

August 4, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This summer we are featuring a sermon series called *Sabbath in the Psalms*. Sabbath with us at Bethel as we explore the rhythms of Sabbath and rest in the Psalms. We are not only made for rest but need rhythms of rest and Sabbath that draw us back to God and his good purposes. Each week, we will look at a specific Psalm used in Israelite worship to stir their hearts towards God's presence.

We want to invite and encourage you to embrace this summer as a time of rest and fun with God. If you're looking for resources for how to explore and practice Sabbath, please visit our sermon resources page [here](#). Step into summer with the words of Jesus in mind: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

This Sunday we continue our summer sermon series, *Sabbath in the Psalms*, by exploring the connection between rest and kingship. The fact that Christ is king and reigns over all tells us that rest is not only possible, but a sure thing. Beholding Jesus as the true king reveals how false the other supposed kings of the world are. With Jesus in place on the throne, God's promises and prophecies about rest come to be so, which is why how Psalm 47 directs us towards the rhythm of Sabbath, proclaiming that "God is the King of all the earth." (Psalm 47:7)

The message this Sunday will focus on Psalm 47, "For God is the King."

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **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.

NEXT WEEK – MEALS MINISTRY: The Meals Ministry is a Bethel ministry that helps people with meals during transition and crisis no matter how big or how small.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

KATHY JACKSON would like to invite you to a Celebration of Life Open House in memory of her husband **MICHAEL**, who passed away on May 22, 2024. Please join her in remembering and honoring the man that Mike was, on Saturday, August 10, 2024, between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel at Bethel Church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations to be given to Brain Cancer Research or Bethel's Refugee Fund. Donations are appreciated.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETTESU UNIFORM DRIVE: It's that time of year! Time to sponsor students in and around Bettesu, Liberia so they can attend school in September! Your \$40 donation goes towards buying one student a uniform and all their books and school supplies for the whole school year. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one or more students to attend school this year. Go to discoverbethel.com/give or see John at the back of the Sanctuary after the service this Sunday to sponsor a child.

BANNERMAN BACKPACK DRIVE: We have the opportunity to bless the students in our community with backpacks, school shoes, and school supplies for the upcoming year. At the back of the sanctuary there is a bulletin board filled with tags with all the students' information and supply needs. Take a student information tag, fill out your contact info on the tag behind it and fill a backpack for that student. Please bring all supplies and backpacks back to the church by Sunday, August 18. You can also donate financially through all the regular giving methods to Bannerman Backpack Drive. Please contact Selikke at kids@discoverbethel.com if you have any questions.

DEACON REQUEST: We are looking for a female with a vehicle who is willing to teach and practice driving with an individual. She has recently completed the AMA Learner's Driving Program and needs to practice before taking the Class 5 road test. If you are willing and able, please contact the office at info@discoverbethel.com.

HEARING LOOP: We've been exploring updating our hearing assistance technology in the sanctuary. We have installed a temporary device called a Hearing Loop to see how it will work with our current sound system. The hearing loop sends sound from the sound system directly into hearing aids while eliminating any background noise. The sound received can be customized by each user's unique hearing aid. We do have one device in the sound booth with headphones if someone wants to utilize the technology but doesn't have hearing aids.

For a hearing aid to connect to the loop the user must have hearing aids that have telecoil (or T-Coil) technology, which most hearing aids have. To have your hearing aids set to connect to the hearing loop you will need to meet with a hearing aid practitioner and get them to activate the t-coil and set it to connect. They will have it set so you can push a button on your hearing aids to get them connected. This is a free service most hearing aid practitioners provide.

PRAYING THROUGH THE SUMMER: This summer we ask you 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 **Administrative Committees (July 30 -August 6)**

Next Week's Prayer Emphasis: **Bethel's Council + Future Leaders (August 6-13)**

BETHEL KIDS NEEDS YOU! During the summer we give our regular Bethel Kids leaders a break for July and August, so we need you to come hang out with the children on Sundays. This is a less structured program with a video lesson, quiet toys, and coloring. Age 3 - Grade 4 will stay together in the Chapel. We need a minimum of 3 adult supervisors each Sunday to maintain safety ratios as well as some nursery caregivers. Sign up at the check in desk for the Sundays that work for you.

KID'S CAMP: Registration is now closed. We have 80 kids registered for Camp Firelight! We need volunteers that are interested in helping make this event great! We are looking for crew leaders, leaders in training, a station leader, station helper, childcare, media director, puppeteer, and kitchen helper. Kids Camp will take place on August 12-16. To sign up to volunteer please register online [here](#) or reach out to kaitlyn@discoverbethel.com.

PLAY YOUR ROLE! We believe everyone has a part to play at Bethel, from serving in our sound booth to caring for our children in the nursery. We are looking for a few more people to help with the sound booth team and children's ministry. We are also looking for a treasurer and a finance chairperson. For more information, visit discoverbethel.com/serve.

FINANCE CHAIRPERSON NEEDED: we are seeking an individual to take on the role of Chairperson for our Finance Team. This position helps ensure our church's financial matters are managed effectively. If you feel called to this position, or if you have any questions about this position, please email clerk@discoverbethel.com.

TREASURER NEEDED: we are also seeking an individual to take on the role of Treasurer of Bethel. This position ensures our church's financial matters are handled with integrity and transparency. If you feel called to this position, or if you have any questions about this position, please email clerk@discoverbethel.com.

NEW BIBLE READING PLAN – PAUL'S LETTERS by the Bible Project: On August 6 we begin the plan that takes you on a 53-day journey through the letters 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

PLOT HAS STARTED AGAIN! PLOT, (abbreviation for parking lot) is a drop in ministry that we run each summer for youth in the community. All youth, from grade 6-12 are welcome, and it takes place every Tuesday night from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the church. We hang out, have a brief devotion, and spend our Tuesday nights playing games and having a good time together. Join us this Tuesday for our next PLOT, I hope to see you there!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

FINANCIAL UPDATE: As of June, our numbers show us meeting our expenses with a small buffer. We are grateful for that and for your continued support. Thank you for the many ways you continue to faithfully give through the summer. We're currently modifying the 2024-25 budget to make it more achievable. The July financial update will be sent out once it has been processed.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS: The quarterly statements for June 2024 have been emailed. Please review your statements carefully and report any errors to the church office so that errors can be corrected. If you have not received your statement, please contact the church office to update your email address.

COLLECTIONS IN JULY

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 4

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

MONDAY, August 5

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, August 6

2:00 p.m. Mobile Food Bank

7:00 p.m. PLOT

WEDNESDAY, August 7

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

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, August 8

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, August 9

SATURDAY, August 10

1:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Open House – Mike Jackson

COMMUNITY NEWS

CONCERT IN THE COUNTRY: This 3-day gospel concert will be held August 9, 10, & 11 in Millet, Alberta. Admission is free; donations are welcome. Tickets are available for Saturday's roast beef supper and Sunday's pancake breakfast. Visit their website [here](#) for more information and a list of performing artists.

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](#).

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.

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](#).