



March 31, 2024

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

THIS SUNDAY: We celebrate the good news of Easter Sunday through two in person services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on March 31. If you're joining online, the 9:00 a.m. Easter service will be live streamed. Go to Bethel's home page and click on the button that says: [Worship Online With Us](#).

Each of the **I AM** statements Jesus makes about himself in the Gospel of John reveals more about the true identity of Christ as the promised king who has come to rescue the world. This astounding truth is not just shared with us so that we can find forgiveness of sins but so that we can have a restored relationship with God. Jesus' last I AM statement focuses on the image of Jesus as the vine. God is the source of all goodness, even life itself. If we abide and remain in Jesus, we have access to the new life we celebrate on Resurrection Sunday. We can embrace the transformation that comes from the gospel story, "the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Join with us in declaring joyfully: "He is risen—he is risen indeed!"

Our message Sunday will focus on John 15:5-13, "**I AM** the Vine."

Service Note: During worship, we hope to capture the transformation of the cross that takes place from the crucifixion to the resurrection by inviting those worshipping in person to decorate the cross in the sanctuary with flowers. We will provide flowers; however, you are also welcome to bring your own.

*Consider who you can invite to celebrate Easter with you! All our service details are easily shareable at discoverbethel.com/Easter

REMINDER: We are worshipping together at our **Good Friday Service** on Friday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m., (in-person and live streamed). Although no childcare will be provided there will be children's activity sheets available at the back of the Sanctuary. This service will reflect on the final hours of Jesus' life, leading to his death (for us) on the cross. Near the beginning of the service, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper to follow his journey from the upper room to the cross.

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **BENEVOLENCE FUND Easter Sunday:** Provides help to those in need in the congregation and community.

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. Visit crcna.org/ministryshares to learn more about how your ministry share gifts are making a difference.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember **JOHN** and **COBY SNYDER** in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their son **JASON**. Our condolences to them as they remember and celebrate his life.

Please continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN, MIKE JACKSON, EVANS KOTIO, JENNY PENFOLD, DON PROKUDA, ELEANOR PROKUDA, JANE SHULTZ, CELINE SIGVALDASON,** and **JILL SNEEP** as you pray for our church community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHEL COOKBOOK: We have gathered your favorite family recipes into an updated version of Bethel's Cookbook. The cost per book is \$20.00. All proceeds go to Bethel Youth Missions. The copies of the cookbook will be available Sunday, April 14, for pick up. Please complete the order form by clicking [here](#).

40 DAYS OF BELONGING: This Spring we want to ask an important question as a church: What does it mean to belong to Bethel? We will be reflecting on our key values which shapes who God has called us to become as a church family and a “house of the Lord” (which is what Bethel means). If this is the kind of house we’re supposed to be, we want to re-affirm what this means for every person at Bethel. We want this conversation in our church to flow through everything we do. Every week we will send out resources and discussion guides for each value. Every Sunday we will focus on another value that draws us together as a family through our sermon series, House of Belonging. We’d love for you to journey with us as we say together as members of one body: You belong here.

DISCOVER BETHEL MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Join us April 21st, 7-9pm, in the Fireside Room for the Discover Bethel Membership Class! In this class, we’ll share the history of Bethel church, its missions, vision, and core commitments. We’ll also explore our denominational connection, beliefs, and what it looks like to be a follower of Jesus. There are many opportunities to get involved at Bethel. The membership class is a great place to ask questions and figure out where you fit in to this vibrant community. If you are considering making Bethel your church home, or even if you’re just curious, sign up by adding your name to the list at the Welcome Desk, or registering by clicking [here](#).

FROM THE DEACONS: A family in our congregation is urgently seeking a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom (or a larger 2 bedroom- to accommodate a crib and adult bed, and 2 bathroom) on or before April 1st. If you know of a rental unit that is available, please contact Doug (Deacon contact) at 587-785-3131.

A single mother, from the Karen community, recently widowed, with two pre-teen girls is in need of clothing for her girls. If you have clean and gently used spring/summer girls’ clothing items in sizes 11/12 and 13/14 or footwear size 4.5 please contact Eleanor Prokuda at 780-886-9804. Items can be placed in a box under the mailboxes. Gift cards to purchase new items would also be welcome.

BETHEL YOUTH

NOW HIRING: Do you have a passion for reaching and working with children or youth in our community. Bethel is hiring two interns to help run our summer programs for children and youth. These positions are 35 hours a week, from May 21 to August 23, 2024 (dates and hours subject to change based on receipt of funding from the Canada Summer Jobs Grant). Applications will be accepted until April 12, 2024. For more information and to apply, go to discoverbethel.com/jobs.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

COLLECTIONS IN MARCH

March 3	Ministry Shares
March 10	Mexico Youth Missions
March 17	Bethel World Mission Vision – Home of Blessings
March 24	World Renew
March 31	Benevolence Fund

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.

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!

