



November 20, 2022

## TODAY'S SERVICE

**THIS SUNDAY:** We will be worshipping together through one service in person and over live stream at 10:00 a.m. To join us online, go to Bethel's home page and click on the button that says: "Worship Online With Us."

On Sunday, we will wrap up our sermon series, "Flourish: Life by the Spirit," by reflecting on self-control, the last fruit of the Spirit Paul lists in Galatians 5. This original list contrasts the fruits of those who walk in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) with those who live according to their own way – out of control (Galatians 5:19-21). The only way we release our own attempts to control our lives is to surrender them to God, and we only do this when God's grace appears to us. It is God's grace that compels us to say "yes" to following Jesus; and it is God's grace that enables us to say "no" to the world (and ourselves at times). This is exactly what Paul instructs Titus about God's grace: If we hear it, receive it, and practice it – we will have all we need, by the power of the spirit, to flourish in life, resisting sin and cultivating self-controlled, godly lives.

Our message Sunday will focus on Titus 2:11-14 "The Freedom and Discipline of Surrender".

## OUR OFFERINGS THIS MORNING

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **EDUDEO MINISTRIES:** EduDeo Ministries is a Canadian, Christian, mission organization serving children in developing countries with quality education rooted in a Biblical worldview.

**NEXT WEEK – BETHEL WORLD MISSION VISION:** This support goes towards the missionary endeavors Bethel has identified in Nicaragua and El Salvador.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep **MARY RIETVELD** in your prayers as she had a procedure done on her foot and will be home recuperating for the next few weeks.

Please continue to pray for **CURTIS COENEN, ELLA JENSEN, HAWA LENDEIN, ELEANOR PROKUDA, JILL SNEEP, and WILLY VROON.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FAMILY MEAL AFTER WORSHIP:** "A Taste of the World" on Sunday, November 20. In collaboration with Youth Missions and the Multi-Ethnic Team, we are hosting a free potluck lunch where the Youth Mission will be collecting donations. Share your ethnicity and culture by bringing a dish for the meal. However, everyone is welcome, you do not have to bring anything to join. This is to help raise support for the upcoming Mexico mission trip and celebrate the cultures of the world in our community. The Youth Missions Team will be hosting a taco bar as part of the lunch. You can join in with the meal by emailing [info@discoverbethel.com](mailto:info@discoverbethel.com) or just coming downstairs after the service.

**UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** We would love to see you in person for the congregational meeting happening on November 23, 2022, starting 7:00 p.m. If you're not able to attend in person, the meeting will be accessible via Zoom.

Join the Zoom Meeting [here](#).

Meeting ID: 817 6518 2270

Passcode: 175631

**AFFIRMATION VOTE AT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Our current council has been in search of some new leaders who God is calling to serve on council. Marjean Verseveldt has been nominated through this process and is willing to serve in this role. As mentioned over a week ago, we plan to vote in the upcoming congregational meeting on the appointment of Marjean to join council as a deacon.

We give thanks for how God calls us to serve in his church. We share this update with you all so that you can pray for Marjean and her husband, Laurence, about this calling. We ask that you also pray for Bethel as we discern how to walk in step with the Spirit and with one another. If you have any questions about the process, please feel free to email the Governing Elders ([governingelders@discoverbethel.com](mailto:governingelders@discoverbethel.com)).

*\*There will be several items for professing members to vote on. If you are joining us with zoom, you will only be able to submit one vote per user for each item.*

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING -- and so is your opportunity to bless the Bannerman community.** The annual Christmas hampers & gift program is back, and we need Bethel's support. Last year, we blessed families and children with gift cards for groceries and gifts. This year, we're providing gift cards for hampers and physical gifts for families -- and you, your family, or your small group can play a special role in two different ways:

1. Make a financial donation to "Christmas Hampers and Gifts" through all the usual Bethel giving methods.
2. On November 27, visit the Christmas tree set up at the back of the church, choose a gift tag (or multiple tags!), and purchase gifts to bless kids in the Bannerman community. Each tag has the age and gender of a child in need of a present, as well as a number. Pick the gift tag, fill out the attached info card, and leave the info card so we know which gift you are buying. Please bring all gifts & the attached gift tag to the church before Sunday, December 11.

