



April 21, 2024

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This week we continue our journey through **40 Days of Belonging**. Each week we are exploring a key value that shapes who we are becoming as a church family: a “House of the Lord” – which is what Bethel means – and a “House of Belonging.” Our goal is to re-affirm what this means for every person at Bethel and allow unity for what we care about most to guide our lives together in Christ.

On Sunday, we will look at God's call for us as a **Family of All Nations**.

We are all part of the story of God bringing people from every tribe and tongue into his family. Anticipating what would be possible through Jesus, Isaiah prophesied that the Lord's people would be called a “house of prayer for all nations” (Isaiah 56:7). Not only do we celebrate this reality, but we commit to Gospel life together welcoming and restoring our distinct heritages and ethnicities within one kingdom culture, the way of Jesus.

The message this Sunday will focus on Isaiah 56:1-8, “A Family of All Nations.”

We are excited to celebrate the baptism of **VANCE SNEEP**, son of Gregory and Amber Sneepe, on Sunday. The water in baptism is a sign and seal of God's covenant love for Vance, which testifies to the truth “we love because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19). Join us in praising God for how the Good News has already blessed this family and commit with us to loving and supporting them in their faith.

## OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION CANADA:** This agency is at work in 18 communities around the world putting an end to slavery and violence.

**NEXT WEEK – GEMS GLOBAL:** provides programs, curriculum, materials, and training designed to bring young girls and youth into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. This collection will specifically support the GEMS ministries.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

**MELANIE and NATE WRIGHT** are absolutely thrilled and feeling incredibly blessed to welcome James Aaron Arturo Wright to their family. He was born April 15th at 10:02 a.m. weighing 8lbs 3oz. Mom and baby are doing great!

We praise the Lord for the liver transplant that **EVANS KOTIO** received. He was discharged this week and is now recovering at home. Please pray for his continued recovery and healing.

Please continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN, DRIKA DUTHLER, MIKE JACKSON, JENNY PENFOLD, DON PROKUDA, ELEANOR PROKUDA, JANE SHULTZ, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP** and **EVERT VROON** as you pray for our church community.

**JOAN ANDREWS** is looking for assistance with rototilling her garden. She has the rototiller and is willing to compensate you for your time. If you can serve in this way by giving about 30 minutes of your time, please contact Laurie or Tara at the church office (780-476-3762) to arrange.

Please be aware of a phone number correction for **HANS HUIZINGA** in the Church Directory. The correct phone number is 780-473-9045.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**40 DAYS OF BELONGING SERIES:** This Spring we want to ask an important question as a church: What does it mean to belong to Bethel? We will be reflecting on our key values which shape who God has called us to become as a church family and a “house of the Lord.” If this is the kind of house we’re supposed to be, we want to re-affirm what this means for every person at Bethel. This conversation in our church should flow through everything we do. Every week we will send out resources and discussion guides. Every Sunday we will focus on another value that draws us together as a family through our sermon series, House of Belonging. We’d love for you to journey with us as we say together as members of one body: **You belong here.** For details and to sign up for a discussion group, visit [discoverbethel.com/belong](https://discoverbethel.com/belong).

**WOMEN’S BEAUTY IN BLOOM EVENT:** Please join us on Friday, May 24, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Bethel Community Church for our Beauty in Bloom Event. Enjoy a night of delicious desserts and refreshments, worship, and a session to plant flowers in a pot for your front porch or deck. The cost for the event is \$30. The deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, May 15. Click [here](#) to register.

**BETHEL KIDS AND YOUTH PRAYER CARDS:** We are working on creating this year’s prayer cards for all children and youth at Bethel. Our hope is that every child and teen (ages 0-17) would have a member of the congregation intentionally praying for them. If you consider Bethel to be your home church and would like your teen(s)/child(ren) to be included, please fill out the form [here](#) and send us an updated photo of your child. We hope to distribute prayer cards to the congregation in late May. Email [selikke@discoverbethel.com](mailto:selikke@discoverbethel.com) if you have any questions.

**24/7 PRAYER (MAY 12– May 19):** For the past 7 years, we have set aside a week to pray 24 hours a day, for 7 days. We invite you to be part of this time of prayer with the church as a rally point for our prayers. You can sign up for prayer slots [HERE](#). We anticipate with great excitement what God will do and look forward to celebrating the end of 24/7 prayer on Pentecost Sunday!

**CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS WITH A HEART FOR MISSIONS:** Are you a young adult and over the age of 18? Do you have missions’ opportunities lined up for the summer with your university or a missions program? Did you know Bethel’s World Missions Committee has grant funding available for short term (less than a month) and long term (more than a month) missions opportunities. If this is something you’re interested in, email a letter of application to Pastor Cathy at [cathy@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cathy@discoverbethel.com) by May 6. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Please include your mission group, location, duration, a brief description and how this will grow your faith.

**DISCOVER BETHEL MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Join us April 21st, 7-9 p.m., in the Large Meeting Room for the Discover Bethel Membership Class! In this class, we’ll share the history of Bethel church, its missions, vision, and core commitments. We’ll also explore our denominational connection, beliefs, and what it looks like to be a follower of Jesus. There are many opportunities to get involved at Bethel. The membership class is a great place to ask questions and figure out where you fit into this vibrant community. If you are considering making Bethel your church home, or even if you’re just curious, sign up by adding your name to the list at the Welcome Desk, or registering by clicking [here](#).

**WORSHIP AND WONDER:** If you are seeking a space to worship through song, meditate on scripture, and to pray, come join us in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. April 24, 2024. This will be a night of prayerful worship, where we come together for a time of renewal and seeking the presence of God. Contact [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com) for any questions.

