



September 10, 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 Sunday we begin a new sermon series, The Good News, focusing on the significance of what we have witnessed in Jesus Christ, and how the Gospel's particular message about him has changed the world. None of Jesus' disciples were incredible communicators or influencers in their day. The catalyst for the mission of the church was and is Jesus himself, who draws us and all those around us into the new reality of the cross, resurrection and new creation. There is a lot of "good advice" available to us in the world—what Jesus offers us is the good news we need.

Our message Sunday will focus on Acts 1, "The Good News We Need."

OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **TUITION RELIEF:** This fund provides tuition relief for parents that want to send their children to Edmonton Christian Schools but don't have the funds to do so.

NEXT WEEK – REFUGEE FUND: This ministry of the deacons provides support for refugee families to get to Edmonton and to help support them as they prepare for life in Canada.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for **CALVIN BRUINSMA**. His recent EEG was normal, we give thanks to God for this! He will require further tests in the upcoming months.

Please also remember **CURTIS COENEN, MARCEL CROCKER, MIKE JACKSON, JENNY PENFOLD, DON & ELEANOR PROKUDA, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP, and LINDA VROON** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF UPDATE: Please help us welcome our New Worship Intern! We are thrilled to announce that this week Trenton Jeske is joining our staff as this year's Worship Intern. We are excited to do ministry with him this year and have him join our team! We also welcome his wife, Taliah, and their five kids. Please take an opportunity to introduce yourself!

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE: Join the Truth and Reconciliation Committee as we participate in a KAIROS Blanket Exercise led by Harold Roscher on September 13, 2020, from 6 to 8 p.m. You can find more information and a registration form [here](#), or you can contact us at trc@discoverbethel.com.

MINISTRY FAIR ON SEPTEMBER 17: Part of our vision is for everyone a part of Bethel to have a specific role (or roles) they play in the life of the church. Every year we host a fair to feature opportunities to serve and get involved with ministry so that you can discern and find your role! Next Sunday, September 17, please plan to stay after worship for our fall ministry fair in the fellowship hall.

THE “EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY DISCIPLESHIP COURSE” begins Tuesday, September 19. This 8-week course by Peter Scazzero will outline the top ten symptoms of emotionally unhealthy spirituality and will unpack core biblical principles that will guide us into an experience of lasting transformation in our relationship with Christ. Join us as we learn to slow down and be deeply changed by Jesus.

You can purchase the book (Emotionally Healthy Spirituality – updated edition) and workbook (Emotionally Healthy Spirituality – updated Workbook) on your own or go through Bethel to have one provided. (The cost is \$38.95 for both)

Please sign up on the Events page [here](#) or at the back of the Sanctuary. If you are unable to purchase the books, scholarships are available; please contact Pastor Wendy Werkman.

OASIS WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY IS STARTING: We will be meeting Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:00 a.m. starting on September 20, 2023. The first meeting will be a time to get to know each other and a potluck, so bring a treat or dish to share. There is childcare available, a nursery for the babies ages 0-3, and a preschool class for ages 3-6. The bible study that we will begin this year with is called Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer. You can watch the trailer to the 5-session study [here](#). If this is something that you would be interested in please register [here](#) or join the women of Bethel Church for fun and fellowship on September 20!

WOMEN OF BETHEL: Please join us on Sunday September 24th for a walk in the River Valley! At 2PM we are going to be meeting in the Fraser Neighborhood and will enjoy a 1.5-hour walk. We are meeting at the corner of Fraser Vista Northwest, near the River Valley Trail access point. The exact location is 53.610336,-113.357917 (copy and paste the pin into your Google Maps) or you can meet at Bethel at 1:45PM to carpool together. Can’t wait to see you there. If you plan to carpool or if you have any questions please contact Becky Werkman at 780-475-2655.

IT’S BIG COOK TIME! Fun, fellowship, and food prep. What more could you ask for?

On Sat Sept 23 join us at 1 p.m. (*please note time change*) to help us refill the meals ministry freezer! Come ready to cut, boil, bake, fry, and portion as we put together these meals to be used at later dates! If this is for you, sign up at the back and on the big day, bring your best knives, measuring cups, and attitude.

BANDCAMP: We're excited to offer BandCAMP, beginning Tuesday, September 19, from 6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. This 6-week program will provide a community for those aged 12-25 who want to develop a heart and skill for worship. Youth can choose between growing in the worship skills of instrumental band dynamics or reading/performing the narratives of scripture. Both groups will begin each session gathered together for community and worship before breaking into the two groups for skill development. Sign up at discoverbethel.com/youth.

BETHEL YOUTH CORN MAZE ADVENTURE: is on Friday, September 22nd from 6-10 p.m. The youth will take a bus from Bethel at 6 p.m. to explore the Edmonton Corn Maze. We ask that parents complete the online registration form. Cost is \$15 per person for admission and bus. Sign up at discoverbethel.com/youth.