Please contact Selikke at 780-499-3731 or Ritta at 780-476-5076 if you have any questions or need more information. Thank you for blessing the Bannerman community!

**ONE-DAY PRAYER SUMMIT:** Trinity Christian Reformed Church is inviting Bethel Church to a full-day prayer summit on Sunday November 27 at 10:00 a.m. Join us for extended times of prayer, worship, testimonies, and learning/practice.

- Day begins with morning service at 10:00 a.m. (feel free to attend your own church service).
- Afternoon starts at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Jim Hall, a local pastor, who has been heading up House of Prayer Edmonton for many years, will bring God's Word.
- At 3:30 p.m. Pastor Victor Ko of mosaicHouse CRC will lead us. We will also meet Selena Headley, a missionary from South Africa, serving with Resonate.
- The day will end celebrating the Lord's Supper.

Please reserve this day as a special day of prayer for our churches, the greater needs of the worldwide church and our world at Trinity Christian Reformed 13427 - 57 Street, Edmonton.

**YOUTH CATALYST BIBLE STUDY:** On Friday, November 18th at 7 p.m. Bethel Youth will be continuing their Bible study series on the Sacred Pathways as they discuss how to connect with God through caring for others. During Catalyst, teens in grades 7-12 are invited for worship, teaching, small group discussion (otherwise known as "tribe time"), and snacks. As they discuss how to serve, care, and love others, they will decide together how they want to spend their time serving during "Serve Night" scheduled for Friday, December 2nd.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR YOUTH NAKAMUN WINTER RETREAT:** During the weekend of January 6-8, 2023, Bethel Youth will be travelling to Camp Nakamun for their Winter Youth Retreat. Registration will open soon.

**ADVENT BOX:** The advent boxes are ready for pick up. If you signed up for a box, please come to the back of the sanctuary after the service to collect it. You can also pick up your box during church office hours this week. If you did not order a box, but would still like one, please talk to us after the service, or email Selikke at [kids@discoverbethel.com](mailto:kids@discoverbethel.com) and we will put one together for you. These advent boxes include a daily devotional and activity, a weekly reading, and small gifts representing the advent theme for each week. May you be blessed by this box, and may the items help you prepare your hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's ultimate gift to us.

**EXPERIENCE WITH WRITING GRANT PROPOSAL REQUESTS:** Bethel is looking for someone with experience or training in writing grant proposal requests. We are currently working on a grant proposal for funds to help develop our worship teams. Work on the proposal can be done at home but you will need to have a secure computer. If you are able help with this task and have an interest in assisting, please contact Lisa Vanderheide at [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com) or Hilda Buisman at [administrator@discoverbethel.com](mailto:administrator@discoverbethel.com).

**THE DEACONS** are looking for someone to help one of our Bethel members with house cleaning for their townhouse. This would include cleaning the bathroom, vacuuming, washing the floor and cleaning the kitchen for about 3 to 4 hours every second week. They are willing to compensate you for your time. If you are interested, please contact Linda Bird at (780)473-2060.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR** is starting up! First practice is December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Sign up by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, by emailing [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com).

#### **COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER:**

November 6	Ministry Shares
November 13	Dunamis Fellowship Canada
November 20	EduDeo Ministries
November 27	Bethel World Mission Vision

**GIVING:** 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 [sara@discoverbethel.com](mailto:sara@discoverbethel.com).

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**EMMANUEL HOME - Online Auction and Christmas Market.** Our annual Auction to support residents of Emmanuel Home will be held online this year from November 21-25 at [Emmanuel Home's Silent Auction | 32auctions](#). Check out our great selection of items and create an account so that you are ready to start bidding on Monday, November 21. In addition, our annual Christmas Market will be held at Emmanuel Home on Saturday, November 26 from 9:30 – 2:00 pm with Christmas crafts, good eats, and fun fellowship. All proceeds will be used for the care and support of our residents. For more information contact Emmanuel Home at 780-442-3122 or [fwoudstra@emmanuelhome.ca](mailto:fwoudstra@emmanuelhome.ca).

**REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES** is excited to invite you back to our annual **Pancake Breakfast** (served from 9:00 – 11:30 am) and **Christmas Craft Sale** on **December 3, 2022**, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at 3920 - 49 Ave. in Stony Plain. Cost for breakfast; \$5.00/adult & \$3.00/child. Come check out the selection of great stocking stuffers and Christmas gifts. Once again, we are pleased to have other vendors join us; call 780-968-4315 for information. We look forward to sharing the festive spirit with you.

**FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS:** Rick Mast, our Campus Minister at the University of Alberta, invites you to a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Advent & Christmas, Mon., Nov. 28 @ 7:30 p.m. in the Winspear Centre! Thrill to the music of the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus and Handbell Ringers. Sing carols along with the mighty Davis Concert Organ! Click [here](#) to purchase tickets: \$25 ea. (plus service chg.) or through the Winspear Box Office (428-1414).

**COVENANT CRC** was given the opportunity to support the Bakurov family as they evacuated Ukraine in September. The Bakurov family is now looking to buy a used vehicle. Do you have one, or have of a connection with someone who has a vehicle for sale? They need a vehicle as soon as possible. If you have a car or any leads on one, please contact Alison and Daniel ([adheigh1@gmail.com](mailto:adheigh1@gmail.com)).

**STEVE BELL IN CONCERT:** Steve will be hosting an evening of story and song, featuring music from his latest album, "Wouldn't You Love to Know," as well as classics and favourites. Join him Sunday, December 4, 2022 at Corpus Christi Parish (2707 34 Street NW). Tickets are \$26.00 and are available [here](#).

**THE COLOR:** Invites you to a night of worship, fun and entertainment for the whole family. Join them at Champion City Church on November 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. for a community worship concert. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

**PARTNER COMMUNITY WILL CLINIC:** Gain peace of mind and answers to your charitable giving and estate questions by participating in Christian Stewardship Services' upcoming Partner Community Will Clinic! The online clinic will be on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30p.m. EST. Register [here](#) for the online will clinic.

**KING'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** The King's University invites all members to provide nominations for the Board of Governors commencing in Fall 2023. They are looking for nominees from the broader Christian community who support the [Statement of Faith and Mission Statement](#) of The King's University and who have board or leadership expertise. In particular, we welcome nominations from those who reflect the diversity seen in our students and campus community, including those who have Indigenous background or represent minority communities.

**SOCO BEACH PROJECT - SUMMER YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP EXPERIENCE:** Are you or is someone you know a young adult (18 - 29) looking to dig deeper into the life of faith and what impact that has on their unfolding life story? Check out the SoCo Beach Project - an intentional Christian community experience from May - August located in Port Dover, Ontario. Applications are open for SoCo 2023- deadline is Jan. 16 '23. For more information or a deeper conversation about this experience, email Pastor Willemina Zwart: [info@southcoastbeachproject.org](mailto:info@southcoastbeachproject.org). Hear the reflections of last year's participants and check out the latest newsletter [here](#).

**BIBLICAL STUDY TOUR TO ITALY:** (May 22 - June 2, 2023): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral, the impressive monuments of ancient Rome, Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius, Assisi (home of St. Francis), Florence, Ravenna, and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu) or [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110).

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY, November 20**

10:00 a.m. Worship - In Person & Live Stream  
12:00 p.m. Family Meal -Taste of the World

### **MONDAY, November 21**

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, November 22**

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

### **WEDNESDAY, November 23**

6:30 a.m. Prayer - In person & Zoom  
9:30 a.m. Oasis - Women's Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting  
8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, November 24**

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice  
5:00 p.m. Taekwondo  
7:00 p.m. GEMS – Trinity CRC

### **FRIDAY, November 25**

1:30 p.m. Food Bank

### **SATURDAY, November 26**