

March 17, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we continue our sermon series for Lent, **I AM**. Each of the statements Jesus makes about himself in the Gospel of John invite us to follow Christ more fully because of who he is and not what we would prefer him to be. Next, we look at Jesus' promise that he is the "Resurrection and the Life." The community of followers around Jesus is overwhelmed with grief; Jesus himself weeps. Even then, in the midst of tragic loss, God wants us to know that he can bring back to life what is dead. As Jesus journeys closer to his death, he is closer to offering the full abundant life of the resurrection to us. We must trust in faith, the love and presence of Christ in our suffering, in order to receive his help, comfort, and strength.

The message this Sunday will focus on John 10:7-9, "**I AM** the Resurrection and the Life."

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **BETHEL WORLD MISSION VISION - HOME OF BLESSINGS:** ("Casa Bendicion" in Spanish) is the name of a special ministry centre in the Suchitoto municipality of El Salvador. The ministry contributes to Christian outreach, training, & support of leaders, quality of life, and integral community development in Central America. This ministry is closely aligned with the local organization, Seeds of New Creation, a partner organization of Resonate Global Mission. The ministry is founded on, guided by and engaged in promoting Christian transformation and values, reconciled relationships, and the Kingdom of God.

NEXT WEEK – WORLD RENEW: Compelled by God's deep passion for justice & 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

Condolences to **MONIKA CHAMBERLAIN** who is mourning the passing of her stepbrother Mitch. Please pray for Monika and her stepdad **HARRY** as they grieve the loss of their family member.

We also express condolences to **KEN & GRACE CRAIG**. Grace's brother, Clarence Toornstra, went home to be with the Lord this week. Please keep the Craig and Toornstra families in your prayers, as they make arrangements to remember his life in the weeks to come.

DON PROKUDA'S surgery took place March 13. Don's surgery went well. He is doing great and has been up and walking around today. They say his sense of humour was even showing a bit! It's estimated Don will be in the hospital for about a week. Everyone is much relieved that it's done now, but they'd appreciate continuing prayer for his recovery and the adjustments they will have to make as a result. The family is grateful for all your prayer support.

MIKE JACKSON was recently in the hospital after sustaining some falls. He is home now. Mike and Kathy are grateful for your continued prayers and support.

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

CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH UPDATE: We are excited to announce that **CATHY FERCHAU** passed her examination on March 8, for admission to the ministry of the word in the Christian Reformed Church. We have scheduled her ordination during our Sunday morning worship on April 14. Please consider this your notice to save the date and join us in ordaining pastor Cathy. **CHRISTY HARPER** was examined for a license to exhort in our classis; she passed the exam and will now be able to preach at local Christian reformed Churches.

FROM THE DEACONS:

A family in our congregation is urgently seeking a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom (or a larger 2 bedroom- to accommodate a crib and adult bed, and 2 bathroom) on or before April 1st. If you know of a rental unit that is available, please contact Doug (Deacon contact) at 587-785-3131.

A single mother, from the Karen community, recently widowed, with two pre-teen girls is in need of clothing for her girls. If you have clean and gently used spring/summer girls' clothing items in sizes 11/12 and 13/14 or footwear size 4.5 please contact Eleanor Prokuda at 780-886-9804. Items can be placed in a box under the mailboxes. Gift cards to purchase new items would also be welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER IS COMING! We will be hosting two services for Easter Sunday March 31, at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. and a Good Friday service on March 29 at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to celebrating Christ's death and resurrection with you. We encourage you to invite friends, family, and those around you to join us.

NEW EDMONTON CHURCH DIRECTORIES: The new Edmonton Christian Reformed Church directories were delivered this week. We have purchased enough for each household to have one copy, and you will find it in your mailbox. If you do not have a mailbox or you would like to have an additional copy, please contact Laurie or Tara at info@discoverbethel.com Extra copies can be purchased at \$3.00 each.

ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE: Alpha - The Marriage Course is a seven-session video course designed to help couples invest in their relationship. Topics include Communication, Resolving Conflict, Forgiveness, and much more! Time is set aside for private discussions with your spouse. The Marriage Course will run Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at Bethel Community Church starting April 2, 2024. All married couples are welcome! Register before March 22, on the Bethel events page by clicking [here](#) to ensure enough time to order materials. The cost is \$30/couple. If a lack of childcare or cost is stopping you from signing up, please let us know by emailing Krista at khmailbox@shaw.ca

WILLOWWOOD CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL: Open House, March 20, 4-7 p.m. Come meet the teachers, tour the classroom, and learn more about our program. WillowWood, located in Bethel's lower level, is a loving, accepting Christian preschool that encourages a love of learning in a play-based setting. We offer both a 2-day and 3-day morning class. If your child will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2024, we would love to have them join our preschool. For more information and to register, visit us online at willowwoodpreschool.com or email us at willowwood@discoverbethel.com.

BETHEL KIDS: What goes on at Bethel Kids and how can you join the fun? Every week, we have the privilege of welcoming the children of God into a time of exploration of God's Great Big Story, the Bible. Through stories, games, crafts, activities, and lots of fun, we invite children to interact with God's story, experience God's love, wonder at His greatness, and find their place in His family. That only happens through a great team of caring adults, pouring into the lives of children, and sharing God's Word and God's love with them, and we would love to grow our team. If you are curious about what goes on in the lower level and are looking for a way to get involved and serve at Bethel, come join us on a Sunday and check it out. For more information talk to Selikke after the service, or email kids@discoverbethel.com.

DAYS FOR GIRLS: Our next work bee is Saturday, March 23, 9: 00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you have a sewing machine or serger, we could surely use your help. If you don't sew, we have other jobs such as tracing, cutting, ironing, folding, adding snaps, etc. Please let me know via email at lindesrosiers@gmail.com if you plan on coming, so we can ensure we pack up enough work for everyone. The work bee will be held at the LDS church, 9010 85 Street NW - Entrance through the back door.

BETHEL YOUTH

PAUL AND PANCAKES: Youth in Grades 7 to 12 are invited to join us downstairs during the Sunday service, March 17, to gather for fellowship and Bible study while making and eating pancakes together.

BETHEL YOUTH – Launch Pad: There will be a youth Launch Pad night on Friday March 22, 2024. Drop off your youth at the church at 7:00 p.m. we will be taking a bus to Launch Pad and will get back at 9:30 p.m. Join us for a night of jumping fun and limitless trampolines. The cost will be \$20 a student, all parents need to sign a waiver for their youth to participate. You can sign up [here](#). We hope to see you there.

NOW HIRING: Do you have a passion for reaching and working with children or youth in our community. Bethel is hiring two interns to help run our summer programs for children and youth. These positions are 35 hours a week, from May 21 to August 23, 2024 (dates and hours subject to change based on receipt of funding from the Canada Summer Jobs Grant). Applications will be accepted until April 12, 2024. For more information and to apply, go to discoverbethel.com/jobs.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

COLLECTIONS IN MARCH

March 3	Ministry Shares
March 10	Mexico Youth Missions
March 17	Bethel World Mission Vision – Home of Blessings
March 24	World Renew
March 31	Benevolence Fund

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.

On behalf of **Adeara Recovery Centre** and the clients we serve, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$1801, received on March 1, 2024. We are incredibly grateful for your desire to make an impact on our community.

From **Resonate Global Mission**: I hope you are continually encouraged by the good and fruitful work we are accomplishing together. Your church's gifts, totaling \$10 200, and prayers help make it possible to carry the hope and redemption of Jesus to the ears of unreached people in over 40 countries around the world! Your community's support is an important way you help make this ministry possible. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you for using your gifts to partner with Resonate.

