



September 11, 2026

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday, we begin our Fall series, *Where We Belong*, and explore what it means to belong at Bethel. True Christian belonging is not about joining an organization; it is entering a covenant relationship with God and His people. Because God has committed Himself to us through Christ, we respond by committing ourselves to Him and to one another.

Over the next four weeks, we will be reviewing the biblical principles behind our covenant of membership we make to one another at Bethel, pursuing God's vision of belonging and purpose. As Hebrews 10:24-25 invites us: "...let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another."

The message this Sunday will focus on Ephesians 2:11-22, "Called to Belong."

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OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **KING'S UNIVERSITY:** offers liberal arts education from a Christian perspective and serves students from across Canada and around the world. The King's University is a community that values who students are now and believes in the potential they will uncover. For more information: www.kingsu.ca

COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

SEPT 6 24/7 Prayer
SEPT 13 King's University
SEPT 20 Seeds of New Creation
SEPT 27 Ministry Shares

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for **Janny Barthel, Evans Kotio, Kathy McDonald, Ashley Patton, Jenny Penfold, and Eleanor Prokuda** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

24/7 PRAYER WEEK, SEPTEMBER 6-13: Thank you to everyone who has prayed this week. We have been blessed to seek the Lord through the words of Philippians 2:10-11, "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Continue praying as we begin this ministry year together. May the lessons and reminders of this week guide us.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY: We're excited to kick off a new ministry year together on September 13, 2026.

Join us as we begin a new sermon series exploring **belonging, membership, and life together at Bethel**. Throughout the morning, you'll have the opportunity to learn more about our ministries, discover ways to get involved, and connect with others as we continue pursuing God's mission as a church family.

Be sure to check out the **Ministry Display at the back of the sanctuary**, featuring many of the ways you can get involved and serve.

Take a few moments to explore the different ministries and prayerfully consider where God might be inviting you to use your gifts. **Sign-up sheets are available beside each ministry!**

Once you sign up, the ministry leader will connect with you, share more about the ministry, explain the time commitment, and let you know about any training or opportunities to get started.

Serving is a wonderful way to share the gifts God has given you, make a difference in the life of our church, and build meaningful connections with others.

Come take a look—you may discover a place where your gifts and passions can make a difference!

Following the service, we'll head to **Rundle Park** for a relaxed **Picnic in the Park**. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food, fresh air, and meaningful fellowship as we celebrate the start of a new season together. Whether you're new to Bethel or have been part of our church family for years, we'd love for you to join us!

Picnic in the Park

When: Sunday, September 13, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Where: Rundle Park, Picnic Site #2

What to Bring:

- Lunch for your own family
- A dessert to share
- Lawn chairs or a picnic blanket
- Your game face! There will be games and activities for all ages

Come enjoy an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship as we look ahead to all God has in store for the year ahead. We can't wait to see you there!

BETHEL GEMS: Bethel GEMS is a program for girls in grades 2-9, where we meet up and experience God's love through Bible study and skill-building badges and activities. Our first meeting of the season will be Tuesday, Sept 22. Then alternating Tuesdays to follow. To register click [here](#)

If you are seeking to volunteer with this ministry, or have any questions about the program, please contact Corina (780-909-1567) or Marjy (780-995-1369) or email gems@discoverbethel.com

GEMS COLLECTIVE KITCHEN FUNDRAISER: Bethel GEMS Collective Kitchen fundraiser! Please consider signing up for a freezer meal prep session. Come and prep 10 freezer meals to take home, or pay extra to have them made for you and delivered. \$20 from each set supports Bethel GEMS! There are two sessions available, either Sept 25 or 26, 10am-12pm. Sign up link: <https://forms.gle/RdENMAyQbXoL4Ju5> Any questions, contact Marjy 780-995-1369

CADETS: Cadets is a group for boys in grades 2-6 that meets every second Tuesday from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. Through badge work, games, and physical activities, this group of boys build relationships, gain skills, and become more Christ-like in all areas of their lives. Our first meeting of the season will be Sept. 29. Then alternating Tuesdays to follow. To register click [here](#)

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING: If you are currently serving or you are looking to serve at Bethel in the coming months, we need you to join us for a Plan to Protect training session. Having all our volunteers, ministry team members, and staff members trained in Plan to Protect helps to keep our most vulnerable members at Bethel safe. We will be holding 2 training sessions on Sunday October 4 from 12:00pm to 2:30 pm and Wednesday October 7 from 6:30 pm to 9:00pm. Please sign up [here](#).

GET INVOLVED

JESUS TO NOW: CHURCH HISTORY CRASH COURSE: Do you ever wonder what it was like to be a Christian centuries--even millennia--ago? Why are there so many different denominations? Are you a *tiny* bit curious about how God used people, places, and world events to bring us to where we are today, worshipping God together at Bethel? Throughout the course, we'll take a big picture view of many moments in time and then dive in for a closer look at some people you may not know. Some themes and topics we'll look at in this course are:

- The different eras of church history and some of the key players
- How we have some of the major creeds, confessions, and decisions of our faith, including our own particular confessions within the Christian Reformed Church
- We'll learn about some "big" names like Augustine, Aquinas, Luther, Calvin, and Bonhoeffer. But what about Monica, Brigid, John Chrysostom, Argula von Grombach, Jacob Spener, Abraham Kuyper, and William Seymour? How did these ordinary people follow God, and why should we remember them?
- What can we take away to see how God is leading us today, in our own lives and communities, to follow him?

This class will be taught by the wonderful Christy Harper and will run on Sundays from 11:45 to 1:00 pm on September 20, September 27, October 4, October 18, November 1 and November 8, 2026. Space is limited to a maximum of 20 people. If childcare would help you be able to attend, please let us know how many kids and their ages and we will try to accommodate this need. Please also note any dietary restrictions as we will be serving a light lunch. Participants teen to adult are welcome. Register [here](#)

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!

OASIS: Oasis, Bethel's Wednesday morning women's study, is kicking off with a **potluck on September 16**, followed by our first study on **September 23**! If you have questions email Laura at OasisBethelEdmonton@gmail.com

OASIS BACKUP LEADERS WANTED FOR WEDNESDAY MORNINGS: We are looking for a few more adult volunteers to help out as subs with the Homeschool Kids Groups on Wednesday mornings! Men or women are welcome to help out. While we have three (amazing) regular volunteers, we're hoping to find a few more people to help out occasionally in the class(es) as subs for when these leaders are away.

This group meets in the lower level from 930-11 while their mothers attend Oasis women's Bible study here at Bethel. We are planning to split into two age groups (gr 1-5/6-8), but would love a few more adults on our list to make that happen. There is typically a bible lesson, discussion time, a small craft and snack time. But this could be a bit flexible.

Plan to protect training and criminal record checks will be needed.

Email Laura at OasisBethelEdmonton@gmail.com for more information!

DUNAMIS: This fall, we'll be diving into ***Gateways to Empowered Ministry***, exploring the Holy Spirit through the teachings of **Dunamis Fellowship Canada**. There are also snacks and free childcare for children Kindergarten age and

younger. Oasis runs from September through mid-May, and **all women are welcome!**
Questions? Email **Laura at OasisBethelEdmonton@gmail.com**

BETHEL YOUTH

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COMMUNITY NEWS

ADEARA: The Evening of Dreams gala is officially one month away! It's taking place on Friday, October 2 at Evario Events Centre. Whether you are new to Adeara or a long-time supporter, this event provides simple and practical ways to ensure no woman walks through recovery alone.

At the time I'm sending this, there are only 12 tables left! Secure yours today at adeara.ca/gala

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, or text her at (587)-336-0618.

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY CES GRAND OPENING & HARVEST BANQUET: Join us on Saturday, October 3, 2026, as we celebrate the grand opening of the Centre for Excellence in the Sciences and our annual Harvest Banquet, giving thanks for God's faithfulness and looking ahead to Growing in Excellence together. Visit kingsu.ca/banquet or call 780-465-8316 to learn more or purchase tickets.

KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION: Please join Kindred Hearts Cambodia Foundation at their 12th annual **Fundraising Gala** on Friday, October 16, 2026! There will be a **live and silent auction**, as well as tasty food, a raffle and exciting updates on KHC programs! Since 2013, Kindred Hearts has provided free medical care to over 20,000 people, and also offers free mental health care and gender based violence support programs. The event will be held at a beautiful new venue, the Royal Glenora Club. You can purchase tickets at eventbrite.ca or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. We hope to see you there!

WORSHIP ASSISTANT NEEDED: Do you have experience with leading musical worship and skills or interest in administration? Maranatha is looking to hire a Worship Assistant for 8 hrs a week to help plan and coordinate weekly Sunday Worship Services. Please see [Worship Assistant Description](#) or email office@maranathacrc.ca for more details if interested.

CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH – PRAYER REQUEST: Classis Alberta North is in the midst of an important discernment process as we consider ministry priorities for the coming years. Delegates to the October Classis meeting are currently participating in Zoom roundtable discussions in preparation for the decisions that will be made together in October.

Please keep the delegates, churches, and leadership of Classis Alberta North in your prayers as we seek God's wisdom and direction for the ministries we will support and pursue together.

PRAYER SUMMIT INVITATION: Trinity CRC of Edmonton (13425 57 Street) invites the churches of Classis to join us on Sunday, **September 27**, for our Prayer Summit with a focus on the ministries of Classis and our denomination as well as locally--looking **inward, upward and outward** in prayer. We'll have worship services at **7AM, 10AM, 1:30PM and 4:30PM**. We don't want to take people away from your own local worship service so we especially hope to have members from other churches in the afternoon, including the Lord's Supper at the final service.

RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE: A fully furnished space is available beginning **September 1, 2026**, for either a **single Christian woman aged 50+** or a **Christian couple aged 50+**. If you or someone you know may be interested, please feel free to call **780-232-3876** for more information.

The space includes:

- 🛏 Queen-size bed, closet, and two dressers
- 🚿 Private washroom
- 🍽 Kitchenette
- 🏠 Private living space

\$900/month for a single

\$1,000/month for a couple

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](#).

🌿 THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, September 13

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person & live stream
12:00 P.M. Welcome Back Picnic Rundle Park Site 2

MONDAY, September 14

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, September 15

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

WEDNESDAY, September 16

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

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, September 17

12:00 p.m. Food Bank

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

FRIDAY, September 18

7:00 p.m. Bethel Youth

SATURDAY, September 19

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast