



May 9, 2025

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we continue our sermon series, ***Cross Through the Cliché***, where we are reflecting on misunderstood sayings about faith from the Bible and culture. Along the way, we will access helpful tools for stepping into a deeper life with Jesus and moving past the cliché to embrace God's heart for us through his word.

Sunday, we will explore the often-used phrase: "Love the Sinner. Hate the Sin." As we unpack the origins of this phrase and explore its connection to Jesus' teachings, we will discover how easily this phrase can be misapplied. This phrase challenges us to a greater measure of Christian love and accountability, pursuing love for our neighbours like God loves; and even to challenge in the world what God hates.

The message this Sunday will engage with Jesus' teachings from Luke 6:27-42 and Luke 10:25-37, "Love like God."

During the service this Sunday we will celebrate with the **KABUYA** family as Elijah & Ify bring their children, **JOY, MALAKHI, FAITH & HOPE**, for the sacrament of baptism.

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **REFRAME MINISTRIES:** Around the world, the CRC is working through ReFrame Ministries (the new name of Back to God Ministries International) to share the gospel. Relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they create contextual media resources that proclaim the gospel, disciple believers, and strengthen the church throughout the world in 10 major languages.
For more information → reframeministries.org

Thank you for the tithes and offerings we received this fiscal year. As of the end of April our giving is about \$80,000 below our budgeted amount for this time of year. However, our expenses are also lower which means our revenue is approximately \$15,000 more than our expenses. We are grateful for the faithful giving of those who call Bethel their church home and trust in God's provision through the generosity of His people.

COLLECTIONS IN MAY

May 4	Dynamic Youth Ministries - GEMS
May 11	Reframe Ministries
May 18	Days for Girls
May 25	Ministry Shares

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

SYLIVA MILFORD is recovering from surgery to repair a broken hip. **CALVIN VANDERLEEST's** sister Karen DeBoer is recovering from surgery after having her foot caught in an auger. Praise God the auger jammed,

and she has not required an amputation.

Please continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN**, **JENNY PENFOLD**, and **ELEANOR PROKUDA** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY MAGAZINES: The May/June Today devotional is available at the membership desk and in the literature rack. You can also view it online by clicking [here](#).

PENTECOST SERVICE: Do you speak a different language? We are looking for a few individuals to be part of our Pentecost Service on June 8, 2025. Please message lisa@discoverbethel.com for more information.

EMMANUEL SENIORS LIVING SOCIETY: With much joy and thankfulness, we invite all members of the ESLS to our upcoming Annual General Meeting on **Thursday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m.** at Trinity CRC. We invite you to hear about the exciting things that are happening on both of our campuses: Emmanuel Home as well as Lighthouse. Enjoy snacks and refreshments and seeing familiar faces that perhaps you haven't seen for quite some time! If you need to renew your membership or unsure of your membership status, please e-mail finadmin@esls.ca.

BANNERMAN IN ACTION: It's that time of year again! Bannerman in Action (BIA) Day will be held on Saturday, May 31st from 11am-1pm at the Bannerman Community League Hall, across the street from the church. If you're looking for a way to live out Bethel's mission of "becoming like Christ and sharing him with others", this is one way you can do that! For this year's BIA, we'll be distributing flowers to neighborhood residents, there'll be a free BBQ lunch, and free ice cream. We'll also have games for the kids, and a car wash. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of Bethel's neighbours and invite them to church! For this special day to be a success, we need YOU. We need helpers for set-up/clean-up, to donate and serve food, people to run games, hand out flowers, and more. If you're willing to help, please email Pastor Cathy at cathy@discoverbethel.com. Also, make sure to keep an eye out for a sign-up link on Bethel's website (coming soon). Volunteering for BIA is a small commitment of time, and a fun way to share the love of Jesus not only with words, but also by action!"

BETTER TOGETHER LIBERIA: The team that traveled to Bettesu will be sharing highlights from their trip on May 25 in the chapel following the service.

GEMS FUNDRAISER: Our GEMS are having another Collective Kitchen fundraiser on May 30 and 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Funds raised will help cover the cost of their end of year campout. Learn more about the meals and how to register on our events page [here](#).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Our next Congregational meeting will be on June 1 after the service. Even though this meeting is primarily for members, all are welcome to attend. Childcare will be provided.

DAY OF PRAYER: We are setting aside June 4, as a day of prayer with three specific times to engage;
6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. in person or by Zoom,
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. in person or by Zoom
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in person only.

