



September 19, 2025

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday, September 21, we continue our fall sermon series, *Habits of the Church*. The Book of Acts gives us a picture of a church alive with purpose, passion, and power, modeling six habits that shaped the early church: devotion to God's Word, life-giving fellowship, the breaking of bread, powerful prayer, generosity and worshipful witness. It's the table that unites us. The first church was a community, not just a crowd. Fellowship went beyond casual friendliness—it was a committed sharing of life, faith, resources, and burdens. This message will unpack the biblical idea of breaking bread, how it reminds us of the Lord's Supper, community, and hospitality in a way that strengthen believers and makes them ready to testify to the world about Jesus.

The message this Sunday will focus on Acts 2:42-47, "To the Breaking of Bread."

## OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **EDMONTON NATIVE HEALING CENTER:** works to journey alongside the urban Aboriginal population to reconnect people to culture and ceremony. Christ is presented as the center of our culture and ceremonies; new life is breathed into our old ways.  
For more information→[e-nhc.org/](http://e-nhc.org/)

## COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

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| September 7  | Alpha Canada                   |
| September 14 | King's University              |
| September 21 | Edmonton Native Healing Center |
| September 28 | Ministry Shares                |

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN, MARIJKE COUVREUR, SYLVIA MILFORD, JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA** and **JEAN SAATHOF** as you pray for our church community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BETHEL FAMILIES:** Among the many significant practices of the church, celebration the Lord's Supper beautifully captures God's grace and his acceptance of us in Christ. We want to emphasize this more and more for children growing up in Bethel. Children are welcome to receive communion just as God welcomes them. We will plan for upcoming services that include celebrating the Lord's Supper (typically the last Sunday of the month) to also have sufficient time for parents to check out their children from Bethel Kids after the message. The first service where we will intentionally invite families to include their

children as part of the Lord's Supper will be on September 28, 2025.

There are two additional things to note here:

1. We support the discernment of parents about if your children are ready to participate in the Lord's Supper. We ask you to pray and reflect on this as a family – not to mention talk with your kids, which may lead to some great conversations about the gospel and the Lord's Supper.
2. We have resources available to talk about this at home. Please take a look on the resources tab for the current sermon series [here](#) – under "To the Breaking of Bread."
3. If you have questions, or are unsure, please don't hesitate to reach out to our staff team. We would be happy to walk alongside you as you prepare your family for celebrating the Lord's Supper together.

**PLAN TO PROTECT FALL SESSION:** This training is for anyone who is currently volunteering or will be working with children, youth, or vulnerable adults this coming year. The next training session will be on Wednesday, October 1. The session is 2.5 hours, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. and is for those who need to have a refresher and for those who have never attended. Anyone who has been before will need to attend because we have not run the sessions for some time. Please sign up [here](#).

**GEMS:** (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior). - Empowering girls to feel confident, secure and loved. We hope to have a wonderful year together building skills, experiencing God's love and growing in faith. Come join us for fellowship, Bible study, badge work, and lots of fun. GEMS runs alternating Tuesdays, from 7:00-8:30pm, starting September 23. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

**GEMS FUNDRAISER:** on Monday, September 29, we are making freezer meals again with Collective Kitchen. Two sessions are available, 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Make 10 freezer meals to take home for the cost of \$300. To sign up, please use this [link](#). Any questions, text or call Marjy at 780-995-1369.

**CADETS:** Cadets is a group for boys in grade 2-6. Cadets meets every second Tuesday from 7:00- 8:30pm from October – May. Our first Cadets night is October 14. Through badge work, games, and physical activities, this group of boys build relationships, gain skills, and become more Christ-like in all areas of their lives. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

**FAMILY TABLE:** Are you raising kids or teens? Pull up a chair at *The Family Table*! This new series of Sunday afternoon gatherings will help your family discover simple ways to grow faith at home. Join us Sept. 21 after church for *Setting the Table*, a family potluck and time of vision, connection, and encouragement. Bring a dish to share and be ready for some great fellowship and inspiration. Families with children and teens (ages 0-18), sign up [here](#).

**YOUNG ADULTS:** Join us each month for Bethel Young Adults Gathering. This month, we will meet on Sunday, September 28, 2025, 7:00–8:30 p.m. hosted at the Harpers. We will spend time in prayer and worship, exploring how we can support each other into the fall. Snacks provided. Email Pastor Cris at [cris@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cris@discoverbethel.com) for details.

**DISCOVER BETHEL CLASS:** If you are interested in learning more about Bethel Community Church or if you are considering becoming a member of Bethel, we invite you to join this 2-hour session after the service on Sunday, September 28, in the Fireside room (adjacent to the main entrance). You will learn about the history of Bethel Community Church, its ministries and mission, and the Christian Reformed Church

denomination. Please RSVP by clicking [here](#). A light lunch will be served. For more information, please email Pastor Cathy at [cathy@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cathy@discoverbethel.com)

**WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT:** The women of Bethel Community Church are having a retreat, *Still Waters, Deep Roots*, at Camp Nakamun, from Friday October 31 to Sunday November 2, 2025. Join us for a weekend away to learn, deepen our relationships with God, and strengthen our community as a church. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register. **Registration closes on Sunday night September 21, 2025!**

## GET INVOLVED

**BETHEL KIDS:** We need lots of adults to share God's word and show his love to these amazing children of the King. Whether you are a storyteller, activity leader, baby cuddler, security monitor, check-in desk manager, or an extra set of hands to assist a leader, we would love to have you. Check out our team sign up page, [here](#).

