

November 7, 2025

1 THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

We continue our sermon series, **The Gospel for Everyone**, exploring the Romans Road through Paul's letter to the Romans. Each week we will reflect on a different "signpost" that helps us share the good news and journey the road together to Jesus. This week, we will look at how God's gift of freedom and forgiveness changes the direction and quality of our lives. We'll look at the signpost in Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Not only does Paul's reminder describe the true consequences of sin in our hearts, but it also guides us along the path to new life in Christ.

*For resources from The Gospel for Everyone series, visit discovebethel.com/resources

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION: The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) DUNAMIS FELLOWSHIP CANADA: is on a mission to mobilize, equip and deploy Spirit-empowered witnesses for Jesus Christ to take part in fulfilling the great commission. Dunamis offers courses and conferences on the person and work of the Holy Spirit based on Christ-centered, biblical teaching from a Reformed perspective and anchored in practical, experiential learning. Many Bethel people have taken part in Dunamis courses. For more information→http://www.dfcanada.org

COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

November 2 Christian Circle

November 9 Dunamis Fellowship Canada

November 16 Mustard Seed – The Mosaic Center

November 23 One Book November 30 Ministry Shares

OCHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to remember CALLIE (niece to Becky and Michael), MARIJKE COUVREUR, SYLVIA MILFORD, JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA, JOHN SNYDER and GRACE VLEEMING as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Our next Men's Breakfast will be on November 15. Please sign up here to save your spot for this great meal!

FAMILY TABLE: Are you raising kids or teens? Pull up a chair at The Family Table! This series of Sunday afternoon gatherings will help your family discover simple ways to grow faith at home. Join us after

church, **November 16**, for our second gathering, called *Praying Together at the Table*; a family potluck, time of vision, connection, and encouragement. Register here.

PROFESSION OF FAITH: This class will prepare you to publicly affirm your faith in Jesus Christ and is a step towards church membership. If you would like to learn what it means to follow Jesus Christ and live as a member of his church, please consider taking this course. It is open to all youth and adults and will be led by Camila Lazarotto (Director of Youth Ministries) and Pastor Wendy Werkman. The dates for the classes are November 18, 25, and December 2 from 7:00 – 9:00 at Bethel Church. Click <a href="https://example.com/heres/learning/heres/learni

FOLLOWING JESUS THROUGH OUR SEXUALITY (QUESTION AND RESPONSE): Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m., Pastor Cris will explore a biblical framework for how to reflect on sexuality in the context of our Christian faith. Following this reflection, there will be some time for question and response. We ask that questions be submitted in advance to give space for thoughtful response. We will do the best we can to respond to as many questions as we can in a way that intentionally serves the gathering and our ongoing reflection as a community. To submit questions in advance for reflection and possible discussion, go here.

CONNECTION SUNDAY: Join us November 23 after the service for another SOUP-ER SUNDAY! This is a great time to get to know your fellow church members while you enjoy a potluck soup lunch. We will need volunteers to setup and clean up, also we need people to bring some soup or dessert. Please click here to let us know how you can contribute to this whole church event!

TODAY MAGAZINES: The November/December issue of the Today magazine is now available in regular and large print. You can pick up a copy at the Welcome desk or take one from the magazine rack by the Library.

Ø GET INVOLVED

MALE LEADERS NEEDED: Bethel Youth is looking for more male leaders to mentor our youth. Please consider if you can help build into our next generation. Email Camila at: camila@discoverbethel.com

PRODUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need your help to keep our livestream going! We're looking for volunteers to join our Production Team! Our livestream ministry helps keep church accessible for those who are ill, working shifts, or unable to leave their home — allowing them to stay connected and worship with us.

Time Commitment: 1 Sunday a month

What you'll do: Switch between camera views during the service and monitor lighting ensuring everything runs smoothly

Training: 2–3 Thursday evening training sessions, then you'll serve on Sundays from 8:15 a.m. until the service ends

If you're interested or want to learn more, please contact lisa@discoverbethel.com. Let's keep sharing God's love through our livestream — we can't do it without you!

SING IN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR! The choir will sing at our 5:00 pm Christmas Eve service. Practices are on Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Sign up before November 7 by emailing lisa@discoverbethel.com

SMALL GROUPS: We invite you to sign up to be a part of something special! Small groups are where we grow in our faith in Jesus, support one another in times of need and welcome others on the journey of

faith. Groups are home based and typically work through a bible study, have faith discussions and share joys & needs and pray for one another. Click <u>here</u> to learn more or sign up!

SMALL GROUP FOR MEN: If you would like to be involved in a weekly small group, there's an opportunity for you! Connect with Kevin Magnes at 780-475-6520. This group meets every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at 2011-137 Avenue.

BETHEL YOUTH

YOUTH MOVIE CHARACTER NIGHT TONIGHT: Dress-up as a movie character and join us for our Movie Character Night! Friday, November 7th 2025 from 7-10pm here at the church! We are having pizza and would love you to sign-up in advance so click here.

YOUTH RETREAT: Join us at our Youth Retreat, Zeal, November 28 -30th at Camp Nakamun. Click <u>here</u> for more details and to register. Deadline to register is November 16.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supports Kindred Hearts Cambodia! The Kindred Hearts Cambodia Fundraising Gala was a huge success! We had a record 130 attendees and raised a record amount for our health programs: nearly \$39,000! We are truly grateful to be able to operate our programs another year.

