

August 11, 2024

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This summer we are featuring a sermon series called *Sabbath in the Psalms*. Sabbath with us at Bethel as we explore the rhythms of Sabbath and rest in the Psalms. We are not only made for rest but need rhythms of rest and Sabbath that draw us back to God and his good purposes. Each week, we will look at a specific Psalm used in Israelite worship to stir their hearts towards God's presence.

We want to invite and encourage you to embrace this summer as a time of rest and fun with God. If you're looking for resources for how to explore and practice Sabbath, please visit our sermon resources page [here](#). Step into summer with the words of Jesus in mind: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

This Sunday we continue our summer series, *Sabbath in the Psalms*, by exploring how the presence of God, the great king, guides his people in the city that they dwell. Psalm 48 points to a day in the future of glorious worship, describing how the more we invite and embrace God's presence into our daily lives, the more we welcome his benefits and blessing. That said, we do not have to wait. Rather, we can pursue God's vision of worship and security for our neighbourhoods and communities today, since he desires to redeem and restore the cities we live in for his glory and our good.

The message this Sunday will focus on Psalm 48, "In the City of the King."

## OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **MEALS MINISTRY:** The Meals Ministry is a Bethel ministry that helps people with meals during transition and crisis no matter how big or how small.

**NEXT WEEK – HOPE MISSION:** A Christian, not-for-profit, social care agency that provides compassionate care and offers hope to hurting, hungry and homeless people. Hope Mission exists to serve, strengthen and uplift men, women, youth and children through the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

**SAM VEENSTRA** was recently in hospital because his cerebellum was inflamed. He is now at home recovering after an intense week in hospital. Please pray for healing.

**LORETTA HUIZINGA** had a knee replacement on July 13. The surgery went well and she is progressing in her recovery but still dealing with pain. Pray for continued healing and ability to endure this time of discomfort.

**GERRY PENFOLD** has had a back injury and is on disability as a result. Pray for healing and provision for their family.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BETTESU UNIFORM DRIVE:** It's that time of year! Time to sponsor students in and around Bettesu, Liberia so they can attend school in September! Your \$40 donation goes towards buying one student a uniform and all their books and school supplies for the whole school year. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one or more students to attend school this year. Go to [discoverbethel.com/give](https://discoverbethel.com/give) or see John at the back of the Sanctuary after the service this Sunday to sponsor a child.

**BANNERMAN BACKPACK DRIVE:** We have the opportunity to bless the students in our community with backpacks, school shoes, and school supplies for the upcoming year. At the back of the sanctuary there is a bulletin board filled with tags with all the students' information and supply needs. Take a student information tag, fill out your contact info on the tag behind it and fill a backpack for that student. Please bring all supplies and backpacks back to the church by Sunday, August 18. You can also donate financially through all the regular giving methods to Bannerman Backpack Drive. Please contact Selikke at [kids@discoverbethel.com](mailto:kids@discoverbethel.com) if you have any questions.

**DEACON REQUEST:** We are looking for a female with a vehicle who is willing to teach and practice driving with an individual. She has recently completed the AMA Learner's Driving Program and needs to practice before taking the Class 5 road test. If you are willing and able, please contact the office at [info@discoverbethel.com](mailto:info@discoverbethel.com).

**PRAYING THROUGH THE SUMMER:** This summer we ask you to pray for a specific part of Bethel's ministry and community each week. We will be lifting up areas of need and opportunity for the ministry, while interceding for current and desired leadership teams. We'll send out an email every Tuesday reminding you of the prayer emphasis for the week and noting a few specific ways you can pray. Whether you're in town or out of town, please pray with us! Note: If you want to receive these prayer reminders, please make sure you are on our weekly email list. The prayer schedule is available [here](#) and is posted on the Bethel [Summer](#) page.

This Week's Prayer Emphasis: **Bethel's Council + Future Leaders (August 6-13)**

Next Week's Prayer Emphasis: **Bethel Kids**

**BETHEL KIDS NEEDS YOU!** During the summer we give our regular Bethel Kids leaders a break for July and August, so we need you to come hang out with the children on Sundays. This is a less structured program with a video lesson, quiet toys, and coloring. Age 3 - Grade 4 will stay together in the Chapel. We need a minimum of 3 adult supervisors each Sunday to maintain safety ratios as well as some nursery caregivers. Sign up at the check in desk for the Sundays that work for you.

**PLAY YOUR ROLE!** We believe everyone has a part to play at Bethel, from serving in our sound booth to caring for our children in the nursery. We are looking for a few more people to help with the sound booth team and children's ministry. We are also looking for a treasurer and a finance chairperson. For more information, visit [discoverbethel.com/serve](https://discoverbethel.com/serve).

**FINANCE CHAIRPERSON NEEDED:** we are seeking an individual to take on the role of Chairperson for our Finance Team. This position helps ensure our church's financial matters are managed effectively. If you feel called to this position, or if you have any questions about this position, please email [clerk@discoverbethel.com](mailto:clerk@discoverbethel.com).

**TREASURER NEEDED:** we are also seeking an individual to take on the role of Treasurer of Bethel. This position ensures our church's financial matters are handled with integrity and transparency. If you feel called to this position, or if you have any questions about this position, please email [clerk@discoverbethel.com](mailto:clerk@discoverbethel.com).

**NEW BIBLE READING PLAN – PAUL'S LETTERS by the Bible Project:** On August 6 we began a new plan that takes you on a 53-day journey through the letter's of Paul. Each book includes videos specifically designed to enhance your understanding and engagement with Scripture. Find the plan [here](#). To join Bethel's Reading Group on the app, email Pastor Wendy at [wendy@discoverbethel.com](mailto:wendy@discoverbethel.com).

## BETHEL YOUTH

**LASER TAG:** Tuesday, August 20th, Bethel Youth is hosting a night at Laser City (5104 67 Avenue) as a wrap up to our PLOT ministry. We will leave the church at 6:30 pm and return at 9:30 pm. Youth can be dropped off/picked up at Laser City as well – time details on the registration form. The cost is \$20 which includes laser tag and pizza. At Laser City, we will be playing rounds of laser tag and checking out other fun activities the place has to offer. It is shaping up to be a great time! Invite your friends and we hope to see you there! Sign up by clicking [here](#).

**FINAL PLOT:** Our final PLOT will happen Tuesday, August 13, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the church. All youth, from grade 6-12 are welcome. We'll hang out, have a brief devotion, and spend our night playing games and having a good time together. We hope to see you there!

**PAUL & PANCAKES:** Will be happening during the service on Sunday, August 18. Come join us for some delicious food and great discussion!

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** As of June, our numbers show us meeting our expenses with a small buffer. We are grateful for that and for your continued support. Thank you for the many ways you continue to faithfully give through the summer. We're currently modifying the 2024-25 budget to make it more achievable. The July financial update will be sent out once it has been processed.

### COLLECTIONS IN AUGUST

August 4	Ministry Shares
August 11	Meals Ministry
August 18	Hope Mission
August 25	Micah Center Honduras Water Project

Please visit our website at [discoverbethel.com/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, August 11

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

### MONDAY, August 12

10:00 a.m. Kid's Camp  
7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

### TUESDAY, August 13

10:00 a.m. Kid's Camp  
2:00 p.m. Mobile Food Bank  
7:00 p.m. PLOT

### WEDNESDAY, August 14

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and zoom  
10:00 a.m. Kid's Camp  
8:00 p.m. AA

### THURSDAY, August 15

10:00 a.m. Kid's Camp  
7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

### FRIDAY, August 16

10:00 a.m. Kid's Camp

### SATURDAY, August 17

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**EDMONTON FOOD BANK:** The Edmonton food bank has a number of fundraising events and food drives over the summer and fall. September 19, join an Evening with Martin Kerr, a local musician, or consider attending the annual Harvest Luncheon on October 24. More details for and tickets for these and other events can be found at their website; click [here](#).

**ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE:** We are excited to extend a special invitation and a challenge to you for our **annual Evening of Dreams Gala**, taking place at the Evario Events Centre, October 18, 2024. The Evening of Dreams Gala is a tangible way to come alongside the most vulnerable women and children and show that they are not alone, but rather have a community of people who believe in them. For more details and to purchase your table, visit [adeara.ca/gala](http://adeara.ca/gala). We would love to have you join us.

**EMMANUEL HOME – JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** Emmanuel Home, a Christian Seniors Home that provides facilities and care in a Christian community, requires a Maintenance Lead (FT) and a Maintenance Aide (Temporary) to begin soon. The Maintenance department at Emmanuel Home ensures that the facility is maintained in excellent condition, both inside and out. Please go to [emmanuelhome.ca](http://emmanuelhome.ca) for details about qualifications, responsibilities and how to apply.

**PAUL’S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE** (March 28 - April 8, 2025): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul’s second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**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](#).