



January 29, 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."

We continue in our series, **1 Samuel: Prophetic Grace**, by reflecting on how God has called out to us through his word and by his Spirit. In a time when the word of the Lord was rare in Israel (1 Samuel 3:1), God breaks his silence. Samuel, now a young servant of the temple, hears God speaking to him and acts in faith in response to what he hears. Samuel, like many of us, stumbles into a process of receiving God's word and yet still chooses to trust and obey. The Lord not only blesses Samuel's life as he grows from this point on, but he speaks clearly through Samuel, to his people who desperately need to be reminded about who they are. What will you do when God's word comes to you? What words must you ensure do not fall to the ground in your life? Hear the call of grace.

Our message Sunday will focus on 1 Samuel 3: "The Call to Prophetic Grace"

Following the message, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. For those attending in-person, we will invite you to come forward to receive the elements at the front. You can then eat and drink the elements individually as you receive them. If you are not able to come forward, please raise your hand and the elements will be brought to you. Gluten-free bread is available for those who desire this option.

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 ON SUNDAY

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **WORLD RENEW:** Compelled by God's deep passion for justice & mercy, World Renew joins communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. Working in more than 30 countries World Renew embraces a family-centered approach to ending global poverty and providing disaster response services.

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

Our hearts and prayers are with **TRUDY SNATERSE** and **MARY RIETVELD**. Their sister, **MARGARET DEVRIES**, passed away unexpectedly this past Saturday. Their family will gather next week to celebrate and remember her life. You can find a note about Margaret DeVries [here](#).

Please keep **JOANNE LUIMES, GLEN** and their family in your prayer as well. Joanne's mother, **MARGARET LUIMES**, passed away on Sunday. The family plans to hold a funeral service on Tuesday to celebrate and remember Margaret, it will be at Nobleford Christian Reformed Church in Lethbridge. To view Margaret Luimes obituary notice, please visit [here](#).

Please continue to pray for **CURTIS COENEN, MARCEL CROCKER, ELLA JENSEN, ELEANOR PROKUDA, JILL SNEEP, and WILLY VROON.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE! Please note that the email address for our Accounting Technician at Bethel has changed. It is not sara@discoverbethel.com anymore but is now accounting@discoverbethel.com. If you make e-transfers to the church, please make sure that you change your banking information to reflect the new email address. If you would like to be in touch with Sara, please send emails to her at the new email address. No other staff or volunteer person will be accessing those emails so your privacy will remain. Thank you for your help updating this email address.

READ THE BIBLE WITH US! In 2023, we invite you to join us for 51 weeks of going through the Bible together! Subscribe to the plan online at our Reading Scripture Together Page: discoverbethel.com/readingscripturetogether. Though the reading plan began on January 2, you are still welcome to join. The plan is done through the **Youversion Bible app**.

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY DISCIPLESHIP: Pastor Cris and Pastor Wendy are working on one of the needs expressed in the Church Pulse, a clear pathway for growing in our Christian walk. You can find a brief overview of the program and its resources [here](#). If you are interested in being part of a pilot program for this class, email Pastor Cris at cris@discoverbethel.com.

UPCOMING FAMILY MEAL: We are having a Family Meal on February 19, 2023, after our worship service and we hope that you can join us. It will be a Potluck, so bring a dish to share. If you are interested in helping organize this event, please send an email to Pastor Cris at cris@discoverbethel.com.

PRAYER CARDS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH: Our children's and youth ministries are soon launching a re-imagined practice of prayer cards. Our hope is that every child and teen (ages 0-17) would have a member of the congregation intentionally praying for them. These prayer cards will be ready for people to pick up on Sunday, February 19. Look for more information in the coming weeks. If you have questions, ideas, or concerns about this initiative, please contact our Youth Pastor Melanie (melanie@discoverbethel.com) or our Director of Children's Ministry, Selikke (kids@discoverbethel.com).

Parents, if you have not done so already, please send photos of your children to Melanie or Selikke so we can include them on the prayer cards.

KIDS NIGHT IN, PARENT'S NIGHT OUT: VALENTINE'S EDITION! Wanting to spend Valentine's Day with your loved one, but are finding it hard to get a babysitter? Look no further! Bethel Youth Missions team is hosting another "Kids Night In, Parent's Night Out" event on Tuesday, February 14th (Valentine's Day) from 5-8 p.m. Registration and more information will be available the first week of February.

CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRY FUNDRAISER: Support Bethel Youth's Mexico Missions team by purchasing a box (or two... or three) of chocolate covered strawberries. Strawberries come in boxes of a dozen (\$20/box), half a dozen (\$12/box), and individually (\$2/box). Orders can be made through a form on the membership desk or by emailing Bethel's Youth Pastor, Melanie (melanie@discoverbethel.com). The deadline to order is February 1st and orders will be made on February 11th for pick up on Sunday, February 12th.

BETHEL YOUTH TRIBE NIGHT: Save the date for Friday, January 27th when Bethel Youth will be splitting into "tribes" (aka small groups) for various activities. Check out bethelyouth.com a few days before to find out more information or email Bethel's Youth Pastor, Melanie (melanie@discoverbethel.com).

AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN TO SEW! We have four workshops running Tuesdays at 7 p.m. – Jan 31, Feb 7, Feb 21, and Feb 28. While it helps if you can attend all four workshops, it is not mandatory. Each week will build on the lesson before, but beginners are welcome at any of the workshops. We do need numbers to ensure we have enough tables set up, so we ask that you sign-up at the information desk at church or email Laura at ljboskers@hotmail.com for any of the dates you are available. If you have your own sewing kit and notions such as needles, scissors, seam rippers, etc. you can bring them along. If you already have a sewing machine, please bring it along with its own feet, bobbins, etc. If you don't have a machine, perhaps you have a family member or friend who can lend you one. There will also be a couple available to share during the workshops. All other materials will be supplied except your mending project on week 4.

A SMALL REQUEST: Do you have any extra black ½ inch or 1 inch binders? Worship ministries would love to take them off your hands! Please leave them on top of the mailboxes if you have any you are willing to donate!

SAVE THE DATE: On June 9 - 11, we are having a church campout, we will have more details to come.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS: The quarterly statements for December 2022 have been emailed. Please review your statements carefully and report any errors to the church office so that errors can be corrected before tax receipts are issued in February. If you have not received your statement, please contact the church office to update your email address.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Our Mission and Ministry -\$105,411 was collected in the month of December for a total of \$291,048 this year. \$317,235 was anticipated by this time based on our restated budget for this year. We are blessed by the continued support for our ministries.

Other Giving: The deacons gratefully acknowledge the following receipts for other collections taken in December:

Ministry Shares:	\$1,605.00
Edmonton Food Bank:	\$1,290.00
International Justice Mission:	\$1,410.00
Seafarers Vancouver:	\$705.00
Christmas Hampers & Gifts	\$810.00
Other Causes:	\$10,269.00

COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY:

January 1	Ministry Shares
January 8	Adeara
January 15	Mustard Seed
January 22	NewGround
January 29	World Renew

Please visit our website at [discoverbethel/give](https://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

EMMANUEL HOME 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Join us as we celebrate 50 years of God's faithfulness to Emmanuel Home on Friday, February 10 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Emmanuel Home, 13429 57 Street in Edmonton. Enjoy coffee, cake and fellowship and a celebration of our Lord's goodness to our seniors over the years.

CRC YOUTH SKI TRIP: for grades 7-12 hosted by West End CRC, Edmonton. When? March 4/5. How? Magic bus to Marmot, and one night in the HI Hostel Jasper. Cost? \$200 per person (with church subsidy of \$50). Register no later than January 31 @ <https://westendcrc.tpsdb.com/OnlineReg/1130>. For more information, talk to your youth leader, or email lvanderleek@westendcrc.ca.

STUDENT HELP! An international student who attends Covenant CRC and is a student at The King's University needs housing near King's. If you are able to help or know of a lodging opportunity for this student, please contact Sally Leder at sally.leder@supremesteel.com or 780 934 9660 (cell).

TOUR THE BIBLICAL LANDS OF ISRAEL: March 6 – March 17, 2023. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga: 1-289-877-8433 or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com

APPLY TODAY! THE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER is growing and expanding their team. They are currently looking for an Office Manager for their Edmonton location. Click [here](#) to view the job posting.

IMPACTUS MEN'S CONFERENCE: Every man wants to make an impact. What if the key to having an impact is to first be impacted by God? Join us Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 8:40 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Impactus Men's Conference where you will learn how to press into all God has for you, and to become the man he is calling you to be. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, January 29

10:00 a.m. Worship - In Person & Live Stream

MONDAY, January 30

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

TUESDAY, January 31

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Learn to Sew group

WEDNESDAY, February 1

6:30 a.m. Prayer - In Person & Zoom

9:30 a.m. Oasis – Women’s Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, February 2

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, February 3

1:30 p.m. Food Bank

7:00 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, February 4