders set out to create a different kind of labour union. To find out more information about CLAC click [here](#).

KING’S FALL FAIR: Join us at The King’s University Fall Fair on September 9 from 10a.m-midnight. Enjoy a day of carnival rides, games, and food. Help us support the Edmonton Food Bank by coming with a donation. Let’s make a difference together while having a blast! Don’t miss out!

KING’S SILENT AUCTION AND DESSERT RECEPTION: You’re invited to King’s Silent Auction and Dessert Reception at Supreme Steel in Acheson, Alberta on Saturday, October 14 from 7-9p.m. It will be an evening of appetizers, drinks, mingling and live ambient music. Tickets are by donation. RSVP by September 30 at kingsu.ca/rsvp or by calling 780-465-8314.

CHRISTIAN IMMIGRATION SOCIETY OPERATING AS CHRISTIAN FUNERAL SOCIETY: is recruiting to fill the position of Part-Time Business Manager. You can find the job posting on the Christian Funeral Society website [here](#). Interested applicants please send resume to cis@christianburialfund.com by Monday, September 11.

MINISTRY POSITION PRESENTLY OPEN: Bookkeeper and Administrator position available with Desert Streams Healing Ministries. Main role is managing the organization’s financial activities and records. The secondary role is administration. Resumes may be sent to Harry Lindenberg at harryl@desertstreams.ca.

ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE: is looking for an overnight Life Skills Support team member for Thursdays and Fridays. If you are interested or would like more information please contact: loudell@adeara.ca.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, September 3

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

MONDAY, September 4

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

TUESDAY, September 5

WEDNESDAY, September 6

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

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, September 7

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

1:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

FRIDAY, September 8

6:00 p.m. Leadership Retreat – At Bethel

SATURDAY, September 9

9:00 a.m. Leadership Retreat – Bannerman Hall