BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

November 20, 2026

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday, we wrap up our sermon series, *Building Together*, exploring Paul's first letter to the Corinthians in preparation for Advent, which will begin on Sunday, November 29. Paul closes this section of the letter with an appeal to the church—remember the way of life in Christ. Paul writes to remind them with love how God has called to them to live. What must we remember as we seek to faithfully follow Christ?

The message this Sunday will focus on 1 Corinthians 4:14-21, "Remembering the Way."

For past messages, subscribe and follow our podcast: discoverbethel.com/podcasts

OUR OFFERINGS

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

2) **ONEBOOK:** partners with 12 locally led organizations to accomplish an audacious goal: Tell God's story in 250 languages. In each language group, our partners create a written language hand-in-hand with a literacy program. At the same time, they translate the entire New Testament and engage the Church to use it. They work on literacy and community self-sufficiency to enable the community to move forward on its own when the language work of OneBook is done.
For more information: onebook.ca/

COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

NOV 1 Family Life Canada

NOV 8 Dunamis Fellowship Canada

NOV 15 Community Impact Mosaic Center

NOV 22 OneBook

NOV 29 Ministry Shares

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

Thank you for the tithes and offerings we received this fiscal year. As of the end of October our giving is about $1,000 below our budgeted amount for this time of year. Our expenses have also been slightly lower than budgeted. We currently have a surplus of just over $4000 for this fiscal year.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for **Judylynn Lake, Jenny Penfold, Eleanor Prokuda, John Snyder, Lorrane Vaccianna** and **Grace Vleeming** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUNG ADULTS

We're creating a space for you to gather, study the Bible, and grow in faith and community. Camila Lazzarotto will host Sunday night gatherings at her home on November 29, and December 13, at 6:00 p.m. This fall the Bible study will go through Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything by Timothy Keller. Come ready to dig deeper into God's Word and enjoy building friendships with each other! If you're interested in joining, contact Camila at camila@discoverbethel.com for more details.

BETHEL INTERN

We would like to share our excitement that Taliah Jeske has been serving Bethel as an intern to fulfill hours for her degree through Vanguard College. Taliah started her internship in August and will be serving with us until May 2027. Taliah is involved with Kids Club, Worship Ministries, Bethel Kids, Oasis co-leader and working closely with Pastor Wendy.

BETHEL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We are remembering what we have committed ourselves to on Sunday, November 22, both in our membership at Bethel, but most importantly in our life together as part of God's church. May this time serve as an encouraging reminder for our callings as the body of Christ. We invite you to review our updated Membership Covenant and Bethel Statement of Faith.

BIG COOK

It's time to refill the meals in the ministry freezers and we need your help to do it. Join us tomorrow, November 21 from 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. to cook and assemble freezer meals for members of Bethel and people in the Bannerman neighborhood who have need or are dealing with long- or short-term health issues. The ingredients and instructions will be out waiting to be peeled, chopped, boiled, fried, sliced, mixed, bagged, and labelled. Come with a friend or maybe make a new one. Sign up at the info booth to let us know you can make it!

GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

Help Decorate for Advent. If you've loved our church's creative displays, here's a chance to jump in and help create the next one!
Sharon is putting together a team to set up all of our Christmas trees for Advent **this Sunday, November 22nd, right after the service**. You don't need any design skills—just bring yourself! With a great group of people, we'll make quick work of it.
Interested in helping out? Please email **Lisa@discoverbethel.com** to let us know. Let's celebrate the season together!

DEACON'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM 2026

The snow is flying, which means it's time to start planning Bethel Church's Christmas Hamper Program!

Last year, we introduced a new tradition by inviting hamper recipients to Bethel on a Saturday to receive their hampers and wrap donated gifts for their children. It was a wonderful opportunity for deacons and volunteers to connect with families while enjoying activities with the children.
The deacons are currently reaching out to ministry and small group leaders for nominations of households who could benefit from the program.

Important Dates:

- **November 24**: Deadline for submitting nominations.
- **November 29**: The Deacon Christmas Tree will be up! Congregation members are invited to select a tag featuring a child and a few gift ideas.
- **December 15**: Deadline to return purchased gifts to Bethel.

Please return all gifts unwrapped, with the tag information attached.
If you know of someone who could benefit from this program, please speak with Helen Krol or Jeff Van Niejenhuis.
Thank you for your generosity and support! This program wouldn't be possible without you.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

LADIES! Join us on Friday, November 27, from 7:00–9:30 p.m. for an evening of Christmas singing, light refreshments, and sharing God's love in a practical way!
Together, we'll assemble care packages for The Hope Mission Karis Center and our neighbours experiencing homelessness. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some Christmas cheer, connect with one another, and bless those in our community who could use a little extra care this season. Come ready to sing, serve, and spread a little Christmas joy! We look forward to celebrating the season with you!
Cost: $10 per person to cover the cost of the care packages. Sign up here.

ADVENT JOURNEY

Bethel is hosting an Advent Journey on November 28 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.
Come experience the wonder of Christmas in a meaningful and interactive way!
Advent Journey is a special experience for all ages, inviting families and individuals to walk along a beautifully lit path through the church as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.
Along the way, you'll explore the four themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, through simple hands-on activities, Scripture readings, and moments of reflection and prayer.
The journey ends at the manger, where we remember and celebrate the greatest gift of all: the birth of Jesus, our Saviour!
This is a drop-in experience! Our doors will be open from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, so feel free to arrive anytime during that window. There's no set start time or schedule. Simply follow the journey at your own pace, whether you have a few minutes or want to take your time at each station.
Come as you are, bring your family and friends, and discover the true meaning of Christmas together!

CHURCH CAMPOUT INTEREST MEETING

We're dreaming of a Church Campout in 2027, and we'd love your help making it happen! Join us as we start planning a fun weekend of camping, fellowship, and building connections as a church family!
We're looking for enthusiastic people to join our planning team. Interested in helping? Come to our interest meeting on **Sunday, November 29**, right after the service, in the Fireside Room, with Camila.
Let's make this happen together! It's going to be so much fun!

COUPLES CONNECT

A big thank you to those that completed the survey! **For couples that indicated interest in group rates for upcoming marriage conferences,** please email Krista at kmilford74@gmail.com for details on tickets.

Join us for our Kick-off: **Friday, Dec. 4th at 7:00 pm** at Bethel, in the Fireside Room.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our next congregational meeting will be held on Sunday December 6 after the service.

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Join us at Bethel Community Church, hosted in collaboration with North Pointe Community Church (NE), to watch ***The Best Christmas Pageant Ever***. This inspiring and entertaining film celebrates the hope, joy, and true meaning of Christmas.

This free event includes complimentary snacks, trivia, and door prizes. We'd love to share the joy of Christmas with you. Get your free tickets here

This Super Fun night will also require some **volunteers.** If you'd like to help, please sign up here

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, November 22	**10:00 a.m.**	Worship - in person & live stream
MONDAY, November 23	**7:00 p.m.**	Prayer – Zoom
TUESDAY, November 24	**5:15 p.m.**	Dove Taekwondo
	7:00 p.m.	Cadets
WEDNESDAY, November 25	**6:30 a.m.**	Prayer - in person & Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	Oasis
	8:00 p.m.	AA
THURSDAY, November 26	**12:00 p.m.**	Food Bank
	5:15 p.m.	Dove Taekwondo
FRIDAY, November 27	**7:00 p.m.** **7:00 p.m.**	Youth Women's Christmas Event
SATURDAY, November 28	**6:00 p.m.** **to** **8:00 p.m.**	Advent Journey

GET INVOLVED

DRUMMER NEEDED

Would you like to be part of our worship team? We are currently looking for a drummer to serve once a month during our Sunday morning service. Your time commitment would be to attend Thursday practice from 7:00–9:00 p.m. prior to the Sunday morning service. If you're interested in dropping in for a practice or would like more information, please contact lisa@discoverbethel.com.We have so much fun at practice, we'd love to have you join us!

BETHEL YOUTH

NOVEMBER 20

Join us at the church this Friday, November 20 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR

2026 Choral Coffeehouse with the Joyful Noise Choir will take place on Saturday, Nov. 21 at West End Christian Reformed Church. The evening program with the theme, Yesterday Once More, includes a variety of beverages, delicious desserts and music by the choir. Donations will be received in support of Rehoboth Camp at Gull Lake. Doors open at 6:00 pm with service beginning at 6:30 pm. Tickets are $15/adult and $12 for children 12 and under and can be purchased using the following link: https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/joyful-noise-coffeehouse

EMMANUEL HOME CHRISTMAS MARKET

Please come and join us for a festive favourite of Emmanuel Seniors Living Society: Emmanuel Home's Annual Christmas Market! Saturday, November 28 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Come and visit with some old friends, find some Christmas gift ideas (or treats for yourself) from several vendors who will be in attendance selling their wares, and enjoy some enjoyable cuisine including croquettes, borenkol, soups! Hope to see you there!

REHOBOTH

Rehoboth Christian Ministries invites you to join us for our "Little Town" Christmas Market on November 28, 2026 at 3920 – 49 Ave. in Stony Plain from 9 am-3 pm. Breakfast from 9-11:30 a.m. and lunch from 12-1:30 p.m.; each offered at $6/adult and $4/child. We are still accepting vendors for the market. Please contact Kim at 780-965-7472 or kim.stefura@rcmflourish.ca We look forward to sharing the festive spirit with you.

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.