

August 23, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we conclude our summer series, *Sabbath in the Psalms*, by exploring the universal question: What is the key to human flourishing? As we have seen through the summer, the Psalms offer us a vision for how to answer this through the call and purpose of biblical Sabbath—to stop, rest, delight and contemplate upon God's beauty and provision. As we behold God through the Sabbath, we plant ourselves in his house, allowing us to be shaped by his image and glory. In this way, Sabbath transforms us by helping us see that all of life is about worship, which is the ultimate key to flourishing.

The message this Sunday will focus on Psalm 92, "Worship that Flourishes."

Following the message, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. During the next few summer months, we plan to celebrate this differently.

For those attending in-person, we will pass around the elements with plates and baskets. When you receive them, please wait to eat and drink together at the same time. We welcome you to use the time for singing, prayer and reflection. Gluten-free bread is available in the centre of the tray for those who desire this option. You may leave the disposable cups in the pews to be collected later.

For everyone online, please have communion elements ready at home (bread, juice/wine) to join with us in sharing the meal. You can partake of the elements at home while they are being served in the sanctuary.

We look forward to celebrating Christ's meal of grace with you Sunday. Please prepare your hearts for this time of remembrance and celebration in light of our forgiveness through the cross.

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed **Wednesday, August 28**, as the staff will be out of office for a retreat. Please pray for Bethel's staff as they seek the Lord, reflecting and discussing ministry for this fall.

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **MICAH CENTER HONDURAS WATER PROJECT:** The King's University has been partnered with World Renew, the Northern Alberta Diaconal Conference, and Diaconia Nacional (Honduras) for more than 20 years to make what we call The *Honduras Water Project* possible. The *Honduras Water Project* provides an opportunity for students to apply their knowledge by bringing running water to impoverished people in Honduras.

NEXT WEEK – MINISTRY SHARES: Supports various CRC initiatives that send missionaries around the world, start new churches, train pastors and leaders, and use media to spread the gospel.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

We celebrate with **MARINA DEYETTE** her baptism at the Pembina River on Sunday, August 18. This joyous occasion marks an important step in her faith journey as she publicly declares her commitment to Christ.

Please continue to remember **JEAN SAATHOF, JANNY BARTHEL, CURTIS COENEN, LORETTA HUIZINGA, GERRY & JENNY PENFOLD, ELEANOR PROKUDA, EVANS KOTIO, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP, and SAM VEENSTRA** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHEL STAFF UPDATES:

On Friday of this week, August 23, Zach Rayment worked his last day with us at Bethel. We will be saying farewell to Zach during the worship service on September 1. We bless him as Zach prepares for what's next and are grateful for the time he shared with us serving Bethel.

Ayaan Masih and Kaitlyn Verveda also completed their roles as Bethel's Summer Youth and Children's Interns. May God bless them and continue to lead them as they continue their studies this September

Parents and families of youth should have received an update letter regarding youth ministry last week. Our plan is to review Bethel's Youth ministry throughout the fall, while continuing a few regular Bethel Youth connect points, such as Paul and Pancakes. If you're a parent of a current or future Bethel Youth, please reach out to Pastor Cris (cris@discoverbethel.com) who will be arranging a parent meeting in September to discuss the plan and review the process for Bethel Youth. Not only would we love to include you in the conversation, but we also welcome your prayers and involvement as we discern God's leading looking ahead.

A few weeks ago, we shared that there would be a transition in our Accounting Tech role since Sara Leenheer has taken a new job with Adeara. With this in mind, we've hired Pamela Sheriff, an interim bookkeeper, to work with us on a 3-month contract while we assess our needs for this role. If you have any needs or requests, please don't hesitate to let us know by emailing accounting@discoverbethel.com as this will continue to be the primary email for this communication. If you have any questions about your donations please contact email info@discoverbethel.com.

BETTESU UNIFORM DRIVE: There is still time to sponsor students in and around Bettesu, Liberia so they can attend school in September! Your \$40 donation purchases a uniform and all the books and school supplies for one student. Your generous gifts have sponsored 130 children. Our goal is to be able to send 300 children to school. Go to discoverbethel.com/give or see John at the back of the Sanctuary after the service today to sponsor a child.

BANNERMAN BACKPACK DRIVE SUCCESS: Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to this initiative, through buying backpacks, giving financially, and helping to fill, organize and deliver backpacks. Through your gifts we were able to send over 100 children off to school with the tools they need for learning. Thank you for your generosity, Bethel. Our community is blessed by you.

GARDEN HARVEST TABLE: The time of year has come again when many of us are starting to enjoy the produce from our gardens. We have now set up our Harvest Table. This is an opportunity for those avid gardeners among us to be able to share their excess produce with fellow Bethelites. If you would like to contribute, drop off your produce at the table by the elevators before the worship service; everyone is free to pick up items that they like after the service. Bring your own bags and continue to be both blessed and a blessing in our community.

PRAYING THROUGH THE SUMMER: This is our final week of praying through the summer to pray for a specific part of Bethel's ministry and community each week. We will be lifting up areas of need and opportunity for the ministry, while interceding for current and desired leadership teams. We'll send out an email every Tuesday reminding you of the prayer emphasis for the week and noting a few specific ways you can pray. Whether you're in town or out of town, please pray with us! Note: If you want to receive these prayer reminders, please make sure you are on our weekly email list. The prayer schedule is available [here](#) and is posted on the Bethel [Summer](#) page.

