



November 19, 2023

THIS WEEK'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](#).

We continue our sermon series, *The World in Crisis*, this week by reflecting on the rampant abuses of power we encounter in the world. We cannot avoid beholding the failing political systems around us, global war and injustice, not to mention the growing list of fallen Christian leaders. This can cause us to despair, revealing how every situation and place around us is vulnerable to distortions of power by way of exploitation, manipulation, and corruption. But God meant power for good. Jesus came to redeem God's original intent of power given to his image-bearers, and lead us, by his Spirit, in how we can use power in such a way that builds up, rather than tearing down; a way that protects, rather than causing pain. Only when we allow God's heart to shape our own intentions and posture can our use of power bring about what happens when God uses it, and that result is goodness.

The message this Sunday will focus on 2 Corinthians 13:5-10, "Power for Good."

BAPTISM: We rejoice that this Sunday, **JOSH McCREA** will share his testimony and be baptized during our worship service. We hope that you join us in praying for Josh and the important step this is for his faith journey.

OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 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 – BENEVOLENCE FUND: Provides help to those in need in the congregation and community.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember **CALVIN BRUINSMA, CURTIS COENEN, MARCEL CROCKER, MIKE JACKSON, PAULINE LENDEIN, JENNY PENFOLD, DON & ELEANOR PROKUDA, JANE SHULTZ, CELINE SIGVALDASON,** and **JILL SNEEP**, as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRING IT IN! – Winter Youth Retreat December 1-3: What does it mean to belong to something? To be who God has created you to be? To belong to Jesus and the church? Join us at Camp Nakamun for *Bring It In!* – a retreat for junior high and high school students focused on answering these questions of belonging. Paper registration forms are available at the Welcome Desk at the back of the sanctuary or online [here](#). Check out discoverbethel.com/youth for more information and the schedule for the weekend. Email Pastor Melanie at melanie@discoverbethel.com for more information. **The deadline to register for this retreat is Sunday, November 19.**

PAUL AND PANCAKES: We invite youth in Grades 7 to 12 to join us downstairs during the Sunday service on **Sunday, November 19** for pancakes and devotional time.

YOUTH GLOW IN THE DARK HIDE AND SEEK: Hide and seek but in the dark with an absurd amount of glowsticks. Do you think you could stay hidden? We invite junior & senior high school students to join us for this epic game of hide and seek and other glow stick games on **Friday, November 24 from 7-9:30PM.**

YOUTH MUSIC AND MISSIONS: As a result of the great response to band camp, we have decided to continue meeting together. We invite **all youth** (Grades 7-12) to join us on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30PM starting November 28 and December 12 (and continuing into the new year). For the first hour we will enjoy snacks, games, and devotions and for the second half we break out into two groups – music for those interested in band and worship ministries, and missions for those interested in serving the community in a variety of ways. For more information visit discoverbethel.com/youth.

WORSHIP AND WONDER: Are you seeking a space to worship and pray? Come join us in the Chapel at 7:00pm November 22, 2023. This will be a night of prayerful worship where we come together for a time of renewal and to seek the presence of God. Contact lisa@discoverbethel.com for any questions.

POINSETTIA AND HOLIDAY GREENERY FUNDRAISER: Our Youth Missions team is raising funds to host a team of teens and young adults from Mexico for a week in the summer of 2024. We are selling poinsettias, planters, holiday wreaths, hanging greenery boughs, and outdoor greenery arrangements. Please consider purchasing your holiday greenery through Bethel Youth. Order forms can be picked up from the Membership Desk or orders can be placed online [here](#). **Deadline to order is Tuesday, November 21.** Orders can be picked up between December 8 and 10. Contact Pastor Melanie at melanie@discoverbethel.com for more information.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR IS BACK! Join us for our first practice on November 23rd from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. as we prepare for our Christmas Eve Service. To sign up for our choir or to receive further information please email lisa@discoverbethel.com

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

1. First, please forward names of families within our Bethel community or the Bannerman community that would be blessed by receiving a Christmas hamper.
2. Make a financial donation to "Christmas Hampers and Gifts" through all the usual Bethel giving methods.
3. On December 3, visit the Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary, 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 information card so we know which gift you are buying. Please bring all gifts & the attached gift tag to the church before Sunday, December 17th.

Please contact Marjean at mjv.eirene@gmail.com if you have any questions or need more information. Thank you for blessing the Bannerman community!

CHRISTMAS PARTY IN BANNERMAN: Save the date and join the party planning! On December 9th, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. we will gather to celebrate with our neighbours at the church. We would love to see you at this year's party – having fun and serving the community. Please sign up [here](#).

CHRISTMAS EVE: Instead of Sunday morning worship, which is on Christmas Eve this year, we want to emphasize worship at our Christmas evening services at 4 and 6:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. This will be an in-person meeting but viewable via livestream for those who need to join online. For more details and meeting package, including the agenda and year-end financials, check the email sent November 16. Packages are also available at the Welcome Desk.

COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER:

November 5 Ministry Shares
November 12 Dunamis Fellowship Canada
November 19 EduDeo Ministries
November 26 Benevolence Fund

Please visit our website at [discoverbethel/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 accounting@discoverbethel.com

 **COMMUNITY NEWS**

EMMANUEL HOME UPCOMING EVENTS: Our Online Auction will be held this year from November 27 - December 1 at www.32auctions.com/EmmanuelHome2023. Check out the great selection of items and create an account so that you are ready to start bidding on Monday, November 27! Our annual **Christmas Market** will be held at Emmanuel Home on Saturday, December 2 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.

WINTER COATS COLLECTION: There is a need in the local community for winter clothing. Please bring in gently used winter coats, snowpants, boots, and other warm gear. Items should be in wearable condition, clean and without holes. Please bring in a labelled bag and place under the mailboxes for the Deacons to collect.

MUSTARD SEED FAMILY GIFT CENTRE: Each year, the Mustard Seed does a pop-up shop for families in need, to provide them with the opportunity to come and purchase gifts for only \$2! It's a great event with lots of opportunities to get involved. We are currently seeking donations (both monetary and of new toys) and volunteers! Posters with more information are posted on the bulletin board at the church. If you have any questions or would be interested in partnering with The Mustard Seed this season to make this event possible, visit [Family Gift Centre 2023](#)

STEVE BELL IN CONCERT: Featuring stories and songs from Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany as well as Steve Bell classics and favourites. Join him Sunday, December 10, 2023, at Sherwood Park Alliance Church (1011 Clover Bar Road). Tickets are \$26.00 and are available [here](#).

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, November 19

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

MONDAY, November 20

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

TUESDAY, November 21

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

6:30 p.m. Youth Band

7:00 p.m. Truth & Reconciliation Meeting

7:00 p.m. GEMS

WEDNESDAY, November 22

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

9:30 a.m. Oasis

6:30 p.m. Young Adults

7:00 p.m. Worship & Wonder

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, November 23

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, November 24

SATURDAY, November 25