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior): is starting an exciting year of fellowship, Bible study, badge work, crafts and more. GEMS meets every other Tuesday from 7-8:30 pm beginning September 26. Girls in grade 2-9 are invited to come build skills together, experience God’s love and grow in their faith. The registration fee for the year is \$50 per girl. Register your girls [here](#). For more information, visit discoverbethel.com or contact Selikke Duthler at kids@discoverbethel.com.

FAITH FORMATION EVENT: Little Habits, Big Faith: Simple Habits to Help Your Family Grow in Jesus.

Have you ever said to yourself, “I don’t have enough time to do family devotions,” “I don’t know how to teach the Bible to my kids,” or “my own relationship with God isn’t good enough?” It’s easy to assume that we, as parents, aren’t knowledgeable enough, disciplined enough, or interesting enough to share Jesus with our kids and teens. Join us for an un-boring, liberating class and we’ll share how you can confidently nurture big faith in your kids and teens through little habits that add up over time. Register [here](#) for this event hosted by Bethel Kids and Youth on Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m-3 p.m. Cost: \$25 per family.

PRISON FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY: Looking for a new way to make a kingdom difference right from the comfort of your own home? One way is through **Prison Fellowship Canada’s PF by Phone Program**. This is a phone

ministry conducted from your home within the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. All you have to do is commit to a two-hour time slot each week (calls are max. 20 min. each). With security measures in place, there is no danger of calls being traced or hacked. This is a safe and secure method of outreach, prayer, and discipleship that blesses inmates and volunteers alike. YOU are invited to a zoom information call this fall (exact date TBA). Attending the information session does not obligate you to become involved. The purpose is to give you a greater understanding of this tremendous opportunity to serve. For more info., check out the following link [here](#). To express interest, please email Pastor Cathy: cathy@discoverbethel.com.

THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION: is just around the corner, Bethel's Truth and Reconciliation Committee invites you to visit Bethel's website for information on a Bannock and Coffee event held in the Fireside Room on Sunday September 24. This will be immediately following a service with Guest Preacher Harold Roscher.

HANDICAP PARKING RAMPS: Please make sure that you are keeping the ramps clear for those who need to access the handicap parking.

KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION: is having their 9th annual Wine and Cheese and Silent Auction fundraiser on Friday, October 13, 2023! The evening entertainment will be musician, Martin Kerr and will be catered by Dutch Delicious Bakery. All proceeds will go toward the KHC programs in remote Cambodia. The event will be at Robertson-Wesley United Church, and tickets are only \$20, available at [eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca) or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. See you there!

INVITATION TO ALL CHURCH MEMBERS WITHIN CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH: Where do synod's decisions related to the Human Sexuality Report leave us as churches? Where do we go next? In order for us to better understand and evaluate the momentous events and decisions of Synod 2023, the churches of Covenant, Inglewood, and West End CRC have invited our classis delegates to report on their experiences and reflections. We extend an invitation to all of you to join us on September 26 at 7 p.m. in West End CRC, to hear from delegates Henry Kranenburg, Peter Rockhold, Michelle Rooker, and Mike Werkman. If you cannot attend in person, you can join on livestream (and later on YouTube) by accessing the links on the home page of www.westendcrc.ca.

COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER:

- September 3 Ministry Shares
- September 10 Tuition Relief
- September 17 Refugee Fund
- September 24 Edmonton Native Healing Centre

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.

 **COMMUNITY NEWS**

KING'S SILENT AUCTION AND DESSERT RECEPTION: You're invited to King's Silent Auction and Dessert Reception at Supreme Steel in Acheson, Alberta on Saturday, October 14 from 7-9p.m. It will be an evening of appetizers, drinks, mingling and live ambient music. Tickets are by donation. RSVP by September 30 at kingsu.ca/rsvp or by calling 780-465-8314.

ADEARA EVENING OF DREAMS GALA, EARLY BIRD PRICING HAS BEEN EXTENDED: You are invited to the Adeara Evening of Dreams Gala on October 20, 2023. For the past 25 years, Adeara has been committed to helping women overcome addiction and regain their lives because we believe that together, we can rise up and find hope even in the darkest moments. Please visit adeara.ca/EOD for more information or to register.

ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE: is looking for an overnight Life Skills Support team member for Thursdays and Fridays. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact: loude@adeara.ca.

CHRISTIAN IMMIGRATION SOCIETY OPERATING AS CHRISTIAN FUNERAL SOCIETY: is recruiting to fill the position of Part-Time Business Manager. You can find the job posting on the Christian Funeral Society website [here](#). Interested applicants please send resume to cis@christianburialfund.com by Monday, September 11.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, September 10

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

MONDAY, September 11

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

6:45 p.m. GE, SE and Deacons Meeting

TUESDAY, September 12

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

WEDNESDAY, September 13

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

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, September 14

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

FRIDAY, September 15

SATURDAY, September 16