BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

November 27, 2026

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday, we begin the season of Advent through our sermon series, *Ancient* Promises, joining with Isaiah in the Advent journey to Christ. Throughout the book of Isaiah, we are reminded of incredible promises which have shaped the people of God. At Advent, we are invited to celebrate these promises as fulfilled through Jesus' birth, welcoming them into our present everyday life. At the start of our Advent journey, we reflect on the sign of hope that was to come through a virgin who would conceive and give birth to a son. We know him as Immanuel ("God with us").

The message this Sunday will focus on Isaiah 7:11-14, "Sign of Hope."

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

**Follow along with our daily Advent reading guide as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.*

COMMUNION SUNDAY
FOR THOSE ATTENDING IN PERSON: 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.

FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER: There will be space for you to quickly check out your children in the lower level following the message.

We look forward to celebrating Christ's meal of grace with you Sunday. 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) **MINISTRY SHARES:** This cooperative venture of all CRC churches in Canada sends missionaries around the world, starts new churches, resources congregations, trains pastors and leaders, and uses media to spread the gospel. The pooled resources allow the church to do more together than an individual church could do on its own. For more information→crcna.org/MinistryShares

COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

NOV 1 Family Life Canada

NOV 8 Dunamis Fellowship Canada

NOV 15 Community Impact Mosaic Center

NOV 22 OneBook

NOV 29 Ministry Shares

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

Thank you for the tithes and offerings we received this fiscal year. As of the end of October our giving is about $1,000 below our budgeted amount for this time of year. Our expenses have also been slightly lower than budgeted. We currently have a surplus of just over $4000 for this fiscal year.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for **Judylynn Lake, Angela Magnes**, **Jenny Penfold, Eleanor Prokuda, Lorrane Vaccianna** and **Grace Vleeming** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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.

DEACON'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM 2026

Last year, we introduced a new tradition by inviting hamper recipients to Bethel on a Saturday to receive their hampers and wrap donated gifts for their children. It was a wonderful opportunity for deacons and volunteers to connect with families while enjoying activities with the children.
The deacons are currently reaching out to ministry and small group leaders for nominations of households who could benefit from the program.

Important Dates:

- **November 29**: The Deacon Christmas Tree will be up! Congregation members are invited to select a tag featuring a child and a few gift ideas.
- **December 15**: Deadline to return purchased gifts to Bethel.

Please return all gifts unwrapped, with the tag information attached.
If you know of someone who could benefit from this program, please speak with Helen Krol or Jeff Van Niejenhuis.
Thank you for your generosity and support! This program wouldn't be possible without you.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

LADIES! Join us on Friday, November 27, from 7:00–9:30 p.m. for an evening of Christmas singing, light refreshments, and sharing God's love in a practical way!
Together, we'll assemble care packages for The Hope Mission Karis Center and our neighbours experiencing homelessness. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some Christmas cheer, connect with one another, and bless those in our community who could use a little extra care this season. Come ready to sing, serve, and spread a little Christmas joy! We look forward to celebrating the season with you!
Cost: $10 per person to cover the cost of the care packages. Sign up here.

ADVENT JOURNEY

Bethel is hosting an Advent Journey on November 28 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.
Come experience the wonder of Christmas in a meaningful and interactive way!
Advent Journey is a special experience for all ages, inviting families and individuals to walk along a beautifully lit path through the church as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.
Along the way, you'll explore the four themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, through simple hands-on activities, Scripture readings, and moments of reflection and prayer.
The journey ends at the manger, where we remember and celebrate the greatest gift of all: the birth of Jesus, our Saviour!
This is a drop-in experience! Our doors will be open from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, so feel free to arrive anytime during that window. There's no set start time or schedule. Simply follow the journey at your own pace, whether you have a few minutes or want to take your time at each station.
Come as you are, bring your family and friends, and discover the true meaning of Christmas together!

CHURCH CAMPOUT INTEREST MEETING

We're dreaming of a Church Campout in 2027, and we'd love your help making it happen! Join us as we start planning a fun weekend of camping, fellowship, and building connections as a church family!
We're looking for enthusiastic people to join our planning team. Interested in helping? Come to our interest meeting on **Sunday, November 29**, right after the service, in the Fireside Room, with Camila.
Let's make this happen together! It's going to be so much fun!

