

June 23, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we continue through Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians in our series, *Built Different*.

Our work and the people we try to imitate matters. Paul warns about idleness in the lives of believers because he knows how easy it might be for us to become complacent and lose sight of our call. He encourages the Thessalonians to follow his example, avoiding the potential for chaotic disorderly living. We must pursue lives of discipline and committed love that access God's peace. Follow Christ and the good examples around us help us to "never tire of doing what is good" (2 Thessalonians 3:13).

Our Congregational Meeting will be held this Sunday, immediately after the worship service. Please grab a cup of coffee and take a seat in the sanctuary so we can begin promptly. Children, 0-12, will gather in the Chapel during the meeting for some snacks, fun activities, and maybe a movie. All children should be picked up from the Chapel that day. Youth are welcome to either attend the meeting or continue their time in Paul & Pancakes.

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **THE PAKITINÂSOWIN RECIPROCITY FUND:** King's and the Micah Centre, in partnership with the Northern Alberta Diaconal Conference, have created the Pakitinâsowin Fund for Reciprocity and Reparations. The Fund is an opportunity for all churches in Edmonton and across Alberta to give of their wealth and resources into a common fund that will support Indigenous-led community initiatives. Learn more about fund [here](#).

NEXT WEEK – THE KING'S UNIVERSITY: Located in Edmonton, Alberta, The King's University offers exceptional liberal arts education (in business, teaching, natural and computing science, government, industry, and more), from a Christian perspective and serves students from across Canada and around the world. Building a Christian learning community where all belong and flourish has been a top priority for the university since it was founded in 1979. King's is known for its vibrant tight-knit campus; student-professor ratio; accessible academic, mental health, and wellness supports; faculty availability outside of the classroom; and as a place where life-long friendships are formed each year.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to remember **JANNY BARTHEL, CURTIS COENEN, JENNY PENFOLD, DON PROKUDA, ELEANOR PROKUDA, EVANS KOTIO, JANE SHULTZ, CELINE SIGVALDASON, and JILL SNEEP** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME OUR YOUTH SUMMER INTERN: Ayaan Masih, is serving as our Youth Ministry Intern. Ayaan joined the Bethel community in 2023. Before coming to Bethel, he attended Red Deer Polytechnic to pursue a degree in Social Work and is now continuing his studies in Edmonton. Ayaan gives all his thanks to the Lord Jesus for bringing him far in life and for being by his side for a long time. Ayaan loves working with people and engaging with them in fun activities like sports and board games. In his free time, he is an avid gamer, likes to bike around his neighborhood, or go on outings with his family.

HELP WANTED: The ministry fair featured specific opportunities to use your gifts, talents, and abilities to serve Bethel and our community. There are also summer ministries that require support and assistance. The Help Wanted board is in the back of the sanctuary. Please take a look and consider how you can play your part in the life of the church. Sign up by using the QR code or clicking [here](#).

Keep reading to learn about how you can serve in a variety of ways right now!

MOVING HELP NEEDED: On Friday, June 28, Ify & Elijah and their family will be moving into their new home. Volunteers are needed to help unload the U-Haul. They hope to be underway by 10 a.m. If you are available to assist this family, even for an hour, please contact Laurie or Tara at the church office at 780.476.3762 or email info@discoverbethel.com Childcare may also be needed if the twins have determined to make an early arrival! Thanks in advance for being the hands and feet of Jesus to this Bethel family.

MEXICO TEAM MEALS: The Missions Team from Mexico will be joining us at Bethel from July 1st-July 9th. We are looking for your help to provide meals and snacks for them over that week. Meals for ~ 15 people, either delivered to the church, Kings University, or hosted at your home would be greatly appreciated. They can be hot and ready to serve or prepared ahead of time to be heated up when the team is ready to eat. Prepare a large meal yourself or gather some friends together to share the work. For information on dates still needed or to sign up click [here](#).

JOIN THE CANADA DAY FUN TEAM: We are looking for volunteers to help us run our Canada Day event on Monday, July 1st from 12:00-3:00 p.m. for Bethel and the surrounding community. We will celebrate with games, food, face painting, and more! We need volunteers to help set up/take down, supervise activities, prepare/serve food, and do facepainting. We are also looking for people to provide live music for the event. To sign up to help please register online [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please email kaitlyn@discoverbethel.com

BETHEL KIDS NEEDS YOU! During the summer we give our regular Bethel Kids leaders a break for July and August, so we need you to come hang out with the children on Sundays. This is a less structured program with a video lesson, quiet toys, and coloring. Age 3 - Grade 4 will stay together in the Chapel. We need a minimum of 3 adult supervisors each Sunday to maintain safety ratios as well as some nursery caregivers. Sign up at the check in desk for the Sundays that work for you.