COMMUNITY NEWS

EMMANUEL HOME AND LIGHTHOUSE TOWN HALL: Come to Inglewood CRC, 12330 113 Avenue, on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. to learn more about the Lighthouse Christian Retirement Home which is scheduled to open in Spring of 2025. A presentation and question period will provide all the details you need about affordability, suite layouts and amenities. You will also have the chance to schedule a meeting to choose and guarantee a suite at the Lighthouse. Suites are going fast so take advantage of this opportunity! A second town hall is scheduled for Thursday, April 18 at Providence Canadian Reformed church. We hope to see you at one of these presentations!

DUNAMIS FELLOWSHIP CANADA: Igniting Revival in the Power of the Holy Spirit - Come join us April 10-13 at the Providence Renewal Centre. This event aims to equip individuals and small teams to cooperate with Jesus to see outpourings of the Holy Spirit, which could lead to revival and the Next Great Awakening. For tickets click [here](#).

LIFE CHANGING! That's what **Rehoboth Camp Ministry** can be! 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 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. With your help we can flourish in the land. See you at camp!

CHRISTIAN SLO-PITCH: Join in the fun and fellowship of playing slo-pitch with fellow Christians this spring. The league has been operating for more than 30 years and is made up from various Christian churches in the Edmonton area. Teams consist of a minimum of 10 players, including at least 3 women and 3 men, all players must be at least 14 years old. League fees are typically \$475 per year (may be adjusted depending on how many teams join), plus a \$100 refundable deposit per new team. If you would like to play, you can sign your team up through our website [here](#) (deadline is April 23). If you have any questions, please e-mail elmsp.president@gmail.com.

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](#).

CAMP HOMEWOOD: Love horses, camp ministry and looking for a new adventure? Camp Homewood is a non-denominational Christian camp located on 200 stunning acres on Quadra Island, B.C. We are looking for a **year-round Barn and Horse Manager** to care for our 15 horses. Camp Homewood is also looking for a Red Seal Chef to join the team onsite, **year-round as a Food Service Manager**. Besides the stunning location and great staff, we have a brand-new dining room and state of the art professional kitchen!

More details can be found with [here](#). Camp Homewood also has a wide variety of summer only positions available. Come serve, make friends, and learn some new skills. Check out our positions [here](#).

THE STUDIO SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: is now taking applications for their next cohort, beginning October 20, 2024. [The Studio](#) 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 thestudioschool@gmail.com or rev.klok@gmail.com to find out more.

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY:

Quandaries: Hope & Dignity: A Catholic Response to MAID — On Tuesday, April 2 from 7:30-8:30pm at King's, Archbishop Richard Smith will share his thoughts on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID). Archbishop Richard Smith is the seventh Archbishop of Edmonton and President of the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories. Quandaries, a public lecture and podcast series at The King's University, approaches contemporary moral dilemmas with wisdom in an age where we tend to react or withdraw too quickly. Visit kingsu.ca/quandaries for more info or to register.

King's Cantorum and Chamber Singers present "I Believe" on Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 10025-105 Street. The concert will conclude with a performance of two songs by a King's Alumni Choir. Anyone who has ever sung with King's Choirs is most welcome to join. The Alumni Choir will rehearse from 6:00-7:00 pm immediately before the concert. Contact Melanie Turgeon (melanie.turgeon@kingsu.ca) for full details and to receive the repertoire. The concert will celebrate the retirements of Dr. Joachim Segger and Elizabeth Raycroft. Tickets are available from Eventbrite at tkubelieve.eventbrite.ca or at the door: \$20/general; \$10/seniors & non-King's students; \$5/alumni and children under 12; King's Students FREE with valid ID; Free tickets to all King's Current and Retired Faculty and Staff.

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. Look forward to meeting new friends and making new memories! 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.

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](#).

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, March 17

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

10:00 a.m. Paul & Pancakes

MONDAY, March 18

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, March 19

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Emotionally Healthy Relationships

7:00 p.m. Personal Financial Management

7:00 p.m. Cadets

WEDNESDAY, March 20

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

9:30 a.m. Oasis

7:00 p.m. Worship & Wonder

7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, March 21

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

7:00 p.m. Bethel World Missions Meeting

FRIDAY, March 22

SATURDAY, March 23