BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

November 13, 2026

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday, we continue our sermon series, *Building Together*, exploring Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. The Corinthians were tempted to pursue status, recognition, and worldly success. Paul responds with irony, contrasting their self-confidence with the suffering and humility experienced by the apostles. Following Jesus often appears foolish to the world, yet God's wisdom is revealed through sacrificial love, humility, and faithfulness.

The message this Sunday will focus on 1 Corinthians 4:6-13, "Fools for Christ".

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

## OUR OFFERINGS

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

2) **COMMUNITY IMPACT MOSAIC CENTER: MOSAIC CENTRE** is now called the Community Impact Centre Mosaic and is under the umbrella of the Mustard Seed. With roots from churches in North East Edmonton, the Community Impact Centre Mosaic provides a warm, safe, and welcoming environment to community participants with weekly programming. Individuals have access to a large variety of services such as housing resources, workplace reintegration, and life mentorship. For more information: theseed.ca/mosaiccentre

**COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER**

**NOV 1** Family Life Canada

**NOV 8** Dunamis Fellowship Canada

**NOV 15** Community Impact Mosaic Center

**NOV 22** One Book

**NOV 29** Ministry Shares

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for **Jenny Penfold** and **Eleanor Prokuda** 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.

**INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Over the next month, we are reflecting on what it means to be a member of Bethel following our "Where We Belong" series. As for the next few weeks, we invite you to review our updated Membership Covenant and Bethel Statement of Faith.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Our next men's breakfast will be on November 14 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Sign up here

**BIG COOK**

It's time to refill the meals in the ministry freezers and we need your help to do it. Join us on 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 on **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!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| **SUNDAY,** November 15 | **10:00 a.m.** | Worship - in person & live stream |
| **MONDAY,** November 16 | **7:00 p.m.** | Prayer – Zoom |
| **TUESDAY,** November 17 | **5:15 p.m.** | Dove Taekwondo |
| | **7:00 p.m.** | GEMS |
| **WEDNESDAY,** November 18 | **6:30 a.m.** | Prayer - in person & Zoom |
| | **8:00 p.m.** | AA |
| **THURSDAY,** November 19 | **12:00 p.m.** | Food Bank |
| | **5:15 p.m.** | Dove Taekwondo |

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| **FRIDAY,** November 20 | **7:00 p.m.** | Youth |
| **SATURDAY,** November 21 | **1:00 p.m.** | Big Cook |

## 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!

### COUPLES CONNECT

You may not have heard about Couples Connect yet, but it is the name of the Marriage Ministry at Bethel!
**Mission:** Provide a means for couples to connect and flourish in Christ at Bethel.
**Activities:** Host events such as Alpha Marriage, and cross-promote marriage events at partnering churches throughout the year.
Click here to answer a short survey.

## BETHEL YOUTH

### NOVEMBER 13

There will be no youth on Nov. 13 as the youth leaders will be attending a conference.

### 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!

### 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.