



August 7, 2026

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday, we continue our summer series through Proverbs, *The Way of Wisdom*, by reflecting on how we can approach finances through God's eyes and not our own. Finances are a significant burden in our world. Either we struggle with love of money, particularly what wealth can do for us, or we strain under the fears of scarcity, concern around there not being enough for us. God invites us to a better way of trust—honoring him first, calling us to generosity and teaching us diligence based upon grace.

The message this Sunday will focus on Proverbs 3:5-10, "Financial Faithfulness."

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To explore our resources on Proverbs, visit: discoverbethel.com/resources

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **WORLD RENEW:** World Renew joins communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. Working in more than 30 countries, World Renew embraces a family-centered approach to ending global poverty, hunger and illness and providing disaster response.

COLLECTIONS IN AUGUST

AUG 2 Pregnancy Care Center
AUG 9 World Renew
AUG 16 Seeds of New Creation
AUG 23 Home of Blessing
AUG 30 Ministry Shares

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for **Callie Guenther** (niece to Becky and Michael), **Janny Bartel**, **Evans Kotio**, **Kathy McDonald**, **Ashley Patton**, **Jenny Penfold**, and **Eleanor Prokuda** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETTESU UNIFORM DRIVE: Thank you for your faithful support as we begin our 11th annual Bettesu Uniform Drive for the children of Bettesu and the surrounding villages. The drive began on Sunday, August 2, and currently 50 of our 320 students have been sponsored! That leaves 270 children still waiting for sponsors. We are praying for another great response this coming Sunday as we work toward sponsoring every child.

A gift of \$50 provides one child with a school uniform, essential school supplies, and teacher instructional materials for the entire school year. Your generosity is a tremendous blessing to families who would otherwise struggle to provide these necessities. You can give online by clicking [here](#), or sending an e-transfer to accounting@discoverbethel.com (please note Bettesu Uniform Drive in the memo box). If you give online or by e-transfer, please stop by the sponsor table at the back of the sanctuary and let John or Marci know so the sponsorship list can be updated.

Thank you again for your generosity, prayers, and continued support. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of these children.

John & Marci

BACK TO SCHOOL IN BANNERMAN 2026: You are invited to contribute to the **Bannerman School Supplies Fund** through the church's regular giving channels (discoverbethel.com/give). If you are sending an e-transfer, please indicate what your contribution is for in the memo line.

As we continue to identify the needs of families in our community, Bethel's Deacons will purchase the necessary school supplies. In mid-August, we will host a special pickup day where families can receive the items their children need for a successful start to the school year.

Thank you for your continued generosity and care for our community, together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of local families as they prepare for the year ahead.

*If you or someone you know could benefit from assistance with back-to-school supplies, please contact **Pastor Cathy** (cathy@discoverbethel.com) or **Selikke** (selikke@discoverbethel.com).

GET INVOLVED

INVITATION TO PRAYER FOR BETHEL'S VISION: As you may know, our Council often meets monthly to pray and discuss the life and ministry of the church. This Monday at 7 pm, the Governing Elders, are meeting to pray and discern God's vision for Bethel, especially as we prepare for the launch of Fall ministries in September.

Often during Council meetings, we will have a group of intercessors pray while a meeting is taking place. Given that our overall vision and direction of the church is significant for the life of Bethel, we would like to invite all those willing to join in prayer during the meeting on Monday night, August 10 at 7 pm. There will be a group praying near the prayer room and the connecting rooms. The space will be open, while GE meets in the Fireside room, where the offices are. If you're not able to come in person, we would appreciate prayer from home as well.

*If people feel they've heard something from the Lord they email GE@discoverbethel.com, or contact [Pastor Cris](#).

Our ask: *Lord, lead and guide us towards your vision for Bethel in the upcoming year.*

KIDS CAMP: Kids Camp will run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., August 10–14.

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who are generously giving their time to serve. To everyone who has supported the camp through donations but are unable to volunteer, thank you for your generosity.

We also appreciate your faithful prayers. As we prepare to welcome the children and transition into camp week, we ask that you continue to keep the campers, volunteers, and leaders in your prayers.

Kids Camp Volunteer Lunch & Orientation:

All Kids Camp volunteers are invited to join us for lunch and an orientation session following the service on August 9.

24/7 PRAYER WEEK, SEPTEMBER 6-13: This is a week where people commit to pray for hour-long blocks of time so that we have people praying EVERY HOUR of EVERY DAY for an entire week. You can sign up here [24-7 Prayer | Bethel](#)

[Community CRC](#) You can pray at the church, from your workplace, or from home. If you're able, consider signing up for more than one hour.

- Throughout the week, you'll be encouraged and equipped through:
Lectio 365 daily prayer resources
- A kickoff service on Sunday September 6 and wrap-up celebration on Sunday September 13
- A Wednesday evening worship gathering
- A devotional guide
- A dedicated prayer space at the church

Questions? Contact Taliah Jeske or Helen Krol.

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!

BETHEL YOUTH

PLOT: No PLOT on August 11 due to Kids Camp.

SNOW VALLEY AERIAL PARK 2.0: Our first trip to the Aerial Park got rained out, so we have a new date!! On August 18 we will once again take a bus to Snow Valley Aerial Park. **Everyone will need to register for the new date**, even if you registered for this past week. All of the details can be found on our events page at:

[Youth Snow Valley Aerial Park Trip - New Date! | Bethel Community CRC](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

EXPLORE MINISTRY IN THE CRC: Do you believe God has called you to ministry in the CRC? Has anyone ever encouraged you to consider ministry but you don't know what to do next? Join the Classis Alberta North Student Support Committee at a gathering for prospective ministry candidates, current students, and newly declared candidates at Ebenezer CRC in Leduc on Monday, August 17 at 7pm for conversation, encouragement, and refreshments. [RSVP online](#) or contact Rev. Rebecca Hall (rebecca.george.hall@gmail.com) or Rev. Andrew Aukema (pastor.andrew@inglewoodcrc.org) if you are unable to attend but would like to talk some more.

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, August 9

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person & live stream
11:45 a.m. Kids Camp Volunteer Lunch

MONDAY, August 10

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Kids Camp
7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, August 11

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Kids Camp
7:00 p.m. PLOT

WEDNESDAY, August 12

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Kids Camp
6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person & Zoom
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, August 13

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Kids Camp
2:00 p.m. Food Bank

FRIDAY, August 14

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Kids Camp

SATURDAY, August 15