



August 28, 2026

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday, we continue our summer series through Proverbs, ***The Way of Wisdom***, by reflecting on the role of discipline. The Proverbs remind us that through discipline, Father demonstrates love for his child. Because of God's unfailing and devoted love for us, the Lord uses wisdom, as revealed through Christ and his Word, to restore and redirect us towards a closer life with him.

The message this Sunday will focus on Proverbs 3:11-12, "The Discipline of Love."

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

To explore our resources on Proverbs, visit: discoverbethel.com/resources

COMMUNION SUNDAY

FOR THOSE ATTENDING IN PERSON: We will pass around the elements with plates and baskets. When you receive them, please wait to eat and drink together at the same time. We welcome you to use the time for singing, prayer and reflection. Gluten-free bread is available for those who desire this option. Also, you may leave the disposable cups in the pews to be collected later.

FOR EVERYONE ONLINE: Please have communion elements ready at home (bread, juice/wine) to join with us in sharing the meal. You can partake of the elements at home while they are being served in the sanctuary.

FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER: There will be space for you to quickly check out your children in the lower level following the message.

We look forward to celebrating Christ's meal of grace with you Sunday. Prepare your hearts for this time of remembrance and celebration in light of our forgiveness through the cross.

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **MINISTRY SHARES** is a cooperative venture of all CRC churches in Canada to send missionaries around the world, start new churches, resource congregations, train pastors and leaders, and use media to spread the gospel. The pooled resources allow the church to do more together than an individual church could do on its own. For more information: crcna.org/MinistryShares

COLLECTIONS IN AUGUST

AUG 2 Pregnancy Care Center
AUG 9 World Renew

AUG 16 Seeds of New Creation
AUG 23 Home of Blessing
AUG 30 Ministry Shares

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for **Janny Bartel, Evans Kotio, Kathy McDonald, Ashley Patton, Jenny Penfold, and Eleanor Prokuda** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY: We're excited to kick off a new ministry year together on September 13, 2026.

Join us as we begin a new sermon series exploring **belonging, membership, and life together at Bethel**. Throughout the morning, you'll have the opportunity to learn more about our ministries, discover ways to get involved, and connect with others as we continue pursuing God's mission as a church family.

Be sure to check out the **Ministry Display at the back of the sanctuary**, featuring many of the ways you can get involved and serve.

Take a few moments to explore the different ministries and prayerfully consider where God might be inviting you to use your gifts. **Sign-up sheets are available beside each ministry!**

Once you sign up, the ministry leader will connect with you, share more about the ministry, explain the time commitment, and let you know about any training or opportunities to get started.

Serving is a wonderful way to share the gifts God has given you, make a difference in the life of our church, and build meaningful connections with others.

Come take a look—you may discover a place where your gifts and passions can make a difference!

Following the service, we'll head to **Rundle Park** for a relaxed **Picnic in the Park**. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food, fresh air, and meaningful fellowship as we celebrate the start of a new season together. Whether you're new to Bethel or have been part of our church family for years, we'd love for you to join us!

Picnic in the Park

When: Sunday, September 13, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Where: Rundle Park, Picnic Site #2

What to Bring:

- Lunch for your own family
- A dessert to share
- Lawn chairs or a picnic blanket
- Your game face! There will be games and activities for all ages

Come enjoy an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship as we look ahead to all God has in store for the year ahead. We can't wait to see you there!

BETTESU UNIFORM DRIVE: This drive will continue until all students have been sponsored. Thank you for your faithful support as we continue our 11th annual Bettesu Uniform Drive for the children of Bettesu and the surrounding villages. A gift of \$50 provides one child with a school uniform, essential school supplies, and teacher instructional materials for the entire school year. Your generosity is a tremendous blessing to families who would otherwise struggle to provide

these necessities. You can give online by clicking [here](#), or sending an e-transfer to accounting@discoverbethel.com (please note Bettesu Uniform Drive in the memo box). Thank you again for your generosity, prayers, and continued support. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of these children.

GET INVOLVED

24/7 PRAYER WEEK, SEPTEMBER 6-13: This is a week where people commit to pray for hour-long blocks of time so that we have people praying EVERY HOUR of EVERY DAY for an entire week. You can sign up here [24-7 Prayer | Bethel Community CRC](#). You can pray at the church, from your workplace, or from home. If you're able, consider signing up for more than one hour.

- Throughout the week, you'll be encouraged and equipped through:
Lectio 365 daily prayer resources
- A kickoff service on Sunday September 6 and wrap-up celebration on Sunday September 13
- A Wednesday evening worship gathering
- A devotional guide
- A dedicated prayer space at the church

Questions? Contact Taliah Jeske or Helen Krol.

JESUS TO NOW: CHURCH HISTORY CRASH COURSE: Do you ever wonder what it was like to be a Christian centuries--even millennia--ago? Why are there so many different denominations? Are you a *tiny* bit curious about how God used people, places, and world events to bring us to where we are today, worshipping God together at Bethel? Throughout the course, we'll take a big picture view of many moments in time and then dive in for a closer look at some people you may not know. Some themes and topics we'll look at in this course are:

- The different eras of church history and some of the key players
- How we have some of the major creeds, confessions, and decisions of our faith, including our own particular confessions within the Christian Reformed Church
- We'll learn about some "big" names like Augustine, Aquinas, Luther, Calvin, and Bonhoeffer. But what about Monica, Brigid, John Chrysostom, Argula von Grombach, Jacob Spener, Abraham Kuyper, and William Seymour? How did these ordinary people follow God, and why should we remember them?
- What can we take away to see how God is leading us today, in our own lives and communities, to follow him?

