



May 16, 2025

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we continue our sermon series, ***Cross Through the Cliché***, where we are reflecting on misunderstood sayings about faith from the Bible and culture. Along the way, we will access helpful tools for stepping into a deeper life with Jesus and moving past the cliché to embrace God's heart for us through his word.

Sunday, we will look at Philippians 4:10-13, paying special attention to verse 13 which says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." In his letter to the Philippian church which Paul is writing from prison, he wants to thank the church for the gifts they had sent to him. He uses this opportunity to encourage the Philippians who are suffering persecution, to remind them to be unified, and to warn against false doctrines. When Paul reminds the Philippian church that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" what does this refer to? Are all things truly in our grasp?

## OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **DAYS FOR GIRLS:** Days for Girls works to eliminate the stigma and limitations associated with menstruation so that women and girls have improved health, education and livelihoods through innovative, sustainable solutions. The goal is to reach more girls with the resources they need to manage their periods, stay in school, and chase their dreams.

Thank you for the tithes and offerings we received this fiscal year. As of the end of April our giving is about \$80,000 below our budgeted amount for this time of year. However, our expenses are also lower which means our revenue is approximately \$15,000 more than our expenses. We are grateful for the faithful giving of those who call Bethel their church home and trust in God's provision through the generosity of His people.

## COLLECTIONS IN MAY

May 4	Dynamic Youth Ministries - GEMS
May 11	Reframe Ministries
May 18	Days for Girls
May 25	Ministry Shares

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

**SYLIVA MILFORD** is recovering from surgery to repair a broken hip. **CALVIN VANDERLEEST's** sister Karen DeBoer is recovering from surgery after having her foot caught in an auger. Praise God the auger jammed, and she has not required an amputation.

Please continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN, JENNY PENFOLD, and ELEANOR PROKUDA** as you pray for our church community.

**A NOTE FROM OUR NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR:** Hi there! I'm Camila, the new Youth Director at Bethel Community Church. I'm from Brazil, happily married to Ed, and the proud mom of a sweet 7-year-old girl named Alice. I've been an educator for the past 19 years and have had the privilege of serving in various leadership roles throughout my journey. I love spending time with my family and friends and discovering fun, unique coffee spots around town. I also enjoy cooking and playing Uno with Alice. I'm honoured by the opportunity of being part of this community and serving your family. I pray that we keep building this ministry to reflect the heart of Jesus. I can't wait to meet you all!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REFUGEE COMMITTEE:** The refugee family that Bethel is currently sponsoring has been living with family for the past ten months. They have settled in very well to schools, jobs, English classes and training for new jobs. Now they are excited to be moving to their own apartment. They are still in need of a few items such as an electric kettle, a rice cooker, a dining room table & chairs and some blankets. If you are able to help with any of these items, please contact Carolyn Wallish at 780-467-3011 or Ann Elzinga at 780-977-6024. Thank you, Bethel, for your continued generous support.

**TODAY MAGAZINES:** The May/June Today devotional is available at the membership desk and in the literature rack. You can also view it online by clicking [here](#).

**BETHEL IS HIRING!** Do you have a passion for reaching and working with children and youth in our community. Bethel is seeking two ministry interns to help plan and run our summer community events and programs for children and youth. These positions are 35 hours/week, for a minimum of 8 consecutive weeks between June & August. The application deadline is May 19, 2025. For more information or to apply visit [discoverbethel.com/jobs](https://discoverbethel.com/jobs).

**BETTER TOGETHER LIBERIA:** The team that traveled to Bettesu will be sharing highlights from their trip on May 25 in the chapel following the service.

**GEMS FUNDRAISER:** Our GEMS are having another Collective Kitchen fundraiser on May 30 and 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Funds raised will help cover the cost of their end of year campout. Learn more about the meals and how to register on our events page [here](#).