**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 [here](#) to learn more or sign up!

**A BIG COOK IS COMING!** Meals Ministry invites you to join us in a big cook on Saturday, October 4 from 1:00-4:00 p.m! An afternoon of laughter and visiting and putting some freezer meals together to help the deacons and staff bless members of the community when they are going through a time of need.

## BETHEL YOUTH

**FALL YOUTH LAUNCH GAMES NIGHT:** Join us on Friday, September 19, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 p.m. as we kickoff our youth ministry for a night of games and fun!! Connect, grow, and have a great time together! Get the fall calendar [here](#).

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no youth on September 26, but we look forward to another fun youth night on October 3!

**YOUTH AND PANCAKES:** Sunday September 28, all youth grades 7-12 are invited to meet in the Lower Level during the service for pancakes and a time of connection.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**WILLOWWOOD CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL – Spaces available:** We are still accepting registrations for the 2025-26 school year. If you are looking for a great play-based Christian preschool for your 3 or 4 year old, we would love to have you join us. Located in Bethel Community Church, WillowWood offers both a 3 day and 2 day morning program. For more information and to register, visit [willowwoodpreschool.com](http://willowwoodpreschool.com).

**WE'RE HIRING** – WillowWood Christian Preschool is looking for a teaching assistant for our program. This position is 18 hours/week, 8:30- 12:00 M-F, plus a short weekly staff meeting. If you have a passion for play-based preschool education, hold at minimum a level 1 Early Childhood Educator certificate, and are

an active member of a Christian church, please send your resume and cover letter to [willowwood@discoverbethel.com](mailto:willowwood@discoverbethel.com). Full job description available [here](#).

**DAYS FOR GIRLS WORK BEE:** Our next work bee is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 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 email Line at [lindesrosiers@gmail.com](mailto:lindesrosiers@gmail.com) if you plan on coming so we can ensure we bring enough work for everyone: Location: LDS Church, 9010 - 85 Street. Please come to the west side back door.

**GRAND OPENING AT LIGHTHOUSE:** You are invited to attend our grand opening celebration of Lighthouse, an Emmanuel Home community, located at 11425 St. Albert Trail NW. The celebration will be on Thursday, September 25 at 3:30 p.m. The celebration will consist of a short program, ribbon cutting, reception and tours. RSVP by September 19 to [info@the-lighthouse.ca](mailto:info@the-lighthouse.ca).

**EVENING OF DREAMS GALA:** Celebrate with us at Adeara Recovery Centre's annual Evening of Dreams Gala, Friday October 3. This spectacular event is designed to inspire and bring hope as we support women who are building new futures for themselves and their children after addiction. Tickets available [here](#).

**THE KING'S UNIVERSITY HARVEST BANQUET:** Join us for our annual Harvest Banquet at The King's University on October 4, 2025. Let's gather in fellowship and reflect on the ways Christian education shapes lives for God's glory. Early Bird tickets are now available! Visit [here](#) or call 780-465-8314 to learn more or purchase tickets. We hope to see you there!

**LOVEDMONTON'S DINNER & SILENT AUCTION:** You are invited to celebrate with us God's transformative work in our community. At Lovedmonton, our mission is to be a storefront to the gospel, reaching people who might never walk into a church. Through relational ministry, we meet people where they are, sharing God's love in ways that are meaningful and accessible. Your support makes this possible, and we can't wait to celebrate the impact we've made together. Join us October 17th, 2025! Click [here](#) for tickets.

**KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION:** Please join Kindred Hearts Cambodia Foundation at their 11th annual Fundraiser Gala & Silent Auction on Friday, October 17, 2025! There will be amazing food, live entertainment, a 50/50 draw and great company! Come out for a fun evening, while supporting the KHC programs in remote Cambodia. The event will be at the Woodvale Community Facility (Millwoods Golf Course Clubhouse) and early bird tickets are only \$20, available at [eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca) or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. See you there!

**DUNAMIS FELLOWSHIP CANADA:** Dunamis Essentials will be hosted at Bethel Community Church October 16-18. Registration for The Power of Prayer is now open. Click [here](#) for more information.

**CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH:** There are several opportunities to serve the wider CRC community. Please consider submitting a nomination or volunteering for one of the following roles:

1. Classis continues to desperately seek someone willing to serve as Treasurer.
2. Classis needs a Minister of the Word (active or retired) to serve on the Classis Interim Committee
3. Classis Alberta North is looking for 2 Ministers of the Word (active or retired) to serve as Synodical Deputy and Alternate Synodical Deputy respectively.
4. Classis needs persons to serve on the Classis Abuse Response Team (CART). Click [HERE](#) for information about CART.

5. Classis seeks nominations for a Minister of the Word (active or retired) to serve as our representative on the Board of Calvin Theological Seminary.

Our denomination is also seeking nominations for:

- a Minister of the Word (active or retired) to serve on the Judicial Code Committee,
- a non-ordained person with no legal training to serve on the Judicial Code Committee,
- a “at-large” member of the Council of Delegates, and
- a person to serve on the Candidacy Committee.

Click [HERE](#) for information about the Judicial Code Committee and the Council of Delegates.

Click [HERE](#) for information about the Candidacy Committee. (Scroll to page 11.)

Send names to Lucinda Klapwyk, Nominations Coordinator, at [lklapwyk@yahoo.ca](mailto:lklapwyk@yahoo.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](#).

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY, September 21**

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

9:30 a.m. Oasis

8:00 p.m. AA

### **MONDAY, September 22**

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

### **THURSDAY, September 25**

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

### **TUESDAY, September 23**

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - GEMS

### **FRIDAY, September 26**

7:00 p.m. Leadership Retreat Night

### **WEDNESDAY, September 24**

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

### **SATURDAY, September 27**