

July 14, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Last Sunday we began our summer sermon series, *Sabbath in the Psalms*. We are not only made for rest but need rhythms of rest and Sabbath that draw us back to God and his good purposes. This Summer, Sabbath with us at Bethel as we explore the rhythms of Sabbath and rest in the psalms. Every week, we'll look at a specific psalm that was used in Israelite worship to stir their hearts towards God's presence.

The message this Sunday will focus on Psalm 24, "It all Belongs to God!" Our God is the Creator, Sustainer, and Possessor of the world, and is worthy of our worship and reverence. What does God say about entering his presence, and what is our posture to be regarding creation and Sabbath rest?

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **CORNERSTONE COUNSELLING** is a not-for-profit agency providing affordable counselling in the Edmonton area. Their Mission Statement is: To demonstrate the love of Christ by providing professional counselling services to help people become renewed and whole.

NEXT WEEK – PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE: Everyday women who are faced with the crisis of an unexpected pregnancy reach out and look for someone to listen to their story, to offer them hope and extend grace. Our trained client advocates are here for exactly that. To listen, to offer support and most importantly to offer hope—changing lives one story at a time. Together we can support and empower families to thrive. Together we can equip families to embrace their role as parents.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

We are excited to announce the birth of **FAITH & HOPE KABUYA**, daughters of Elijah and Ify Kabuya. The girls were born July 5th, weighing 5lbs 13oz and 5lbs 12 oz. Mom, babies, and family are doing well.

JEAN SAATHOF has a new address so please update your directory. The new address is #222, 495 Woodbridge Way in Sherwood Park. Also please pray for healing for a wrist fracture after a recent fall.

Please remember **INA VANDERMAAS** as she mourns the loss of her husband, Bob, who passed away June 28. The funeral was held at Trinity CRC, July 5. Ina and Bob had been long-time members of Bethel Church.

Bethel Prayer Focus: Christian Reformed Church of North America and Denominational Ministries

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARING LOOP: We've been exploring updating our hearing assistance technology in the sanctuary. We have installed a temporary device called a Hearing Loop to see how it will work with our current sound system. The hearing loop sends sound from the sound system directly into hearing aids while eliminating any background noise. The sound received can be customized by each user's unique hearing aid. We do have one device in the sound booth with headphones if someone wants to utilize the technology but doesn't have hearing aids.

For a hearing aid to connect to the loop the user must have hearing aids that have telecoil (or T-Coil) technology, which most hearing aids have. To have your hearing aids set to connect to the hearing loop you will need to meet with a hearing aid practitioner and get them to activate the telecoil and set it to connect. They will have it set so you can push a button on your hearing aids to get them connected. This is a free service most hearing aid practitioners provide.

SUMMER AT BETHEL: We are excited to join with you in the change of season and rhythms that come with summer. Here is a heads up about few items we will be featuring this Summer.

1. **Preaching and Worship:** We will be featuring a sermon series, starting July 7, called *Sabbath in the Psalms*. We want to invite and encourage you to embrace this Summer as a time of rest and fun with God. Worship with us this Summer with the same posture that Augustine prayed, worship with us this Summer: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." . If you're looking for resources for how to explore and practice Sabbath, please take a look at our sermon resources page [here](#). Step into Summer with the words of Jesus in mind: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)
2. **Praying through the Summer:** This summer we ask you to pray for a specific part of Bethel's ministry and community each week. We will be lifting up areas of need and opportunity for the ministry, while interceding for current and desired leadership teams. We'll send out an email every Tuesday reminding you of the prayer emphasis for the week and noting a few specific ways you can pray. Whether you're in town or out of town, please pray with us! Note: If you want to receive these prayer reminders, please make sure you are on our weekly email list. The prayer schedule will be posted on our [summer](#) page.
3. **Check out our upcoming events through the summer:** Youth Camp (starting July 22) and Kids Camp (starting August 16). All sign-ups are open. You can find details on our [events](#) and [summer](#) pages.

MEAL TRAIN: Let's bless the Kabuya Family with some meals as they adjust to life with the addition of their twin girls. Click [here](#) if you can help out!

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.

KID'S CAMP: Bethel is hosting a weeklong summer Kid's Camp for ages 4-10 on August 12-16. 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 also open for children to attend. 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.

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 CAMP: From July 22-26 youth camp will be taking place at Bethel. We will be doing a variety of activities ranging from soccer to water fights, crafts and capture the flag. Come join us for a week of fun! Camp runs each day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The cost for the week is \$20. For more information and to register click [here](#). If you are interested in helping with camp, please sign up [here](#). Reach out to Ayaan@discoverbethel.com with any questions, we would love to have your help!

PLOT HAS STARTED AGAIN! PLOT, abbreviation for parking lot (original I know) is a drop in ministry that we runs each summer for youth in the community. All youth, from grade 6-12 are welcome, and it takes place every Tues day night from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the church. We hang out, have a brief devotion, and spend our Tuesday nights playing games and having a good time together. Join us this Tuesday for our next PLOT, I hope to see you there!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

COLLECTIONS IN JULY

July 7	Ministry Shares
July 14	Cornerstone Counselling
July 21	Pregnancy Care Centre Edmonton
July 28	Bethel World Mission - Vision Nehemiah Center

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, July 14

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

MONDAY, July 15

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, July 16

2:00 p.m. Mobile Food Bank

7:00 p.m. PLOT

WEDNESDAY, July 17

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

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, July 18

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, July 19

SATURDAY, July 20

COMMUNITY NEWS

ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE: We are excited to extend a special invitation and a challenge to you for our **annual Evening of Dreams Gala**, taking place at the Evario Events Centre, October 18, 2024. The Evening of Dreams Gala is a tangible way to come alongside the most vulnerable women and children and show that they are not alone, but rather have a community of people who believe in them. For more details and to purchase your table, visit adeara.ca/gala. We would love to have you join us.

THE STUDION 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 [hee](#).

CRCNA ANNOUNCEMENTS: Connecting church members with the ministries of the denomination. Find out more by visiting the website [here](#)