

August 6, 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.](#)"

We continue our journey through 1 Samuel, After God's Own Heart, by reflecting on who we are at our worst. This is what Saul shows us about his heart after David's visit to Nob (1 Samuel 21:1-9). His jealousy of David overflows into outright malice towards the priests at Nob. Giving them no benefit of the doubt, he commands Doeg to kill the priests. The Bible shows us what evil looks like, the same evil that wrecks our world today. Often, we brush past the atrocities we hear about on the news. However, the invitation in 1 Samuel 22 is a bit different: slow down enough to listen, show compassion, and even to take responsibility (on some level) for what has happened - look to see what God is doing, even when the "worst" happens. While this isn't easy, this is also part of how we must pursue God, in order for our hearts to be shaped after his.

Our message Sunday will focus on 1 Samuel 22, "The Worst".

OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **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.

NEXT WEEK – WORLD RENEW: Compelled by God's deep passion for justice and mercy, World Renew joins communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. Working in more than 30 countries, World Renew embraces a family-centered approach to ending global poverty and providing disaster response services.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

On Tuesday, July 25, **WILLY VROON**, sister to **EVERT VROON**, went home to be with the Lord. Please continue to lift up the Vroon family in prayer, asking for God to provide them with His strength and comfort.

Please continue to pray for **DON PROKUDA** as he undergoes chemo treatment during the next 3 months.

Please continue to pray for **CURTIS COENEN, MARCEL CROCKER, MIKE JACKSON, ELEANOR PROKUDA, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP, and LINDA VROON.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND DISCIPLESHIP - CONGREGATIONAL VOTE AUGUST 6: Wendy Werkman has completed her educational requirements and is now eligible for a call. You may remember that we voted to affirm Wendy back when she joined our pastoral team, and we looked forward to the day when we were able to officially call her. That time has come.

We are grateful that Wendy has been serving in this role for the past year, assisting with the pastoral responsibilities at Bethel and we have already seen the benefits of having her in this position. Prior to her pastoral calling, Wendy served as the Administrator at Bethel. Wendy and her husband Melvin have been a part of Bethel for the past 20 years. We are grateful for God's provision in Wendy.

Full Council voted on the motion to recommend to the congregation that we officially call Wendy Werkman to the position of Pastor of Congregational Care and Discipleship. Council strongly affirmed this motion. We now have the wonderful opportunity to vote as a church on **August 6**. This vote will be taken by ballot from Bethel members after the service. If you cannot be present in person for the vote, please submit a proxy vote by email to clerk@discoverbethel.com by midnight August 5.

We are grateful for God's call on Wendy's life, her desire to serve at Bethel and the gifts that she brings to this position.

If you have any questions about the upcoming vote, please contact the Governing Elders (governingelders@discoverbethel.com).

FAMILY MEAL: After worship on Sunday, August 13, we will be gathering for a family meal in the parking lot (BBQ/potluck style with hamburgers provided). Please sign up to bring some delicious side dishes, and/or to indicate how you would like to help out (set-up, games, serving, clean-up). For more information, see discoverbethel.com/events or contact Elena at elena@discoverbethel.com. There also is a sign up at the back of the sanctuary.

KID'S CAMP: Kid's camp will run from August 14 - 18. Thank you to all who are getting ready to serve!

YOUTH DAY TRIP TO SYLVAN LAKE: Youth grades 6 and up are invited to join Elena and Bethel Youth as we take a fun trip to Sylvan Lake on Saturday, August 12. We will be hanging out at the Sylvan Lake Aqua Splash as well as on the beach soaking up the sun before the end of summer. We will then end our trip with supper and ice cream at The Big Moo Ice cream shop. Cost is \$20 per youth. For more details and to register, visit our website [here](https://discoverbethel.com/events) or email Elena at elena@discoverbethel.com. The deadline to sign up is August 8, 2023.

PLOT: Drop-in youth events will happen every Tuesday this summer until August 22 for grades 6 and up. Join us for activities like tie dye colour run, life-size Monopoly, fear factor, and SO MUCH MORE!! No registration is needed and there is no cost!

YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: We are still gathering for fellowship, praise music, and study of the Word. These evenings are drop-in to accommodate both vacationers and staycationers. We are meeting in the Fireside Room on Wednesdays, at 7 - 9 p.m., until August 16.

BANNERMAN BACKPACK DRIVE: Let's help bless the students in our community with backpacks, school shoes, and supplies for the upcoming school year. At the back of the sanctuary there is a bulletin board filled with tags with all the students' information and supply needs. Please take a student information tag, complete your contact info on the tag behind it, and fill a backpack for that student. Please return all filled backpacks to the church by Sunday, August 20. You can also donate financially by going to discoverbethel.com/give. Contact Selikke at kids@discoverbethel.com if you have any questions.

BETTESU UNIFORM DRIVE: Your \$40 sponsorship donation helps one student in Bettesu, Liberia, with buying a uniform and all their books and school supplies for the whole school year. Go to discoverbethel.com/give or see John at the back of the sanctuary after the service for more information.

BETHEL WORLD MISSIONS has a bulletin board across from the church library. Please visit the board for the most recent missions update. A current newsletter received from Roland has been posted, which includes updates on activities in El Salvador at both Seeds of New Creation (Semillas) and at Home of Blessings.

TODAY DEVOTIONALS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER are available now. They can be found in the literature rack or at the Membership Desk.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS: The quarterly statements for June 2023 have been emailed. Please review your statements carefully and report any errors to the church office so that errors can be corrected. If you have not received your statement, please contact the church office to update your email address.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Our Mission and Ministry: \$65,077 was collected in the month of June for a total of \$666,603 this year. \$744,975 was anticipated by this time based on our restated budget for this year. Currently, the giving of the church has been greater than our expenses. We are blessed by the continued support for our ministries.

Other Giving: The deacons gratefully acknowledge the following receipts for other collections taken in June:

Ministry Shares:	\$1,555.00
OneBook:	\$1,350.00
The Pakitnâsowin Reciprocity Fund:	\$715.00
Refugee Fund:	\$2,815.00
Other Causes:	\$3,639.00

COLLECTIONS IN AUGUST:

August 6	Ministry Shares	August 20	Hope Mission
August 13	World Renew	August 27	Refugee Fund

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.

YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE! On behalf of the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's Kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. Thank you! To discover more visit crcna.org/ministryshares.

 **COMMUNITY NEWS**

VINTAGE CAR SHOW AT EMMANUEL HOME! August 17 from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Burgers, hotdogs, ice cream, pop, and chips will be available for purchase. Come join us! All proceeds from sales will support our Recreation programs. If you have a vintage car and would like to participate, please contact Maria at mbos@emmanuelhome.ca or 780-478-2051.

WRITERS NEEDED: Diaconal Ministries Canada is looking to expand its network of story writers! We need freelance writers and news correspondents (paid per story) to share what deacons and churches are doing across Canada to show the love of Christ in their communities. If you love stories and the church, and are willing to learn, email our communications coordinator, Erin Knight at eknight@crcna.org. (If you are an experienced writer, please mention that in your email.)

SERVE IN CENTRAL AMERICA: Are you a young adult looking for what's next? Resonate is recruiting for Cohort Central America! Cohort is an opportunity for young adults to live in community, serve in a grassroots ministry, and engage in deep spiritual formation. Learn more at www.resonateglobalmission.org/cohort.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT: On Eagle's Wings (OEW) is an ecumenical ministry that proclaims Jesus Christ and serves the Church and individuals in remote and isolated areas of northern Canada. They are looking someone to fill the Executive Assistant position. This is a 0.8 time in-office role (4 days per week), working from the Katzman Centre in West Edmonton. Please direct any queries to staff@oneagleswings.ca.

 **THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY, August 6

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

MONDAY, August 7

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

TUESDAY, August 8

7:00 p.m. PLOT

WEDNESDAY, August 9

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

7:00 p.m. Young Adults Summer Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, August 10

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, August 11

1:45 p.m. Food Bank – parking lot

SATURDAY, August 12