



February 26, 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."

This week begins Lent, our journey with Jesus to the cross. From dust to joy. Our Lent sermon series over the next 7 weeks will re-enter the story of 1 Samuel, A King in God's Place. Picking up in chapter four, Israel attempts to use the ark of the covenant to win a battle and loses badly. They tried to call upon God's power while not living in step with his Spirit. God allows his presence via the ark to be taken away to teach a lesson to two peoples: Israel and the Philistines. Both receive the lesson that God is supreme over all images, tactics and strategies we might be tempted to rely on. If we want to live with the power and blessing of God, we must live in right relationship with him, and there are no shortcuts. Jesus comes to us as the true King, setting us free from death and showing us the path to life.

Our message Sunday will focus on 1 Samuel 4:1b-7:1: "The Ark, Lent and ChatGPT"

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) MOSAIC CENTRE:** The Mosaic Centre is a non-profit wellness centre serving people challenged by poverty, hunger, and homelessness in northeast Edmonton.

**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

Please pray for **WILLY VROON** who suffered several injuries this past week following a fall at home. She is currently in the hospital receiving comfort care.

Please continue to pray for **CALVIN BRUINSMA, ELLA JENSEN, ELEANOR PROKUDA, and JILL SNEEP.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HIRING SUMMER CHILDRENS/YOUTH INTERNS:** Do you have a passion for working with children or youth? Bethel is hiring two summer interns to help run our programs for children and youth. Applications are due by March 24 and the internship runs from May 23 to August 25. If you are interested, please check out the job descriptions at [discoverbethel.com/jobs](https://discoverbethel.com/jobs).

**PASTOR OF OUTREACH AND MISSIONS:** We are looking to hire a new Pastor; this position puts a specific focus on our mission of “Sharing Christ with Others”. The person in this role will be responsible to encourage, train, and stretch us as we all become more intentional about reaching out to our community, near and far, with the good news. We desire that Christ would transform our neighbourhood and world as we boldly share our faith story and invite others in. This is a half time position that will require gifts in the areas of evangelism and community engagement. For more information about the posting, visit [discovebethel.com/jobs](http://discovebethel.com/jobs)

**A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP:** We have been invited to West End Christian Reformed Church for a fun, informative, and encouraging date night. This FamilyLife workshop is an excellent tool to help couples discover how incredibly good marriage can be. Alberta FamilyLife Regional Directors, Braden and Kristen Hafner, will highlight the great good that comes from staying “together for good” as they introduce two forces—Differences and Drift—that couples must learn to navigate and counter as they journey together. It will take place on Friday, March 3 from 6:30-9pm and costs \$25 per couple. Please e-mail Pastor Wendy at [wendy@discoverbethel.com](mailto:wendy@discoverbethel.com) if you are interested in signing up.

**PRAYER CARDS:** Thank you to everyone who has committed to praying for a child or teen. If you missed the opportunity to grab a prayer card and commit to praying for someone, we encourage you to check out the table at the back of the sanctuary and choose a child or teen that you can make a connection with and pray for throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact Selikke ([kids@discoverbethel.com](mailto:kids@discoverbethel.com)) or Melanie ([melanie@discoverbethel.com](mailto:melanie@discoverbethel.com)).

**WILLOWWOOD CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL,** located in Bethel’s lower level, is now accepting registrations for our 2023-24 school year. We offer both a 2 day and 3-day morning class. If your child will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2023, we would love to have them join our preschool. For more information and to register, visit us online at [willowwoodpreschool.com](http://willowwoodpreschool.com) or email us at [willowwood@discoverbethel.com](mailto:willowwood@discoverbethel.com).

**COME JOIN OUR WORSHIP TEAM!** We are looking for many volunteers to join our team, and it is not only musicians that can sign up. We are looking for people to be involved with prayer or scripture readings. If you have some natural beat and rhythm but no training, we are willing to train you on the Cajone. Is there a new piano player or musician in your family that would be interested in playing some pre-service music? There are many ways that you can be involved with our services. Please e-mail [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com) if anything strikes your attention.

**EASTER CHOIR:** Join us for our Easter Choir! Practices will be held on the following Thursday evenings, March 9, 16, 23 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Also, on Thursday, April 6 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. If you are interested, please e-mail [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com) or sign up at the membership desk in the back of the sanctuary.

