



April 28, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This week we continue our journey through **40 Days of Belonging**. Each week we are exploring a key value that shapes who we are becoming as a church family: a “House of the Lord” – which is what Bethel means – and a “House of Belonging.” Our goal is to re-affirm what this means for every person at Bethel and allow unity for what we care about most to guide our lives together in Christ.

On Sunday, we will look at God’s call for us as a **Family of All Generations**

God’s story among us demonstrates how he has moved throughout history not just in our own lives, but through the lives of all ages. Our church family is the intersection of the generations, where each person shares, contributes and receives from one another. Just as we join Jesus in saying “let nothing hinder the children to come to him” (Matthew 19:14), we also rush to the sages in our midst for wisdom (Job 12:12). We have so much to learn from one another, but the greatest thing we can offer to each other is the testimony of what God has done. May we be a family always committed to sharing God’s story and living it out with the many generations God has shaped around us.

The message this Sunday will focus on Psalm 78:1-8, “**A Family of All Generations.**”

Following the message, we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper together. For those attending in-person, we will invite you to come forward to receive the elements at the front, sharing them together as a group. If you are not able to come forward, please raise your hand and the elements will be brought to you. Gluten-free bread is available for those who desire this option.

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.

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

April 28 is GEMS Sunday and we are excited for the girls in our GEMS program to serve with some of the elements of our worship.

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **DYNAMIC YOUTH MINISTRIES:** provides programs, curriculum, materials, and training designed to bring children and youth into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. This collection will specifically support the GEMS ministries.

NEXT WEEK – MINISTRY SHARES: Supports various CRC initiatives that send missionaries around the world, start new churches, train pastors and leaders, and use media to spread the gospel.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

We rejoice that on Sunday, May 5th, **ELLA DALMAIJER** will profess her faith in Jesus Christ. We hope that you join us in praying for Ella as she takes this momentous step in her faith journey.

MELANIE and NATE WRIGHT are absolutely thrilled and feeling incredibly blessed to welcome James Aaron Arturo Wright to their family. He was born April 15th at 10:02 a.m. weighing 8lbs 3oz. Mom and baby are doing great! **NATE WRIGHT** also had an unexpected surgery earlier this week requiring removal of his appendix. Praise God for his provision of taking care of Nate through the medical system before his appendix ruptured. Prayers for their family as both Melanie and Nate recover from their surgeries and manage at home with a newborn and toddler!

Please continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN, DRIKA DUTHLER, MIKE JACKSON, JENNY PENFOLD, DON PROKUDA, ELEANOR PROKUDA, EVANS KOTIO, JANE SHULTZ, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP** and **EVERT VROON** as you pray for our church community.

Please be aware of a phone number correction for **HANS HUIZINGA** in the Church Directory. The correct phone number is 780-473-9045.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

40 DAYS OF BELONGING SERIES: This Spring we want to ask an important question as a church: What does it mean to belong to Bethel? We will be reflecting on our key values which shape who God has called us to become as a church family and a “house of the Lord.” If this is the kind of house we’re supposed to be, we want to re-affirm what this means for every person at Bethel. This conversation in our church should flow through everything we do. Every week we will send out resources and discussion guides. Every Sunday we will focus on another value that draws us together as a family through our sermon series, House of Belonging. We’d love for you to journey with us as we say together as members of one body: **You belong here.** For details and, visit discoverbethel.com/belong.

NIGHT OF BELONGING - SAVE THE DATE: Through our House of Belonging series, we wanted to express to every one a part of Bethel: You belong here. Join us for an "All-In" family gathering on Monday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m., a night filled with stories, fellowship, and fun. We're grateful for the family God has made among us, and we're excited for what's next!

NEW BIBLE READING PLAN - THE GOOD LIFE by the Bible Project: Have you been part of Bethel’s Bible Reading Plan? This is a great way to try something new or continue your journey through the bible. Starting May 10, in this 14-day plan, you’ll gain two complementary perspectives on how to experience the good life. Proverbs invites readers to fear God and follow wisdom. Ecclesiastes challenges the reader to think more deeply about God’s goodness in light of death and the unpredictable nature of life. Try it out and be part of the conversation! Find the plan [here](#). To join the Bethel Group email Pastor Wendy at wendy@discoverbethel.com

24/7 PRAYER WEEK – SEEK MY FACE, A WEEK OF CONTINUAL PRAYER: We will be dedicating May 12-19 as a week of 24/7prayer. We hope to have at least one person in the building praying every hour for the whole week. (What a way to lead up to Pentecost Sunday on May 19!) You can sign up for prayer slots [HERE](#). This is the 24-7 Prayer website and you will need to create a log in to confirm your spot. You can also visit the 24/7 Prayer page [here](#). If you are willing to be a night security guard or a host/greeter for the event, please call Pastor Wendy to let her know (780-476-3762). We invite you to come and pray!

