BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

November 6, 2026

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday, we continue our sermon series, *Building Together*, exploring Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. After Paul reflects on the differences between the world's wisdom and God's wisdom, he explains how God builds his church, not through human means, but through divine love, power and presence. After last week's discussion about the call to become the temple of God, Paul revisits issues around division and human-centred leadership. Rather than judging one another, we are to trust God as the ultimate judge, embracing the lives of servants and stewards.

The message this Sunday will focus on 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, "Who is the Judge?"

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

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: www.dfcanada.org/

COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

NOV 1 Family Life Canada

NOV 8 Dunamis Fellowship Canada

NOV 15 Community Impact Mosaic Center

NOV 22 One Book

NOV 29 Ministry Shares

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for **Jenny Penfold** and **Eleanor Prokuda** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE SET

Advent starts November 29. We will once again have advent candle sets to help bring meaning in a unique way to you and your family during Advent. The advent candle sets are available for purchase for $25. This includes the wooden base for the candles, the 5 candles as well as the instructions for different passages to read with your family as you light the candle each week. Candles can be ordered by sending an email to lisa@discoverbethel.com by November 8th.

NOVEMBER 11
The church office will be closed on Wednesday November 11 for Remembrance Day.

YOUNG ADULTS
We're creating a space for you to gather, study the Bible, and grow in faith and community. Camila Lazzarotto will host Sunday night gatherings at her home on November 29, and December 13, at 6:00 p.m. This fall the Bible study will go through Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything by Timothy Keller. Come ready to dig deeper into God's Word and enjoy building friendships with each other! If you're interested in joining, contact Camila at camila@discoverbethel.com for more details.

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
Over the next month, we are reflecting on what it means to be a member of Bethel following our "Where We Belong" series. As for the next few weeks, we invite you to review our updated Membership Covenant and Bethel Statement of Faith.

SOUP-ER SUNDAY
Our next Community Connection Sunday is happening November 8. This is a time for everyone to connect with food and fellowship with one another after the service. Mark November 8 on your calendar for Soup-er Sunday. Join us in the lower level to enjoy this Soup and Buns Potluck lunch. Bring some soup, or volunteer to help make this happen.

Help with set-up, clean-up, and dishes is needed. Sign up here.

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Our next men's breakfast will be on November 14 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Sign up here

BIG COOK
It's time to refill the meals in the ministry freezers and we need your help to do it. Join us on November 21 from 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. to cook and assemble freezer meals for members of Bethel and people in the Bannerman neighborhood who have need or are dealing with long- or short-term health issues. The ingredients and instructions will be out waiting to be peeled, chopped, boiled, fried, sliced, mixed, bagged, and labelled. Come with a friend or maybe make a new one. Sign up at the info booth to let us know you can make it!

DEACON'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM 2026

The snow is flying, which means it's time to start planning Bethel Church's Christmas Hamper Program!

Last year, we introduced a new tradition by inviting hamper recipients to Bethel on a Saturday to receive their hampers and wrap donated gifts for their children. It was a wonderful opportunity for deacons and volunteers to connect with families while enjoying activities with the children.
The deacons are currently reaching out to ministry and small group leaders for nominations of households who could benefit from the program.

Important Dates:

- November 24: Deadline for submitting nominations.
- November 29: The Deacon Christmas Tree will be up! Congregation members are invited to select a tag featuring a child and a few gift ideas.
- December 15: Deadline to return purchased gifts to Bethel.

Please return all gifts unwrapped, with the tag information attached.

If you know of someone who could benefit from this program, please speak with Helen Krol or Jeff Van Niejenhuis.

Thank you for your generosity and support! This program wouldn't be possible without you.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

LADIES! Join us on Friday, November 27, from 7:00–9:30 p.m. for an evening of Christmas singing, light refreshments, and sharing God's love in a practical way!

Together, we'll assemble care packages for The Hope Mission Karis Center and our neighbours experiencing homelessness. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some Christmas cheer, connect with one another, and bless those in our community who could use a little extra care this season. Come ready to sing, serve, and spread a little Christmas joy! We look forward to celebrating the season with you!

Cost: $10 per person to cover the cost of the care packages. Sign up here.

ADVENT JOURNEY

Bethel is hosting an Advent Journey on November 28 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Come experience the wonder of Christmas in a meaningful and interactive way!

Advent Journey is a special experience for all ages, inviting families and individuals to walk along a beautifully lit path through the church as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Along the way, you'll explore the four themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, through simple hands-on activities, Scripture readings, and moments of reflection and prayer.

The journey ends at the manger, where we remember and celebrate the greatest gift of all: the birth of Jesus, our Saviour!

This is a drop-in experience! Our doors will be open from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, so feel free to arrive anytime during that window. There's no set start time or schedule. Simply follow the journey at your own pace, whether you have a few minutes or want to take your time at each station.

Come as you are, bring your family and friends, and discover the true meaning of Christmas together!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our next congregational meeting will be held on Sunday December 6 after the service.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, November 8	**10:00 a.m.**	Worship - in person & live stream
MONDAY, November 9	**7:00 p.m.**	Prayer – Zoom
TUESDAY, November 10	**5:15 p.m.**	Dove Taekwondo
	7:00 p.m.	Cadets
WEDNESDAY, November 11	**6:30 a.m.**	Prayer - in person & Zoom
	9:00 a.m.	THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TODAY
	8:00 p.m.	AA
THURSDAY, November 12	**12:00 p.m.**	Food Bank
	5:15 p.m.	Dove Taekwondo
FRIDAY, November 13	**7:00 p.m.**	No Youth Tonight
SATURDAY, November 14		

GET INVOLVED

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!

COUPLES CONNECT

You may not have heard about Couples Connect yet, but it is the name of the Marriage Ministry at Bethel!

Mission: Provide a means for couples to connect and flourish in Christ at Bethel.

Activities: Host events such as Alpha Marriage, and cross-promote marriage events at partnering churches throughout the year.

Please use the QR code to take a short survey

BETHEL YOUTH

NOVEMBER 6-8

We will be attending a Youth Retreat at Camp Nakamun

NOVEMBER 13

There will be no youth on Nov. 13 as the youth leaders will be attending a conference.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RIDING THE WAVES OF GRIEF

Gospel ministry to the hurting; seen through the lens of the Indigenous experience. Register here

JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR

2026 Choral Coffeehouse with the Joyful Noise Choir will take place on Saturday, Nov. 21 at West End Christian Reformed Church. The evening program with the theme, Yesterday Once More, includes a variety of beverages, delicious desserts and music by the choir. Donations will be received in support of Rehoboth Camp at Gull Lake. Doors open at 6:00 pm with service beginning at 6:30 pm. Tickets are $15/adult and $12 for children 12 and under and can be purchased using the following link: https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/joyful-noise-coffeehouse

EMMANUEL HOME CHRISTMAS MARKET

Please come and join us for a festive favourite of Emmanuel Seniors Living Society: Emmanuel Home's Annual Christmas Market! Saturday, November 28 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Come and visit with some old friends, find some Christmas gift ideas (or treats for yourself) from several vendors who will be in attendance selling their wares, and enjoy some enjoyable cuisine including croquettes, borenkol, soups! Hope to see you there!

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.