**SECURITY SYSTEM CHANGEOVER SCHEDULED:** We will be changing our security system from Nordic to Telsco on March 6, 2023. This means that the fob you have now will not work after that date. There will be two options to choose from with the new system: replacing your old fob for a new one or downloading an app on your phone to use in place of a fob. There will be more details coming as the date gets closer. Contact us at [info@discoverbethel.com](mailto:info@discoverbethel.com) if you have any questions.

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

**FINANCIAL UPDATE: Our Mission and Ministry:** \$53,261 was collected in the month of January for a total of \$344,309 this year. \$382,179 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 January:

Ministry Shares:	\$	1,325.00
Adeara:	\$	5,021.00
Mustard Seed:	\$	1,893.00
New Ground:	\$	705.00
World Renew:	\$	1,260.00
Other Causes:	\$	2,340.00

**COLLECTIONS IN FEBRUARY:**

February 5	Ministry Shares
February 12	Refugee Fund
February 19	Bethel World Mission Vision
February 26	Mosaic Center

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](mailto:accounting@discoverbethel.com).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES** will be hosting a gathering on Saturday, March 4, from 7-9pm at Inglewood CRC (12330 113 Ave NW). ICS is a Toronto-based, community-supported, Christian graduate school in the Reformed tradition. President Ron Kuipers and Dr. Edith van der Boom, ICS Director of Educational Leadership, will discuss current activities and projects at the school, with special attention to developments in ICS's Educational Leadership program. If you are interested in attending the gathering, please RSVP to Danielle at [dyett@icscanada.edu](mailto:dyett@icscanada.edu) by March 3.

**FAMILY FRIENDLY SOCCER:** The registration date is set; online registration only! There will be pre-registration for coaches on Wednesday, March 1 from 6-10 p.m. Regular registration on Thursday, March 2 at 6 p.m. Please go [here](#) to register. It is \$45.00/player to hold your spot, be sure to have the name of the player in the comment box when making your payment. Senior players were born in 2005-2010, Intermediates were born in 2011-2013, Juniors were born in 2014-2015, Pre-Juniors were born in 2016-2017. Games will be played Wednesdays and Saturdays at McLeod Community League, and the season runs May 3-June 24. If you have any questions, please send them to [edmontonffsl@gmail.com](mailto:edmontonffsl@gmail.com).

**PART-TIME MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY IN KELOWNA:** Check out this unique ministry opportunity! The Kelowna Christian Reformed Church (KCRC) and the Christian Reformed Campus Ministries Okanagan (CRCMO) are collaborating to create a joint part-time (approximately 25 hours per week) position for a uniquely qualified individual. KCRC is looking for a gifted individual to lead and organize its Sunday morning worship services (15 hours per week), while CRCMO is looking for a person for approximately 10 hours per week to serve at Okanagan College. For more information about the position at KCRC, please contact Bob Folkers at [bobfolkers@gmail.com](mailto:bobfolkers@gmail.com), or Rev Dr Todd Statham at [crcampusokanagan@gmail.com](mailto:crcampusokanagan@gmail.com) for information regarding the position at Okanagan College. You can also see more information on our bulletin board about these opportunities.

**ROCK RIDGE CANYON** is a nonprofit Christian organization through Young Life and is looking for Summer Interns. If you are a teen or a young adult looking for summer opportunities, click [here](#).

**BIBLICAL STUDY TOUR TO ITALY (May 22 - June 2, 2023):** Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Assisi (home of St. Francis); Florence; Ravenna; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu) or 616-328-3110.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS TO RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION:** Thank you for your faithful support for God's mission!

As we consider the end of 2022 and the beginning of 2023, I'm reminded of Jesus' words from Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Thank you for taking those words to heart and living out your faith.

Jesus' words came at a time of transition—it was the end of Jesus' ministry on earth, but only the beginning for his disciples. Here we have Jesus' promise to send the Spirit, and our instructions to live out his mission! Those instructions are for us, too, and Resonate is here to continue partnering with you as you join God's mission in whatever way he calls you in the new year.

Right now, God is working through your support for Resonate missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other ministry leaders in your own community and to the ends of the earth. And in the coming year, even more people will come to know Jesus Christ and grow in their faith. Thank you for walking with them!

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY, February 26**

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

### **MONDAY, February 27**

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, February 28**

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Learn to Sew Group

### **WEDNESDAY, March 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

7:00 p.m. Young Adults - Offsite

8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, March 2**

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

### **FRIDAY, March 3**

1:30 p.m. Food Bank

7:00 p.m. Youth

### **SATURDAY, March 4**