This Week's Prayer Emphasis: **Bethel Staff (August 20-27)**

Next Week's Prayer Emphasis: Fall Ministries (August 27-September 3)

FROM THE REFUGEE COMMITTEE: Welcome to Anita, her 5 children Kellia, Kenty, Kessia, Keilla, Kenny, Anita's nephew Yves and her niece Deliane who have arrived from Rwanda. The family was introduced in

church a few weeks ago and are staying with their brother-in-law Eric, who was previously sponsored by Bethel. Thank you to everyone in the congregation for their prayers and generous support of the Refugee Fund. We ask for your continued support as we help the family adjust to life in Canada. Keep them in your prayers as they begin new schools and jobs. Thank you, Bethel! The family is so grateful.

TODAY DEVOTIONALS: The Today booklets for September/October are in. Please pick them up at the Literature Rack or the Welcome Desk.

NEW BIBLE READING PLAN – PAUL’S LETTERS by the Bible Project: On August 6 we began a new plan that takes you on a 53-day journey through the letter's of Paul. Each book includes videos specifically designed to enhance your understanding and engagement with Scripture. Find the plan [here](#). To join Bethel’s Reading Group on the app, email Pastor Wendy at wendy@discoverbethel.com.

BETHEL YOUTH

PAUL & PANCAKES: Our next Paul & Pancakes will be happening during the service Sunday, September 15. Plan to join us for some delicious food and great discussion!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

COLLECTIONS IN AUGUST

August 4	Ministry Shares
August 11	Meals Ministry
August 18	Hope Mission
August 25	Micah Center Honduras Water Project

Please visit our website at 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.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, August 25

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

MONDAY, August 26

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, August 27

2:00 p.m. Mobile Food Bank

WEDNESDAY, August 28 (office closed)

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

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, August 29

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, August 30

SATURDAY, August 31

COMMUNITY NEWS

KING’S UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **King’s New School Year Begins** – First day of classes is Thursday, August 29 at The King’s University. Let's lift our voices in unity, asking for guidance, wisdom, and blessings upon students, faculty, and staff. May this year be marked by learning and growth. May all students know the bright hope they have in Christ. Your prayers make a difference!
- **The King’s University Harvest Banquet** – The King's University has been providing Christian university education since 1979. You've helped shape the past. Now you're helping shape the future. Join us on Saturday, October 5 from 5-9pm on campus as we celebrate, together for 45 Years. RSVP by September 20 at kingsu.ca/banquet or by calling 780-465-8314.
- **Gerry Segger Heritage Collection** — The Gerry Segger Heritage Collection located in the library at The King’s University is collecting records about the Dutch immigration to Canada experience. This includes letters, diaries, journals, government paperwork, scrapbooks, photos, family

histories, etc. For more information, contact Bonita Schalk Bjornson, bonita.bjornson@kingsu.ca.

STUDENTS ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA: You are welcomed and invited to meet anytime with the Christian Reformed Campus Minister, Rick Mast. We have organized meals and times of connection every Tuesday from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. We organize a variety of outings and a Reading Week outing twice a year. The group is made up of diverse and interesting people, persons I meet through my regular "tabling" presence in student residences. Drop by for conversation, advocacy, ideas and direction. Peace to you. rmast@ualberta.ca

THE LIGHTHOUSE – OPEN HOUSE: Come to The Lighthouse Open House on September 10 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for a chance to preview Edmonton's newest Christian seniors' community. Suites on the main and 2nd floors in the east wing will be available for viewing, and you will have the opportunity to view some of the common areas and amenities. With 101 fully self-contained suites, The Lighthouse is set to open in early 2025 and has many options available for suite layouts and budgets. Staff will be available to answer all your questions. Park by the intersection of 128 St & 114 ave and look for the balloons. Contact us at info@the-lighthouse.ca for more information.

EDMONTON FOOD BANK: The Edmonton food bank has a number of fundraising events and food drives over the summer and fall. September 19, join an Evening with Martin Kerr, a local musician, or consider attending the annual Harvest Luncheon on October 24. More details for and tickets for these and other events can be found at their website; click [here](#).

KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION: Please join the 10th annual Live and Silent Auction fundraiser on Friday, October 18, 2024! There will be live music by Erin Kay, as well as refreshments, awesome auction items and exciting updates on Kindred Hearts Cambodia programs! The event will be held at a new, larger venue, the Woodvale Community Facility (Millwoods Golf Course), and early bird tickets are now on sale for only \$20, until September 20th. You can purchase tickets at [eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca) or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. See you there!

ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE: We are excited to extend a special invitation and a challenge to you for our **annual Evening of Dreams Gala**, taking place at the Evario Events Centre, October 18, 2024. The Evening of Dreams Gala is a tangible way to come alongside the most vulnerable women and children and show that they are not alone, but rather have a community of people who believe in them. For more details and to purchase your table, visit adeara.ca/gala. We would love to have you join us.

EMMANUEL HOME – JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Emmanuel Home, a Christian Seniors Home that provides facilities and care in a Christian community, requires a Maintenance Lead (FT) and a Maintenance Aide (Temporary) to begin soon. The Maintenance department at Emmanuel Home ensures that the facility is maintained in excellent condition, both inside and out. Please go to emmanuelhome.ca for details about qualifications, responsibilities and how to apply.

REHOBOTH IS HIRING! We invite you to apply to serve people with disabilities and help them to flourish. We are primarily looking to fill a variety of positions in Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, and Parkland County areas. The following link www.rcmflourish.ca will take you directly to the career section of the Rehoboth website. We look forward to meeting you.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE (March 28 - April 8, 2025): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

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](#).



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