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR begins its 46th season with registration starting April 1st. As ambassadors for Rehoboth, children in grades 3-8 this Fall, are invited to worship with congregations and encourage support for those with disabilities. A major project of the choir is Rehoboth Camp at Gull Lake. For more information on the choir's Fall schedule and activities, check www.joyfulnoisechoir.ca or www.rcmflourish.ca.

AVENUE CHURCH is hosting a Standing Stones worship service on Sunday, April 7 at 9:30 AM at Lodgepole Communitas (11725-93 St.) This is a Christ-centred service that infuses Cree tradition into Christian ceremony as an act of both worship and reconciliation. Father Travis Enright from St. Faith's Anglican will be leading the service. All are welcome!

DUNAMIS FELLOWSHIP CANADA: Igniting Revival in the Power of the Holy Spirit - Come join us April 10-13 at the Providence Renewal Centre. This event aims to equip individuals and small teams to cooperate with Jesus to see outpourings of the Holy Spirit, which could lead to revival and the Next Great Awakening. For tickets click [here](#).

LIFE CHANGING! That's what **Rehoboth Camp Ministry** can be! RCM provides a one-week summer camp experience for persons with developmental disabilities, and we need volunteers. Come and be a friend to someone with a developmental disability and show them the love of Christ, and at the same time enjoy our beautiful camp facility. We are looking for all kinds of volunteers, especially nurses/LPNs, cooks, and counsellors for each week: R&R (a more relaxed week from June 23 – 28), Adult 1 (June 29 -July 5), Adult 2 (July 6 -12), Independent (July 13-19), and Youth (July 20 - 26).

Check out our website at www.rcmflourish.ca/camps for descriptions of the weeks and more information. Anyone age 14 and up is welcome to apply. No experience is necessary and full training and support is provided. Bring a friend! For more information, please e-mail camp@rcmflourish.ca. With your help we can flourish in the land. See you at camp!

CHRISTIAN SLO-PITCH: Join in the fun and fellowship of playing slo-pitch with fellow Christians this spring. The league has been operating for more than 30 years and is made up from various Christian churches in the Edmonton area. Teams consist of a minimum of 10 players, including at least 3 women and 3 men, all players must be at least 14 years old. League fees are typically \$475 per year (may be adjusted depending on how many teams join), plus a \$100 refundable deposit per new team. If you would like to play, you can sign your team up through our website [here](#) (deadline is April 23). If you have any questions, please e-mail elmsp.president@gmail.com.

ADEARA TEXAS SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT: Get ready to tee off for a cause that's close to our hearts. We're excited to announce Adeara's first ever Golf Tournament fundraiser taking place this summer at The Ranch Golf & Country Club on June 12, 2024. \$175/person or \$680 for a team of 4. Includes light breakfast, carts, prizes, 18 holes, and a steak lunch banquet. Registration is officially open, so gather your friends, family, and colleagues and [register today](#).

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY:

Quandaries: Hope & Dignity: A Catholic Response to MAID — On Tuesday, April 2 from 7:30-8:30pm at King's, Archbishop Richard Smith will share his thoughts on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID). Archbishop Richard Smith is the seventh Archbishop of Edmonton and President of the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories. Quandaries, a public lecture and podcast series at The King's University, approaches contemporary moral dilemmas with wisdom in an age where we tend to react or withdraw too quickly. Visit kingsu.ca/quandaries for more info or to register.

King's Cantorum and Chamber Singers present "I Believe" on Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 10025-105 Street. The concert will conclude with a performance of two songs by a King's Alumni Choir. Anyone who has ever sung with King's Choirs is most welcome to join. The Alumni Choir will rehearse from 6:00-7:00 pm immediately before the concert. Contact Melanie Turgeon (melanie.turgeon@kingsu.ca) for full details and to receive the repertoire. The concert will celebrate the retirements of Dr. Joachim Segger and Elizabeth Raycroft. Tickets are available from Eventbrite at tkubelieve.eventbrite.ca or at the door: \$20/general; \$10/seniors & non-King's students; \$5/alumni and children under 12; King's Students FREE with valid ID; Free tickets to all King's Current and Retired Faculty

and Staff.

Summer Camps at The King's University — Summer Camps at King's are about exploring, creating, and developing new skills—all while learning from amazing mentors in a fun, encouraging, faith-based environment. Look forward to meeting new friends and making new memories! Register for one of our three or four-day sport camps or our five-day art and science camps today. Find more information at kingsu.ca/camps.

THE STUDION SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: is now taking applications for their next cohort, beginning October 20, 2024. The [Studion](#) is a two-year, part-time program that offers comprehensive training in the skill and art of Christian spiritual direction. Inquiries can be made to thestudionschool@gmail.com or rev.klok@gmail.com to find out 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, March 31 Easter Service

9:00 a.m. Worship - in person and live stream
11:00 a.m. Worship - in person

MONDAY, April 1

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

TUESDAY, April 2

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. ALPHA The Marriage Course
7:00 p.m. Cadets

WEDNESDAY, April 3

6:30 a.m. Prayer - in person and zoom
9:30 a.m. Oasis
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, April 4

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

FRIDAY, April 5

SATURDAY, April 6