KIDS CAMP: We are looking for volunteers for August 12-16. Bethel is hosting a weeklong summer Kid's Camp for ages 4-10. The theme for this year is Camp Firelight; A summer camp adventure with God. The week will be filled with daily bible stories, crafts, games, and much more! To sign up to volunteer please register online [here](#). Registration is now open! To do so, please register online [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please email kaitlyn@discoverbethel.com.

FINANCE CHAIRPERSON NEEDED: we are seeking an individual to take on the role of Chairperson for our Finance Team. This position helps ensure our church's financial matters are managed effectively. If you feel called to this position, or if you have any questions about this position, please email clerk@discoverbethel.com.

TREASURER NEEDED: we are also seeking an individual to take on the role of Treasurer of Bethel. This position ensures our church's financial matters are handled with integrity and transparency. If you feel called to this position, or if you have any questions about this position, please email clerk@discoverbethel.com.

CHURCH FAMILY & MEXICO TEAM POTLUCK: July 7th, after the Sunday Worship Service, we will be having a potluck BBQ at the church. We want our Bethel Family to meet the team from Mexico & share fellowship with one another over a meal. Hot dogs will be provided; please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. No need to sign-up, just join us after the service and get to know the team!

NEW BIBLE READING PLAN - THE WISDOM OF PROVERBS by the Bible Project: July 6 begins our 32-day journey revisiting Proverbs. The Book of Proverbs claims that God's own wisdom has been woven into the fabric of the universe, and you are invited to participate. What's the wise choice when it comes to relationships and money and work, the stuff of day-to-day life? This plan will walk you through Proverbs step by step as you train your heart to discern the wise way forward. Find the plan [here](#). To join Bethel's Reading Group on the app, email Pastor Wendy at wendy@discoverbethel.com

BETHEL YOUTH

YOUTH & MEXICO TEAM CAMPING TRIP: Join us as we experience God's Creation at the Kootenay Plains Provincial Recreation Area near Nordegg. This overnight camping trip, July 4-5, with our Mexico Mission Team is for youth currently in grades 7-12. If you are excited to join us, and especially if you are a youth looking to go down to Mexico on a trip next year, please sign up or email zach@discoverbethel.com with questions. For a tentative schedule and packing list, and to sign-up please visit [Youth Summer Camping Trip 2024 \(cognitofrms.com\)](https://cognitofrms.com)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

COLLECTIONS IN JUNE

June 2	Ministry Shares
June 9	Dynamic Youth Ministries - Cadets
June 16	Refugee Fund
June 23	The Pakitinâsowin Reciprocity Fund
June 30	The King's University

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.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, June 23

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

MONDAY, June 24

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

7:00 p.m. Full Council Meeting

TUESDAY, June 25

7:00 p.m. Full Council Meeting – Alternate Date

WEDNESDAY, June 26

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

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, June 27

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, June 28

SATURDAY, June 29

COMMUNITY NEWS

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER SHORTAGE: There is an alarming shortage of volunteer meal delivery drivers. If this is something that you are interested or would like more information, please connect with Tara Lyon at tara.lyon@emow.ca or (587)735-2358. A Police Information Check including a Vulnerable Sector Check is required.

DYNAMIC DUET MUSIC STUDIO is hosting an assortment of upcoming summer camps. Please see the QR code or click [here](#) for more information on the camps and to register. If you have any questions, please contact dynamicduetmusicstudio@gmail.com.



JOB OPPORTUNITY: Associate Pastor of Congregational Life at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church in Edmonton. Are you passionate about discipleship? Do you have a heart for serving a multicultural and multigenerational congregation? Maranatha CRC is seeking to add an Associate Pastor to their ministry team. Must have 2-4 years of ministry-related education and experience (including volunteer work). See our website [here](#) or contact Carolyn at fcwoudstra@shaw.ca for more information and to apply. Applications close June 29, 2024.

EMMANUEL HOME IS HIRING! We are planning to hire a **Site Manager** at Emmanuel Home. This is a new mid-level manager role that we are excited to add to our management team. This addition is needed as we gear up to the transition of having a second site, the Lighthouse, which will open in early spring of 2025. If interested, contact Laura Pothoven by email at lpothoven@emmanuelhome.ca and be sure to

check out our website [here](#) for more detailed information.

THE STUDIO SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION (<https://www.thestudionschool.com>) is now taking applications for their next cohort, beginning October 20, 2024. The Studion is a two-year, part-time program that offers comprehensive training in the skill and art of Christian spiritual direction. Inquiries can be made to thestudionschool@gmail.com or rev.klok@gmail.com to find out more. Fuel for the Heart; Food for the Soul.

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](#).