**BANNERMAN IN ACTION:** It's that time of year again! Bannerman in Action (BIA) Day will be held on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 11am-1pm at the Bannerman Community League Hall, across the street from the church. If you're looking for a way to live out Bethel's mission of "becoming like Christ and sharing him with others", this is one way you can do that! For this year's BIA, we'll be distributing flowers to neighborhood residents, there'll be a free BBQ lunch, and free ice cream. We'll also have games for the kids, and a car wash. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of Bethel's neighbours and invite them to church! For this special day to be a success, we need YOU. We need helpers for set-up/clean-up, to donate and serve food, people to run games, hand out flowers, and more. If you're willing to help, please email Pastor Cathy at [cathy@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cathy@discoverbethel.com). Also, make sure to keep an eye out for a sign-up link on Bethel's website (coming soon). Volunteering for BIA is a small commitment of time, and a fun way to share the love of Jesus not only with words, but also by action!"

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Our next Congregational meeting will be on June 1 after the service. Even though this meeting is primarily for members, all are welcome to attend. Childcare will be provided. There will be an opportunity for youth to hang out during the meeting, all grade 6 to 12 students are welcome.

**COUNCIL TRANSITIONS:** Jacqueline Prins and Shirley Velsink have stepped down from their roles as Deacons. We are grateful for the leadership and service each of these women have offered us as a church and bless them as they transition off of Council. We also want to announce another transition of leadership. Gary Simpson will be the new chair of the Deacons following Hannah Moerman's leadership in the role this past year. We're grateful for both Gary and Hannah for serving Bethel in this way.

**COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:** The nomination process for new Elders and Deacons has been completed. We are looking to call 3 Governing Elders, and 5 Deacons.

Our nominees are the following

- for Governing Elder: John Lendein, Glen Oosterhof, Curt Rozendaal, Philip Toruno, Kevin Verveda
- for Deacon: Shawn Meidl, Ron Van Der Linden, Rebecca Werkman
- There are no Shepherding Elder nominees at this time

We will vote in person at the beginning of the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 1, to affirm these nominees. To vote, you must be a professing member of Bethel Community Church. Following the affirmation vote, we will draw lots as needed later in the congregational meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Denning, Governing Elder and Chair of Council ([Governingelders@discoverbethel.com](mailto:Governingelders@discoverbethel.com))

**DAY OF PRAYER:** We are setting aside June 4, as a day of prayer with three specific times to engage;

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. in person or by Zoom,

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. in person or by Zoom

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in person only.

Join us as we pray for personal renewal, wisdom and strength for the tasks ahead, others in need, the Church and the world. Zoom links will be available in the coming weeks.

**PENTECOST SERVICE:** Do you speak a different language? We are looking for a few individuals to be part of our Pentecost Service on June 8, 2025. Please message [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com) for more information.

**GRADUATES:** On June 22 we will be recognizing graduates in grades 6, 9 and 12 in service followed by a pancake party (also during the service in the lower level). All grades 6-12 are welcome.

**GET INVOLVED:** Greetings church family! Would you like to play a critical role in shaping the environment and culture at Bethel? Do you enjoy interacting with people and making them feel welcome? Then reach out to Pastor Cathy at [cathy@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cathy@discoverbethel.com) and ask her about becoming a greeter, an usher, or a welcome or membership desk attendant. Maybe you could even be all four! Serving in Bethel's welcome and hospitality ministries makes a strong foundation even stronger. This is a great way to live out our mission of becoming like Christ and sharing Him with others!

**BASS GUITAR PLAYERS NEEDED!** Can you play the Bass and are interested in joining our Worship Team? Please message [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com) for further information.

## **BETHEL YOUTH**

**PAUL & PANCAKES:** Bethel Youth! Join us Sunday May 25 during the service in the lower level for pancakes and a time of study just for you! All youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to join.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**THE LIGHTHOUSE:** You are invited to an Open House at The Lighthouse, Emmanuel Home's newest seniors independent living community, on Thursday, May 29, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Located at 11425 St. Albert Trail, The Lighthouse offers a vibrant and supportive environment designed to help seniors maintain their independence while enjoying comfort, connection, and peace of mind. Join us for an afternoon of guided tours, light refreshments, and an opportunity to meet our team and learn more about the services and lifestyle we offer. Whether you're exploring options for yourself or a loved one, we would be delighted to welcome you and share what makes The Lighthouse a special place to call home.

