

October 15, 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 sermon series, The Good News, this Sunday by looking at a passage in Acts where Paul and Barnabas share the good news with the people of Lystra. A great deal of time has passed since Paul encountered Jesus on the Damascus road, and both he and Barnabas are learning to trust the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all circumstances as they travel throughout the Roman Empire with the message of Jesus. In this passage and through their witness, we see that the good news transforms how we pay attention to the culture and how we persevere through opposition.

The message this Sunday will focus on Acts 14, "Paying Attention And Persevering".

The **Joyful Noise Choir** helps lead worship this morning. In its 45th season, as Ambassadors for Rehoboth Christian Ministries, the children offer their time and skills to encourage congregations in Alberta to become "Friends of Rehoboth" to support those who cannot help themselves.

OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **DISABILITY CONCERNS:** Helps churches end the isolation and disconnectedness of persons with disabilities. It also encourages the gifts of people with disabilities so that they can serve God fully in their churches.

NEXT WEEK – Bethel World Mission Vision - Rachel Beveridge: Cohort Central America is a 1-year service-formation opportunity for young adults who want to get to know Central America, God, and themselves better! This support goes towards the missionary endeavors Bethel has identified in Central America.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

We rejoice that on Sunday, October 22nd, members of the **Muhindo Family** will be baptized and profess faith in Jesus Christ. We hope that you join us in praying for this family as they take this momentous step in their faith journey.

ED DUBBELDAM'S father, Willy, passed away on Wednesday, October 11. The Lord took him home gracefully and peacefully in his sleep; the family is grateful for this. There will be a private interment followed by a Celebration of Life on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Bethel Church. The service will be live streamed. To join the live stream on Thursday please click the link [here](#).

Our condolences to Ed, Line and their family as they mourn this loss. Please remember them in prayer.

JANE SHULTZ experienced a hard fall on October 8 and broke her femur. Please pray for complete healing in her body.

JOHN KOYU'S father passed away on Wednesday, September 27. Please pray for John, Sandy, and their family as they mourn this loss.

Please pray for **PAULINE LENDEIN** as she recovers from heart surgery. She returned to the hospital briefly this week and are thankful that she is now home again. Her recovery will take about three months, so our prayer is that she heals quickly and well.

Please also remember **CALVIN BRUINSMA, CURTIS COENEN, MARCEL CROCKER, MIKE JACKSON, JENNY PENFOLD, DON & ELEANOR PROKUDA, CELINE SIGVALDASON,** and **JILL SNEEP**, as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAUL AND PANCAKES: is an opportunity for youth to gather for fellowship and Bible study while making pancakes together. This Sunday, October 15, youth will meet in the downstairs kitchen of Bethel during the worship service to make and eat pancakes while watching a 10-minute devotional video followed by a discussion.

PRAY FOR CLASSIS: Classis Alberta North (all the Christian Reformed Churches in Alberta north from Red Deer) will be meeting on Oct. 13 and 14. Please pray for wisdom for the delegates as they consider the mission and ministries of the Church and as they have the privilege of examining three candidates called to the Ministry of the Word in our churches, two of which are our own pastors, Pastor Wendy and Pastor Cathy. A copy of the agenda for Classis can be found on our website at www.classisalbertanorth.ca.

BETHEL YOUTH NERF BATTLE: It is the battle of a lifetime! We invite Grade 7-12 students to join us as we play a variety of Nerf games and enjoy snacks and a devotional together on Friday, October 20 from 7-9:30PM. Teens can bring their own Nerf blasters from home if they wish, but please note that they may be asked to put them away for certain games and/or share them with others.

BETHEL YOUTH DINNER AND GAMES NIGHT: We invite youth (Grade 7-12) to join with other CRC youth groups in Edmonton & area for dinner and games. The first of these combined quarterly events will be hosted at Bethel on Sunday, October 29th from 6-8:30PM. Come for taco in a bag and a variety of group and board games.

CALLING ALL MEN! Join us for food and fellowship on Saturday, October 21 at 9 a.m. Please register at discoverbethel.com/events or signup at the Welcome Desk to let us know you're coming. We'd love to see you there!

ORDINATION SERVICE: We are anticipating an Ordination Service after Classis on Sunday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m. Join us in blessing and ordaining Pastor Wendy and Pastor Cathy into their roles as Ministers of the Word.