This class will be taught by the wonderful Christy Harper and will run on Sundays from 11:45 to 1:00 pm on September 20, September 27, October 4, October 18, November 1 and November 8, 2026. Space is limited to a maximum of 20 people. If childcare would help you be able to attend, please let us know how many kids and their ages and we will try to accommodate this need. Please also note any dietary restrictions as we will be serving a light lunch. Participants teen to adult are welcome. A sign-up link will be available next week.

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!

OASIS: Oasis, Bethel's Wednesday morning women's study, is kicking off with a **potluck on September 16**, followed by our first study on **September 23**! Join us weekly from **9:30--11:00 AM** in the lower level. We begin together with a video, song, or devotional, then break into smaller groups for discussion and connection. This fall we are diving into

Gateways to Empowered Ministry - learning about the Holy Spirit through the teachings of Dunamis Fellowship Canada. Child care for Kindergarten and under is provided, as well as coffee and women are invited to take turns bringing a light snack. If you have questions email Laura at OasisBethelEdmonton@gmail.com

OASIS BACKUP LEADERS WANTED FOR WEDNESDAY MORNINGS: We are looking for a few more adult volunteers to help out as subs with the Homeschool Kids Groups on Wednesday mornings! Men or women are welcome to help out. While we have three (amazing) regular volunteers, we're hoping to find a few more people to help out occasionally in the class(es) as subs for when these leaders are away.

This group meets in the lower level from 930-11 while their mothers attend Oasis women's Bible study here at Bethel. We are planning to split into two age groups (gr 1-5/6-8), but would love a few more adults on our list to make that happen. There is typically a bible lesson, discussion time, a small craft and snack time. But this could be a bit flexible.

Plan to protect training and criminal record checks will be needed.

Email Laura at OasisBethelEdmonton@gmail.com for more information!

DUNAMIS: This fall, we'll be diving into *Gateways to Empowered Ministry*, exploring the Holy Spirit through the teachings of **Dunamis Fellowship Canada**. There are also snacks and free childcare for children Kindergarten age and younger. Oasis runs from September through mid-May, and **all women are welcome!** Questions? Email **Laura at OasisBethelEdmonton@gmail.com**

BETHEL YOUTH

BETHEL YOUTH: Friday night youth will resume on September 11 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Everyone in grade 7 to 12 are welcome to join us!

COMMUNITY NEWS

KING'S NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS: First day of classes is Wednesday, September 2 at The King's University. Let's lift our voices in unity, asking for guidance, wisdom, and blessings upon students, faculty, and staff. May this year be marked by learning and growth. May all students know the bright hope they have in Christ!

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY CES GRAND OPENING & HARVEST BANQUET: Join us on Saturday, October 3, 2026, as we celebrate the grand opening of the Centre for Excellence in the Sciences and our annual Harvest Banquet, giving thanks for God's faithfulness and looking ahead to Growing in Excellence together. Visit kingsu.ca/banquet or call 780-465-8316 to learn more or purchase tickets.

EMMANUEL SENIORS LIVING SOCIETY: You are invited to Emmanuel Home on Tuesday, September 8 to come enjoy an afternoon of classic antique cars, good food, and community fun! There is no entry fee, and everyone is welcome to attend. Burgers, pop, chips, and ice cream will be available for purchase. The show will run from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. *Weather Note:* If it rains, the car show will be cancelled, but the BBQ will still take place at Northern Perk Café in Emmanuel Home. All are welcome—we hope to see you there!

KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION: Please join **Kindred Hearts Cambodia Foundation** at their 12th annual **Fundraising Gala** on Friday, October 16, 2026! There will be a **live and silent auction**, as well as tasty food, a raffle and exciting updates on KHC programs! The event will be held at a beautiful new venue, the Royal Glenora Club. You can purchase tickets at eventbrite.ca or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. We hope to see you there!

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Youth Ministries Coordinator: West End Christian Reformed Church in Edmonton is hiring a Youth Ministries Coordinator. This job is a part-time position of up to 20 hours a week with a flexible work schedule and the possibility of job sharing with another qualified candidate. The Youth Ministries Coordinator will lead our junior high and high school ministries under the direction of the Pastor of Faith Formation and the Children and Youth Ministries Committee. For a detailed job description and if you would like to know more, please contact Carol Slomp at carol.slomp@westendcrc.ca or view the posting on our website (www.westendcrc.ca).

RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE: A fully furnished space is available beginning **September 1, 2026**, for either a **single Christian woman aged 50+** or a **Christian couple aged 50+**. If you or someone you know may be interested, please feel free to call **780-232-3876** for more information.

The space includes:

- 🛏 Queen-size bed, closet, and two dressers
- 🚿 Private washroom
- 🍽 Kitchenette
- 🛋 Private living space

\$900/month for a single

\$1,000/month for a couple

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,	August 30	6:30 a.m.	Prayer - in person & Zoom
10:00 a.m.	Worship - in person & live stream	8:00 p.m.	AA
MONDAY,	August 31	THURSDAY,	September 3
7:00 p.m.	Prayer – Zoom	2:00 p.m.	Food Bank
TUESDAY,	September 1	FRIDAY,	September 4
WEDNESDAY,	September 2	SATURDAY,	September 5