**REHOBOTH CAMP:** Rehoboth Camp Weeks REALLY needs you! Volunteer for one week full of fun and fellowship, providing camp to people of all abilities! Volunteers must be a minimum of 14 years of age at the time of their volunteer week. Help us create an unforgettable summer by **sharing the love of Jesus** at Camp Rehoboth! We're looking for: Head Cook – Youth Week; Nurse & Head Cook – R&R Week; Counselors - All Weeks (especially Adult 2, Independent, and R&R) *Be part of something meaningful - serve, connect, and shine His love!* Learn more or sign up at [rcmflourish.ca/camp](http://rcmflourish.ca/camp)

**CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE:** Hope Mission is launching their Christian Training Institute—an eight-month discipleship and leadership program designed to equip and empower the next generation of Christian leaders. Click [here](#) for more information.

**KING'S UNIVERSITY: Blessed are the Undone: Faith, Deconstruction, and Hope in Canada** — Join us on Saturday, May 31 for a one-day conference at The King's University. Explore hope amid church conflict with Angela Reitsma Bick, co-author of *Blessed Are the Undone*. Angela's keynote will end with suggestions for "reconstruction-friendly" postures in an era of deconstruction. Click [here](#) to register.

**ASCENSION DAY:** Save the date for a combined CRC service at West End CRC on June 1 at 4:00 pm. The service will include a collaborative worship team and choir, a sermon from Rev. Tony Maan (St. Albert CRC), and a time of fellowship after the service. An offering will be taken to cover the costs of the service and to support the Edmonton Native Healing Centre and Rehoboth Christian Ministries. If you are interested in singing in a mass choir for the service, practices will take place May 7, 21, 28 at Inglewood CRC at 6:30-8:00 pm, led by Andrew Whiteside. [Sign up at this link](#) or call 780-455-1066.

**NO CHILD HUNGRY WALK:** Hope mission is helping families beat food insecurity and invites you to join them in their fight against hunger on June 7. Click [here](#) for more details or to participate.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Adeara's Golf Tournament is back for its second year on June 11! With limited spots available, we expect them to sell out fast! Click [here](#) to register.

**EMMANUEL SENIORS LIVING SOCIETY GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Presented by Keller Construction Ltd.; join us at The Ranch Golf & Country Club on Tuesday, June 17 for an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start! The day includes a few fun challenges at several holes, prizes, and a delicious roast beef dinner. All proceeds directly support the residents at Emmanuel Seniors Living Society. Check out our website [here](#) for the registration form, sponsoring opportunities and to sign up, or reach out to Maria Bos at [mbos@emmanuelhome.ca](mailto:mbos@emmanuelhome.ca)

**SUMMER CAMPS AT KING'S** are about exploring, creating, and developing new skills—all while learning from amazing mentors in a fun, encouraging, faith-based environment. Look forward to meeting new friends and making new memories! Register for one of our three or four-day sport camps or our five-day art and science camps today. Find more information at [kingsu.ca/camps](http://kingsu.ca/camps).

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Covenant Christian Reformed Church in Edmonton is hiring a Director of Worship. At Covenant, we enjoy vibrant, joyful worship that includes all ages and abilities, as our communal

expression of faith. We are seeking a passionate Director of Worship to lead and cultivate our worship ministry, to grow and form our faith through worship that glorifies God. This is a part-time, hourly position (average approximately 18 hours per week). Click [Here](#) for a detailed description of the position or to apply.

**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, May 18**

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

### **MONDAY, May 19**

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

### **TUESDAY, May 20**

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

### **WEDNESDAY, May 21**

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

8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, May 22**

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

### **FRIDAY, May 23**

### **SATURDAY, May 24**