**TODAY DEVOTIONALS FOR MAY AND JUNE** are available now. Find them in the literature rack or at the Membership Desk.

## BETHEL YOUTH

**MAFIA NIGHT:** We are going to be playing Mafia, a group role-playing game that tests your powers of deduction! Join us on Friday, April 19th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Come for a time of intrigue and plotting. If you desire, dress up in your fanciest outfits. See you there!

**PAUL AND PANCAKES:** Youth in Grades 7 to 12 are invited to join us downstairs during the Sunday service, April 21, to gather for fellowship and Bible study, while making and eating pancakes together.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### COLLECTIONS IN APRIL

April 7	Ministry Shares
April 14	Refugee Fund
April 21	International Justice Mission of Canada
April 28	GEMS Global

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](mailto:accounting@discoverbethel.com).

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, April 21

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person and live stream  
10:00 a.m. Paul & Pancakes  
7:00 p.m. Discover Bethel Class

### MONDAY, April 22

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

### TUESDAY, April 23

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo  
7:00 p.m. ALPHA The Marriage Course

### WEDNESDAY, April 24

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and zoom  
9:30 a.m. Oasis  
6:30 p.m. Worship & Wonder  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
8:00 p.m. AA

### THURSDAY, April 25

12:30 p.m. Food Bank  
5:00 p.m. Taekwondo  
7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

### FRIDAY, April 26

5:00 p.m. GEMS sleepover

### SATURDAY, April 27

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**EDMONTON PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the Edmonton Prayer Breakfast is taking place this spring on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>! As the Christian community of the Edmonton region, this event is a significant opportunity for us to come together to make an inspirational impact in our city. Your attendance is a reminder to our Mayor, civic leaders, and first responders that the Christian community is active and engaged in our city and that we are upholding them in prayer. For complete event details and to book your table/tickets online go to [www.edmontonprayerbreakfast.com](http://www.edmontonprayerbreakfast.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

**JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR** online registration will close April 30. There are still spaces open for children entering grades 3-8 this Fall. The choir is a great opportunity to develop singing skills, join and lead congregations in worship and work side-by-side with Rehoboth in helping the disabled flourish in their communities. The choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 beginning August 28. For more information go to the choir's website at [www.joyfulnoisechoir.ca](http://www.joyfulnoisechoir.ca) or Rehoboth Christian Ministries at <https://www.rcmflourish.ca>

**REHOBOTH CAMP MINISTRY (RCM)** provides a one-week summer camp experience for persons with developmental disabilities, and we need volunteers. Come and be a friend to someone with a developmental disability and show them the love of Christ, and at the same time enjoy our beautiful camp facility. We are looking for all kinds of volunteers, especially nurses/LPNs, cooks, and counsellors for each week: R&R (a more relaxed week from June 23 – 28), Adult 1 (June 29 -July 5), Adult 2 (July 6 -12), Independent (July 13-19), and Youth (July 20 - 26).

Check out our website at [www.rcmflourish.ca/camps](http://www.rcmflourish.ca/camps) for descriptions of the weeks and more information. Anyone age 14 and up is welcome to apply. No experience is necessary and full training and support is provided. Bring a friend! For more information, please e-mail [camp@rcmflourish.ca](mailto:camp@rcmflourish.ca). With your help we can flourish in the land. See you at camp!

**REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES** welcome you to view the latest digital publication of the Flourish newsletter by clicking [here](#). Please see our literature rack by the library for a hard copy.

**ADEARA TEXAS SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Get ready to tee off for a cause that's close to our hearts. We're excited to announce Adeara's first ever Golf Tournament fundraiser taking place this summer at The Ranch Golf & Country Club on June 12, 2024. \$175/person or \$680 for a team of 4. Includes light breakfast, carts, prizes, 18 holes, and a steak lunch banquet. Registration is officially open, so gather your friends, family, and colleagues and [register today](#).

**THE KING'S UNIVERSITY: Summer Camps at The King's University** — 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. 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).

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH? THERE IS SUPPORT!** Classis Alberta North's Student Support Team invites those considering full-time ordained or non-ordained ministry in the Christian Reformed Church to apply for a forgivable loan to support their graduate studies. Application forms and further information can be found at the Classis Alberta North [website](#). The application deadline is May 31, 2024. Questions and completed forms can be forwarded to Student Support Team chair Peter Rockhold ([peterrockhold@gmail.com](mailto:peterrockhold@gmail.com)).

**HOPE MISSION NO CHILD HUNGRY WALK:** Every day across the province I see children and youth coming to school hungry. These kids come to our programs who have had nothing to eat all day, and our staff across Alberta work at not only feeding hungry tummies, but also to help teens stay in school who would have otherwise dropped out to help provide for their younger siblings. Walk with us June 15<sup>th</sup> to raise hope for Albertans struggling with the challenges of rising costs. The No Child Hungry Walk will take place in Edmonton, Calgary, Camrose, and Red Deer. You can sign up to walk or donate at this [link](#).

**PRISON FELLOWSHIP CANADA – ANGEL TREE CAMPING** program connects church communities and individuals with the families of prisoners through a Summer Camp experience. Children have the opportunity to step outside of their home situation and into a camp environment full of adventure and fun. It also provides them with the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and the difference He can make in their lives. To donate and learn more about this program please visit [prisonfellowship.ca](http://prisonfellowship.ca).

**MINISTRY TO SEAFARERS' SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER:** To see our latest newsletter click [here](#).

**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](#).