RACHEL BEVERIDGE VISIT: Join the Missions Committee in welcoming Rachel Beveridge to Bethel on October 22. Rachel is one of Bethel's missionaries, serving in Guatemala. She runs Cohort Central America: a 1-year service-formation opportunity for young adults who want to get to know Central America, God and themselves better! Cohort: Central America is looking for people who are discerning their calling, want to learn Spanish, are willing to lean into cultural discomfort, love serving others, are looking for authentic community, and want to see what God is up to in another part of the world! **Join us in learning more about Rachel, her work, and the Cohort immediately after the service on October 22!**

HARVEST FEST 2023: Bethel Church is hosting a Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 28 from 2-4 p.m. This outdoor event in the parking lot will feature "Trunk or Treating" (where kids can go from car trunk to car trunk with their candy bags), pumpkin decorating, music, and community fun! If you are able to help either through donation of treats or volunteering your time, please click [here](#). You may also sign-up at the back of the church. For more information visit www.discoverbethel.com/harvestfestival

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS: The quarterly statements for September 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.

COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER:

- October 1 Ministry Shares
- October 8 Edmonton Food Bank
- October 15 Disability Concerns
- October 22 Bethel World Mission Vision – Rachel Beveridge
- October 29 World Renew – World Hunger Sunday

Please visit our website at discoverbethel/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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our Mission and Ministry: In September, although we collected just over \$60,000 in tithes and offerings, it was less than the just over \$84,000 in expenses for the month. We want to make you aware of the shortfall, encourage you to consider how God is calling you to respond and to thank you for your regular support of what God is doing here at Bethel.

2022/23 Year End Deficit: Our past fiscal year ended with a deficit of approximately \$9,000. Please consider additional giving to assist in covering this deficit. All funds collected above this amount will be added to the current year's operating fund. Please make a note that your donation is for the "2022/23 Year End". Push pay will also have this as a giving option. Thank you for your support.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OCTOBER IS REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES (RCM) ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE! RCM has rebranded the membership campaign as "Friends of Rehoboth". RCM creates awareness and raises funds to support adults with disabilities in a Christian environment in facilities throughout Alberta in ways government funding does not. Please check your Bethel mailbox for the October 2023 FLOURISH! Newsletter and further information on this year's campaign together with a donation envelope and options for giving. For further inquiries please contact Jo-Ann Tavenier-Vriend (780-569-2597).

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY invites all members to their 2023 Annual General Meeting happening on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please **RSVP by Friday, October 20** by emailing board@kingsu.ca.

HOPE MISSION is hosting a hiring blitz on Monday, October 16th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Green Manor, located at 10635 107 street. This event is a crucial part of their efforts to expand their team and better serve those in need. They are seeking individuals who are passionate about making a positive difference in the lives of others.

NEW: A DIAKONIA CIRCLE Tuesday, November 7 from 7-9 p.m. at Ebenezer CRC in Leduc. This is a shout out to all deacons past, present and future, whether you have a formal title or not. Come to an evening of sharing and community with likeminded individuals for inspiration for serving our communities and to meet your DMC area coach! To let us know you are coming and to ask any questions, please email yournadc@gmail.com. On behalf of NADC and DMC, see you all soon!

THE STUDION SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION (<https://www.thestudionschool.com>) is currently seeking volunteers to meet one-on-one with students entering their second year of study. Volunteers, over the course of one year, will receive spiritual direction (at no cost) as part of a supervised practicum for Studion students. We have students who are able to offer direction in Spanish or Chinese (Cantonese & Mandarin) as well as English, and there are opportunities specifically for youth (junior high and high school age). If this opportunity interests you, please email thestudionschool@gmail.com or rev.klok@gmail.com to find out more. Fuel for the Heart; Food for the Soul.

GETTING TIRED OF NETFLIX? Maybe it's time for something different. InterMission Silent Retreat is coming up October 27-29, 2023, at Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert, a lovely and cozy retreat house, close to trails through the river valley and into Lois Hole Provincial Park. Two nights' accommodation, 5 meals, 2-3 spiritual direction sessions, silence, rest, peace, quiet, spirit, soul. Single private room. "Be still and know that I am God." Registration is \$480/person. Contact rev.klok@gmail.com to register.

MINISTRY TO SEAFARERS: With the Fall season comes preparations for Christmas at Sea. This year the Ministry to Seafarers will again be delivering Christmas gifts for seafarers. Your donations for this project can be made by cheque payable to Ministry to Seafarers, and mailed to 401 E Waterfront Rd, Vancouver, BC V6A 4G9. You can also make donations online via our website, ministrytoseafarers.com. Please designate gifts for "Christmas at Sea." Thank You! To view the Fall 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](#).

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, October 15

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person and live stream
10:00 a.m. Joyful Noise Choir
10:00 a.m. Paul & Pancakes (Youth)

MONDAY, October 16

6:45 p.m. Deacons and Elders Meetings
7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

TUESDAY, October 17

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. Band Camp
7:00 p.m. Emotionally Healthy Spirituality
7:00 p.m. Cadets

WEDNESDAY, October 18

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and Zoom
9:30 a.m. Oasis
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, October 19

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

FRIDAY, October 20

7:00 p.m. Bethel Youth Nerf Battle

SATURDAY, October 21

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast