



September 17, 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.](#)"

This Sunday we continue our sermon series, *The Good News*, by reflecting on Peter's Pentecost sermon following God's gift of his presence through the Holy Spirit. In Peter's message, we receive the framework of the gospel, directing us to Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Not only does this story of the good news announce how we can be saved and forgiven, but it demands our response. "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). With this challenge is the promise that in faith we receive God's power, the same power we need to share this message with others.

Our message Sunday will focus on Acts 2, focusing on the final words of Peter's sermon in Acts 2:36-40, "The Good News: The Power to Share."

OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **REFUGEE FUND:** This ministry of the deacons provides support for refugee families to get to Edmonton and to help support them as they prepare for life in Canada.

NEXT WEEK – THE EDMONTON NATIVE HEALING CENTRE empowers individuals to grow stronger and creates vibrant community relationships while honoring our culture through Spiritual development centered in the heart of the Creator.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for **CALVIN BRUINSMA**. His recent EEG was normal, we give thanks to God for this! He will require further tests in the upcoming months.

Please also remember **CURTIS COENEN, MARCEL CROCKER, MIKE JACKSON, JENNY PENFOLD, DON & ELEANOR PROKUDA, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP, and LINDA VROON** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF UPDATE: Please help us welcome our New Worship Intern! Trenton Jeske is joining our staff as this year's Worship Intern. We are excited to do ministry with him this year and have him join our team! We also welcome his wife, Taliah, and their five kids. Please take an opportunity to introduce yourself!

WORSHIP ARTS: Do you have a flair for decorating? Would you enjoy making our stage look amazing to assist with worship services throughout the year? Worship arts is looking for some individuals to help with stage design for thanksgiving. We have one person, but would appreciate a couple more creative people. Please contact Lisa lisa@discoverbethel.com.

BETHEL KIDS THIS FALL: Bethel Kids seeks to provide a caring, safe place of belonging for the children of Bethel, where they can grow in their faith as they learn about and explore God's Big Story. This is only possible with the work of a team of adults. If you have a heart for building relationships and helping build lasting faith in Jesus, come serve with us. There are several different ways you can be involved.

Large group leaders welcome children in and share the Bible stories with the whole group.

Small group leaders model faith and guide children in exploring God's story through games, crafts, activities, and discussions. Check-in desk greeters welcome and sign in visitors and new families and ensure each family is checked in, and security people help keep our children safe in the lower level.

Bethel Kids will also bless you as you bless the children. Expect God to draw you near to him as you prepare for and lead each session. Expect kids to ask questions and offer insights that will challenge and grow your faith walk as well as theirs!

To sign up, or if you have questions, contact Selikke Duthler at kids@discoverbethel.com or visit discoverbethel.com/serve.

MINISTRY FAIR ON SEPTEMBER 17: Part of our vision is for everyone a part of Bethel to have a specific role (or roles) they play in the life of the church. Every year we host a fair to feature opportunities to serve and get involved with ministry at Bethel so you can discern and find your role! **This Sunday, September 17,** please plan to stay after worship for our fall ministry fair, cake & coffee in the fellowship hall (lower level).

OASIS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS STARTING: We will be meeting Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:00 a.m. starting on **September 20, 2023**. The first meeting will be a time to get to know each other and a potluck, so bring a treat or dish to share. There is childcare available, a nursery for the babies ages 0-3, and a preschool class for ages 3-6. The bible study that we will begin this year with is called *Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* by John Mark Comer. You can watch the trailer to the 5-session study [here](#). If this is something that you would be interested in please register [here](#).

CALLING ALL MEN! Join us for food and fellowship this upcoming Saturday, September 23 at 9 a.m. Please register at discoverbethel.com/events or signup at the Welcome Desk to let us know you're coming. We'd love to see you there!

WOMEN OF BETHEL: Please join us on Sunday September 24th for a walk in the River Valley! At 2PM we are going to be meeting in the Fraser Neighborhood and will enjoy a 1.5-hour walk. We are meeting at the corner of Fraser Vista Northwest, near the River Valley Trail access point. The exact location is 53.610336,-113.357917 (copy and paste the pin into your Google Maps) or you can meet at Bethel at 1:45PM to carpool together. Can't wait to see you there. If you plan to carpool or if you have any questions please contact Becky Werkman at 780-475-2655.

IT'S BIG COOK TIME! Fun, fellowship, and food prep. What more could you ask for?

On Saturday, September 23, join us at 1 p.m. (please note time change) to help us refill the meals ministry freezer! Come ready to cut, boil, bake, fry, and portion as we put together these meals to be used at later dates! If this is for you, sign up at the back and on the big day, bring your best knives, measuring cups, and attitude.

BANDCAMP: We're excited to offer BandCAMP, beginning Tuesday, September 19, from 6:15 PM - 9:00 PM. This 6-week program will provide a community for those aged 12-25 who want to develop a heart and skill for worship. Each gathering will consist of four segments: specific skill development, community connection, worship foundations in Scripture, and band dynamics. At the end of these six weeks, we hope that every person involved will not only have new tools for leading and understanding worship but will be inspired to live an authentic life of worship wherever they go.