Join us as we pray for personal renewal, wisdom and strength for the tasks ahead, others in need, the Church and the world.

BETHEL IS HIRING! Do you have a passion for reaching and working with children and youth in our community. Bethel is seeking two ministry interns to help plan and run our summer community events

and programs for children and youth. These positions are 35 hours/week, for a minimum of 8 consecutive weeks between June & August. For more information or to apply visit discoverbethel.com/jobs.

GET INVOLVED: Greetings church family! Would you like to play a critical role in shaping the environment and culture at Bethel? Do you enjoy interacting with people and making them feel welcome? Then reach out to Pastor Cathy at cathy@discoverbethel.com and ask her about becoming a greeter, an usher, or a welcome or membership desk attendant. Maybe you could even be all four! Serving in Bethel's welcome and hospitality ministries makes a strong foundation even stronger. This is a great way to live out our mission of becoming like Christ and sharing Him with others!

BASS GUITAR PLAYERS NEEDED! Can you play the Bass and are interested in joining our Worship Team? Please message lisa@discoverbethel.com for further information.

BETHEL YOUTH

PAUL & PANCAKES: Bethel Youth! Join us Sunday May 25 during the service in the lower level for pancakes and a time of study just for you! All youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to join.

COMMUNITY NEWS

REHOBOTH CAMP: Rehoboth Camp Weeks REALLY needs you! Volunteer for one week full of fun and fellowship, providing camp to people of all abilities! Volunteers must be a minimum of 14 years of age at the time of their volunteer week. Help us create an unforgettable summer by **sharing the love of Jesus** at Camp Rehoboth! We're looking for: Head Cook – Youth Week; Nurse & Head Cook – R&R Week; Counselors - All Weeks (especially Adult 2, Independent, and R&R) *Be part of something meaningful - serve, connect, and shine His love!* Learn more or sign up at rcmflourish.ca/camp

CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE: Hope Mission is launching their Christian Training Institute-an eight-month discipleship and leadership program designed to equip and empower the next generation of Christian leaders. Click [here](#) for more information.

KING'S UNIVERSITY: Blessed are the Undone: Faith, Deconstruction, and Hope in Canada — Join us on Saturday, May 31 for a one-day conference at The King's University. Explore hope amid church conflict with Angela Reitsma Bick, co-author of *Blessed Are the Undone*. Angela's keynote will end with suggestions for "reconstruction-friendly" postures in an era of deconstruction. Click [here](#) to register.

ASCENSION DAY: Save the date for a combined CRC service at West End CRC on June 1 at 4:00 pm. If you are interested in singing in a mass choir for the service, practices will take place May 7, 21, 28 at Inglewood CRC at 6:30-8:00 pm, led by Andrew Whiteside. [Sign up at this link](#) or call 780-455-1066.

NO CHILD HUNGRY WALK: Hope mission is helping families beat food insecurity and invites you to join them in their fight against hunger on June 7. Click [here](#) for more details or to participate.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Adeara's Golf Tournament is back for its second year on June 11! With limited spots available, we expect them to sell out fast! Click [here](#) to register.

EMMANUEL SENIORS LIVING SOCIETY GOLF TOURNAMENT: Presented by Keller Construction Ltd.; join us at The Ranch Golf & Country Club on Tuesday, June 17 for an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start! The day includes a few fun challenges at several holes, prizes, and a delicious roast beef dinner. All proceeds directly support the residents at Emmanuel Seniors Living Society. Check out our website [here](#) for the registration form, sponsoring opportunities and to sign up, or reach out to Maria Bos at mbos@emmanuelhome.ca

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Covenant Christian Reformed Church in Edmonton is hiring a Director of Worship. At Covenant, we enjoy vibrant, joyful worship that includes all ages and abilities, as our communal expression of faith. We are seeking a passionate Director of Worship to lead and cultivate our worship ministry, to grow and form our faith through worship that glorifies God. This is a part-time, hourly position (average approximately 18 hours per week). Click [Here](#) for a detailed description of the position or to apply.

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, May 11

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person & live stream
11:30 a.m. Connection Sunday

MONDAY, May 12

6:45 p.m. Council Meetings
7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, May 13

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. Cadets

WEDNESDAY, May 14

6:30 a.m. Prayer-In-person & Zoom
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, May 8

12:30 p.m. Food Bank
5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

FRIDAY, May 16

SATURDAY, May 17