COUPLES CONNECT

A big thank you to those that completed the survey! **For couples that indicated interest in group rates for upcoming marriage conferences,** please email Krista at kmilford74@gmail.com for details on tickets.

Join us for our Kick-off: **Friday, Dec. 4th at 7:00 pm** at Bethel, in the Fireside Room.

Couples Connect Kick-off: Friday, Dec. 4th at 7:00 pm, Bethel, Fireside Room - Games night & snacks

- Press pause and reconnect with your significant other
- Bring your favorite board game
- Access marriage resources & key information about upcoming conferences (e.g. group rates)
- Built-in mini focus time just for you as a couple

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our next congregational meeting will be held on Sunday December 6 after the service.

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Join us at Bethel Community Church, hosted in collaboration with North Pointe Community Church (NE), to watch ***The Best Christmas Pageant Ever***. This inspiring and entertaining film celebrates the hope, joy, and true meaning of Christmas.

This free event includes complimentary snacks, trivia, and door prizes. We'd love to share the joy of Christmas with you. Get your free tickets here.
This Super Fun night will also require some **volunteers**. If you'd like to help, please sign up here

BETHEL SENIORS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

All Bethel Seniors are invited to the annual Christmas Social on December 13 from 2 to 4 PM at Valleyview Point (2011 -137 ave.)
Please bring your favourite hot, cold or baked good to share with all.
There will be a $5.00 charge per person to cover expenses.
For more information contact Randall Huisman

BRIDGE CHURCH GRAND OPENING

Last week, Bridge Church announced the official opening of their new building in Fort Saskatchewan on Sunday, December 6. This is an exciting moment for their community, which started as a church plant through prayer and support out of Bethel. Please remember Bridge Church in prayer as they complete their final preparations for this highly anticipated day. God is doing great things through their church in the Fort. What a great opportunity to celebrate! We will have representatives present at their opening service to express our support.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, November 29	**10:00 a.m.** **11:30 a.m.**	Worship - in person & live stream 2027 Church Campout Planning Meeting – Fireside Room
MONDAY, November 30	**7:00 p.m.**	Prayer – Zoom
TUESDAY, December 1	**5:15 p.m.** **7:00 p.m.**	Dove Taekwondo GEMS
WEDNESDAY, December 2	**6:30 a.m.** **9:30 a.m.** **8:00 p.m.**	Prayer - in person & Zoom Oasis AA
THURSDAY, December 3	**12:00 p.m.** **5:15 p.m.**	Food Bank Dove Taekwondo
FRIDAY, December 4	**7:00 p.m.** **7:00 p.m.**	Youth Couples Connect Kick-Off – Fireside Room
SATURDAY, December 5		

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!

BETHEL YOUTH

NOVEMBER 27

Join us at the church this Friday, November 27 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Serve night. We will be helping to set up the Advent Journey event being held on Saturday November 28 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS

EMMANUEL HOME CHRISTMAS MARKET

Please come and join us for a festive favourite of Emmanuel Seniors Living Society: Emmanuel Home's Annual Christmas Market! Saturday, November 28 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Come and visit with some old friends, find some Christmas gift ideas (or treats for yourself) from several vendors who will be in attendance selling their wares, and enjoy some enjoyable cuisine including croquettes, borenkol, soups! Hope to see you there!

REHOBOTH

Rehoboth Christian Ministries invites you to join us for our “Little Town” Christmas Market on November 28, 2026 at 3920 – 49 Ave. in Stony Plain from 9 am-3 pm. Breakfast from 9-11:30 a.m. and lunch from 12-1:30 p.m.; each offered at $6/adult and $4/child. We are still accepting vendors for the market. Please contact Kim at 780-965-7472 or kim.stefura@rcmflourish.ca We look forward to sharing the festive spirit with you.

CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH

Help Put Our Classis Strategic Plan into Action! At our October meeting, Classis Alberta North approved its new Strategic Plan for 2027–2031. Now we're looking for people from across our churches who would like to help put that plan into action! **Do you have a heart for ministry and gifts that could contribute to this work?** We invite you to consider putting your name forward for one of the teams being formed. Simply complete a short form to indicate which team interests you. Expressing interest does not commit you to serving and positions could fill up quickly. The Classis Interim Committee (CIC) will follow up with you personally. The deadline to submit your name is December 7, 2026. **Interested? Complete the Form.** Let's work together to shape the future of Classis Alberta North!

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.**

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