This program will be facilitated by Melanie Salte under the direction of Lisa Vander Heide. If you have any questions about the program, please email lisa@discoverbethel.com.

BETHEL YOUTH CORN MAZE ADVENTURE: is on Friday, September 22nd from 6-10 p.m. The youth will take a bus from Bethel at 6 p.m. to explore the Edmonton Corn Maze. We ask that parents complete the online registration form. Cost is \$15 per person for admission and bus. Sign up at discoverbethel.com/youth.

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior): is starting an exciting year of fellowship, Bible study, badge work, crafts and more. GEMS meets every other Tuesday from 7-8:30 pm beginning September 26. Girls in grade 2-9 are invited to come build skills together, experience God's love and grow in their faith. The registration fee for the year is \$50 per girl. Scholarships are available if the cost is prohibitive. Register your girls [here](#) . For more information contact Selikke Duthler at kids@discoverbethel.com.

FAITH FORMATION EVENT: Little Habits, Big Faith: Simple Habits to Help Your Family Grow in Jesus.

Have you ever said to yourself, "I don't have enough time to do family devotions," "I don't know how to teach the Bible to my kids," or "my own relationship with God isn't good enough?" It's easy to assume that we, as parents, aren't knowledgeable enough, disciplined enough, or interesting enough to share Jesus with our kids and teens. Join us for an un-boring, liberating class and we'll share how you can confidently nurture big faith in your kids and teens through little habits that add up over time. Register [here](#) for this event hosted by Bethel Kids and Youth on Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m-3 p.m. Cost: \$25 per family.

THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION: is just around the corner, Bethel's Truth and Reconciliation Committee invites you to visit Bethel's website for information on a Bannock and Coffee event held in the Fireside Room on Sunday September 24. This will be immediately following a service with Guest Preacher Harold Roscher.

YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE! On behalf of the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's Kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. Thank you! To discover more visit crcna.org/ministryshares.

COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER:

- September 3 Ministry Shares
- September 10 Tuition Relief
- September 17 Refugee Fund
- September 24 Edmonton Native Healing Centre

Please visit our website at discoverbethel/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**

KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION: is having their 9th annual Wine and Cheese and Silent Auction fundraiser on Friday, October 13, 2023! The evening entertainment will be musician, Martin Kerr and will be catered by Dutch Delicious Bakery. All proceeds will go toward the KHC programs in remote Cambodia. The event will be at Robertson-Wesley United Church, and tickets are only \$20, available at eventbrite.ca or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. See you there!

KING'S SILENT AUCTION AND DESSERT RECEPTION: You're invited to King's Silent Auction and Dessert Reception at Supreme Steel in Acheson, Alberta on Saturday, October 14 from 7-9p.m. It will be an evening of appetizers, drinks, mingling and live ambient music. Tickets are by donation. RSVP by September 30 at kingsu.ca/rsvp or by calling 780-465-8314.

THEREFOREGO MINISTRIES: Please join us at 5:30pm on Saturday, October 14th in support of ThereforeGo Ministries (formerly Youth Unlimited). Come on out for a pig roast dinner and learn more about SERVE and other youth and emerging adult programming that ThereforeGo offers. The event will be held at the Leder Barn. Register for the event at www.thereforego.com/evening-with-tgm/ by September 18th. Contact Ron deVries by email (ron@thereforego.com) or phone (780.619.6566) for more information.

ADEARA EVENING OF DREAMS GALA, EARLY BIRD PRICING HAS BEEN EXTENDED: You are invited to the Adeara Evening of Dreams Gala on October 20, 2023. For the past 25 years, Adeara has been committed to helping women overcome addiction and regain their lives because we believe that together, we can rise up and find hope even in the darkest moments. Please visit adeara.ca/EOD for more information or to register.

CHRISTIAN IMMIGRATION SOCIETY OPERATING AS CHRISTIAN FUNERAL SOCIETY: is recruiting to fill the position of Part-Time Business Manager. You can find the job posting on the Christian Funeral Society website [here](#). Interested applicants please send resume to cis@christianburialfund.com by Monday, September 11.

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](#).

EDMONTON FOOD BANK: We are excited to share information about the Edmonton Food Drive, a city-wide initiative that lends crucial support to Edmonton's Food Bank. It's time to help replenish the cupboards at Edmonton's Food Bank. We believe that families helping families is the quickest way to do that! It's as easy as taking a walk on a Fall day. This Saturday, September 23, we are actively seeking volunteers and warmly invite members of your congregation to join us. To get involved, individuals can sign up to cover routes in the northeast Edmonton area by visiting our website at www.yegdrive.org.

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, September 17

10:00 a.m. Worship - in person and live stream
10:00 a.m. Paul & Pancakes (Youth)

MONDAY, September 18

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. Small Group Kick Off Meeting

TUESDAY, September 19

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
6:15 p.m. Band Camp
7:00 p.m. Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

WEDNESDAY, September 20

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and Zoom
9:30 a.m. Oasis
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, September 21

12:30 p.m. Food Bank
5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, September 22

6:00 p.m. Youth Event – Corn Maze

SATURDAY, September 23

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
1:00 p.m. Big Cook