FAMILY WORSHIP MEET ‘n’ EAT (aka Family Worship Camp): Families with children under 18, you are invited to join us for our final Family Worship Meet ‘n’ Eat after the service Sunday May 5. After enjoying lunch together, we will split into learning groups for parents, teens, and children. Childcare is available for 3 and under. Please help us prepare by registering [here](#).

WOMEN’S BEAUTY IN BLOOM EVENT: Please join us on Friday, May 24, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Bethel Community Church for our Beauty in Bloom Event. Enjoy a night of delicious desserts and refreshments, worship, and a session to plant flowers in a pot for your front porch or deck. The cost for the event is \$30. The deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, May 15. Click [here](#) to register.

BETHEL KIDS AND YOUTH PRAYER CARDS: We are working on creating this year’s prayer cards for all children and youth at Bethel. Our hope is that every child and teen (ages 0-17) would have a member of the congregation intentionally praying for them. If you consider Bethel to be your home church and would like your teen(s)/child(ren) to be included, please fill out the form [here](#) and send us an updated photo of your child. We hope to distribute prayer cards to the congregation in late May. Email

selikke@discoverbethel.com if you have any questions.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS WITH A HEART FOR MISSIONS: Are you a young adult and over the age of 18? Do you have missions' opportunities lined up for the summer with your university or a missions program? Did you know Bethel's World Missions Committee has grant funding available for short term (less than a month) and long term (more than a month) missions opportunities. If this is something you're interested in, email a letter of application to Pastor Cathy at cathy@discoverbethel.com by May 6. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Please include your mission group, location, duration, a brief description and how this will grow your faith.

TODAY DEVOTIONALS FOR MAY AND JUNE are available now. Find them in the literature rack or at the Membership Desk.

BETHEL YOUTH

CATALYST: On Friday May 3rd Bethel youth is going to be starting up Catalyst again for the month of May. Come and join us at 7:00 p.m. for a time of games, fun, and most of all fellowship with other youth in the Bethel Community. For more information on Catalyst, feel free to look at the updated youth page. [Youth | Bethel Community CRC](#). I look forward to seeing you there!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

COLLECTIONS IN APRIL

April 7	Ministry Shares
April 14	Refugee Fund
April 21	International Justice Mission of Canada
April 28	Dynamic Youth Ministries - GEMS

Please visit our website at 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.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, April 28

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

MONDAY, April 29

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, April 30

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. ALPHA The Marriage Course

7:00 p.m. Cadets

WEDNESDAY, May 1

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and zoom

9:30 a.m. Oasis

7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, May 2

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, May 3

7:00 p.m. Youth Catalyst

SATURDAY, May 4

COMMUNITY NEWS

EDMONTON PRAYER BREAKFAST: The 26th edition of the Edmonton Prayer Breakfast is taking place this spring on Thursday, May 9th! As the Christian community of the Edmonton region, this event is a

significant opportunity for us to come together to make an inspirational impact in our city. Your attendance is a reminder to our Mayor, civic leaders, and first responders that the Christian community is active and engaged in our city and that we are upholding them in prayer. For complete event details and to book your table/tickets online go to www.edmontonprayerbreakfast.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

EMMANUEL HOME GOLF TOURNAMENT - presented by Keller Construction Ltd. Join us at **The Ranch Golf & Country Club on Saturday, June 22**, for an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start! The day includes a few fun challenges at some holes, prizes, and a delicious steak dinner. All proceeds directly support the residents at Emmanuel Home. Check out our website <https://emmanuelhome.ca/involved/golf-tournament> for the registration form, sponsoring opportunities and to sign up, or reach out to Laura Pothoven at lpothoven@emmanuelhome.ca.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH? THERE IS SUPPORT! Classis Alberta North's Student Support Team invites those considering full-time ordained or non-ordained ministry in the Christian Reformed Church to apply for a forgivable loan to support their graduate studies. Application forms and further information can be found at the Classis Alberta North [website](#). The application deadline is May 31, 2024. Questions and completed forms can be forwarded to Student Support Team chair Peter Rockhold (peterrockhold@gmail.com).

HOPE MISSION NO CHILD HUNGRY WALK: Every day across the province I see children and youth coming to school hungry. These kids come to our programs who have had nothing to eat all day, and our staff across Alberta work at not only feeding hungry tummies, but also to help teens stay in school who would have otherwise dropped out to help provide for their younger siblings. Walk with us June 15th to raise hope for Albertans struggling with the challenges of rising costs. The No Child Hungry Walk will take place in Edmonton, Calgary, Camrose, and Red Deer. You can sign up to walk or donate at this [link](#).

PRISON FELLOWSHIP CANADA – ANGEL TREE CAMPING program connects church communities and individuals with the families of prisoners through a Summer Camp experience. Children have the opportunity to step outside of their home situation and into a camp environment full of adventure and fun. It also provides them with the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and the difference He can make in their lives. To donate and learn more about this program please visit prisonfellowship.ca.

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](#).