DAYS FOR GIRLS: Days for Girls Canada Society is a registered Canadian not for profit and is a Country Affiliate with Days for Girls International. Volunteers across Canada mobilize to increase access to menstrual products and vital health information for women and girls around the world.

In October, John Lendein was able to add 350 kits for the Bettesu school, and 50 special kits for any woman that delivers a baby in the clinic to another shipment that was being sent to Bettesu Liberia. All of that was possible because of your great contribution.

Our next work bee is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, from 9 am to 12 noon. Please join us for this worthwhile cause. We could use workers with sewing machines and sergers, but we also need help from non-sewers for a variety of tasks: ironing, cutting, adding snaps, measuring and tracing, folding, etc. This request for help is not just for ladies, as we also have men that come out to help. Some of the tasks require a level of strength that unfortunately not all ladies have. Please let me know if you plan on coming so we can ensure we bring enough work for everyone: lindesrosiers@gmail.com

Location: LDS Church, 9010 - 85 Street NW Edmonton. Please come to the west side back door.

VINE WORSHIP 654 – Saturday, November 9, join <u>The Vine</u> young adult community at Trinity CRC for an evening of praise, worship, and connection open to all ages. Come and lift your hearts in contemporary worship as we gather to celebrate our Lord together as one community. Worship begins at 6:54pm.

EMMANUEL HOME'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET: You are invited to attend on Saturday, November 22 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Emmanuel Home's North Wing Common Space! Come and peruse some fabulous vendors, eat some delicious Dutch treats and lunch items, and catch up with friends and acquaintances you may have not seen since last year's event! Looking forward to seeing you there!

REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES: Join us for our "Little Town" Christmas Market on November 29, at 3920 – 49 Ave. in Stony Plain from 9 am-4 pm. Breakfast from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and lunch from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m; each offered at \$6/adult and \$4/child. We are still accepting vendors for the market. Please

contact Kim at 780-965-7472 or kim.stefura@rcmflourish.ca We look forward to sharing the festive spirit with you.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30 something): You're invited! Join The Vine Community for a 3-part "Love, Life & Faith" Series & Dinner on Nov 23 (and Jan 11 &25). Come out for an evening of real talk, meaningful connection, and shared dinner as young adults from across the community explore life, love, and faith together. Hosted by Daryl & Sheri Van Driel (15426 59 St Edmonton). 5:30-7:30pm. RSVP to 780-916-3364 (text/WhatsApp), or trinityvinecommunity@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS AT SEA: Christmas at Sea is approaching, and once again your support would be greatly appreciated. Cheques should be made payable to "Ministry to Seafarers" and sent to 401 E. Waterfront Rd., Vancouver, BC V6A 4G9. You can also e-transfer funds to finance@ministrytoseafarers.com. Please clearly designate funds for "Christmas at Sea."

HOW WE SEE GOD: ADVENT THROUGH THE EYES OF REMBRANDT: At Christmas we celebrate God becoming visibly present among us, and in so doing bringing his peace. "How We See God" is a one evening retreat reflecting on Jesus' birth through the work of the great Dutch master artist, Rembrandt. Under the guidance of pastor Tony Maan (M.Div, PhD), we will engage a visual celebration of the Word becoming Flesh and dwelling among us. Join us on Thursday, November 27, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Star of the North Retreat Centre, 3A Vital Avenue, St.Albert, AB. Please register (\$25.00) at StaroftheNorth.ca/Rembrandt or 780-459-5511.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS: Join organists Dr. Marnie Giesbrecht and Dr. Joachim Segger, with conductor Andrew Bortz at the Winspear Centre, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. This cherished Advent celebration features the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus and the Davis Concert Organ, weaving together Scripture readings, anthems, and carols that prepare our hearts for Christmas. The proceeds for this event go to the Campus Food Bank. Tickets are available online or by calling 780-428-1414.

INTERMISSION SILENT RETREAT: now in its 20th year, is happening at Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert, November 21-23, 2025. Cost for the weekend is \$550 and includes 5 meals, 2 nights accommodation, 2-3 sessions of spiritual direction, and all the amenities of the retreat centre. Rest, renew, reflect, meet with God. For more information and to register contact Ron at rev.klok@gmail.com

STUDION SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: is now receiving applications for its next cohort group. The Studion is a two-year, part-time program that offers comprehensive training in the skill and art of Christian spiritual direction. Application deadline is December 31, 2025. Inquiries can be made to thestudionschool@gmail.com or rev.klok@gmail.com. For more information, upcoming online events, and application forms, check out the website: https://www.thestudionschool.com

MISSION THRIFT STORE EDMONTON: is looking for a new bookkeeper. If you have the skills and would more information, contact Pete Ages at 780-934-8332

CRC NEWS: Check out what's happening in the CRC community <u>here.</u>

CRCNA ANNOUNCEMENTS: Connecting church members with the ministries of the denomination. Find out more by visiting the website here.

1 THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, November 9

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

10:00 a.m. Youth & Pancakes

MONDAY, November 10

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

TUESDAY, November 11 – Office Closed for

Remembrance Day

NO Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Cadets

WEDNESDAY, November 12

6:30 a.m. Prayer-In-person & Zoom

9:30 a.m. Oasis 8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, November 13

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

FRIDAY, November 14 NO Bethel Youth

SATURDAY, November 15

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast