

June 4, 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 to reflect on how God saves people in the midst of struggle. Our stories unfold through the brokenness of sin, all the ways we have experienced tragedy and believe lies about ourselves that are simply not true: "I'm unlovable," "I'm unworthy," "I'm not enough," "I'm unredeemable." This couldn't be farther from how God sees us. Not only does Christ come to heal us from how we have been wounded by lies, but Christ reveals the truth of how much we are loved and sets us free.

The message Sunday will focus on Psalm John 8:31-38, "The Truth Will Set You Free."

Our sermon series, *This is Our Story*, has encouraged us to share with one another what God done among us while following Jesus. Please pray about who you can share your story with this week. We are grateful for all those who have shared stories, including the Huisman's last week. This week we will hear from Mauricio Martinez as he shares about his journey of struggle, addiction, and faith.

We are excited to celebrate the baptism of Everly and Austin DenBraber, children of Ryan and Janine DenBraber, on Sunday. The water in baptism is a sign and seal of God's covenant love for these children, which testifies to the truth "we love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). Join us in praising God for how the Good News has already blessed this family and commit to loving and supporting them in their faith.

## OUR OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY

- 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 – ONEBOOK** partners with 12 locally led organizations to accomplish an audacious goal: Tell God's story in 250 languages. In each language group, our partners create a written language hand-in-hand with a literacy program. At the same time, they translate the entire New Testament and engage the Church to use it.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Our love, support and prayers go out to **LEAH AND DAVID SNATERSE** and their family, as Leah's dad was in a tragic accident this week and passed away. The funeral will be held in B.C.

**DON PROKUDA** underwent a surgery last Thursday (May 25) to remove cancer cells around his bladder. Don is now home awaiting clarity about his prognosis following pathology. Please continue to keep him and Eleanor in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for **CALVIN BRUINSMA, CURTIS COENEN, MARCEL CROCKER, ELEANOR PROKUDA, CELINE SIGVALDASON, JILL SNEEP** and **WILLY VROON**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE SUMMER INTERNS ARE HERE!** We are pleased to welcome two new faces to Bethel's staff.

**Grace Hawrylak** is serving as our Children's Ministries intern. Grace comes to us from North Pointe Community Church where she has volunteered in the children's ministry for many years. She has just completed a veterinary program at Norquest, and she is excited to be back at Bethel for another summer with all the kids. She said she was looking forward to "Another chance to make memories here at Bethel and to help kids walk through their faith journeys, along with another epic kid's camp."

**Elena Kroeker** is serving as our Youth Ministries Intern. Elena has been attending Bethel since 2021 and volunteers with the youth ministry. She is excited to be the Youth Intern this summer. Elena is currently studying Environmental Science and Social Injustice at The Kings University and loves being out in nature any chance she gets. She enjoys hiking or going for walks and spending time with animals. "I'm super excited for the opportunity to work with the youth and creating a safe and fun environment for all the youth."

**FLOWER POWER!** We're showing a little love to our neighbours and advertising our Summer Programs at the same time! During Covid we delivered plants to our neighbours in Bannerman along with a message of hope. It was a really effective way of reminding Bannerman that we were praying for them during a difficult time. This year we are using the plant as a way to not only help our neighbours celebrate spring, but to share some of the events we're planning this summer. Help us share the joy, come to the Fireside Room after the service on Sunday and grab a route and plants! If you can help later this week, e-mail [info@discoverbethel.com](mailto:info@discoverbethel.com) and we will set you up.

**24/7 PRAYER:** Our church space has been open this week, Monday to Friday in the evenings for people to come and pray for 24/7 Prayer. We wanted to let you know that the church will be closed on Saturday. We are grateful that you have signed up and invite you to pray at home or somewhere else.

**PRAYER AND INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE HUMAN SEXUALITY REPORT AND UPCOMING SYNOD on June 4 at 6:00 pm (In Person at Bethel Church):** Conversation around sexuality in the Christian Reformed Church has been active over past few years, resulting in confusion about how this will impact Christian community and witness in the years to come. In preparation for the annual Synod meeting this year (June 9-15), we invite Bethel as a congregation to gather for an information and prayer meeting. Our goals for the gathering are to review and clarify the decisions and processes that have taken place over the past few years; and to join together in prayer for our church and denomination.

Our hope is to clarify what we can, related to what has unfolded over the past two years, and respond to general questions you may have, especially as it relates to our church. For your reference, [here](#) is list of Frequently Asked Questions related to Synod 2022 and the Human Sexuality Report. If you have a question that you would like for us to consider responding to during this meeting, please submit these questions [here](#). Based on the responses we receive, we will discern what questions we can address at this meeting, and what may need to be addressed at a later time. We welcome your participation and prayers.

**YOUTH MISSIONS CAR WASH FUNDRAISER:** Our Youth Missions Team is hosting a by donation car wash after the service on Sunday, June 4th. Please consider staying after the service to support our Youth Missions vision of continuing our partnership with our brothers and sister in Christ in Hermosillo, Mexico.

**BETHEL YOUTH PRAYER NIGHT:** On Friday (June 2) night during 24/7 prayer, our youth group wants to invite youth to join together in prayer. We encourage teens to come out and pray for an hour or more between 7 and 10 p.m. (on June 2nd). There will also be an opportunity to go and grab a snack before or after prayer with a youth leader at McDonald's or Tim Hortons.

**BETHEL YOUTH GALA CELEBRATION:** We want to invite families of students in Grade 6 to 12 to walk the red carpet and join us for dessert and games at Bethel Youth’s Annual Gala Celebration on Friday, June 16th from 7-10 p.m. Please let Pastor Melanie know if your family is able to make it by June 14th by emailing [melanie@discoverbethel.com](mailto:melanie@discoverbethel.com).

**CHURCH CAMP UPDATE:** We are looking forward to spending next weekend with you camping. For those of you who have registered, you will be receiving an e-mail outlining what the weekend will look like.

**HELP NEEDED:** Do you have gifts of administration? I am looking for someone to schedule people to read the scripture passage every Sunday and send out the required passage to them during the week. Is that something you could help with? Please contact [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com).

**DEACONS REQUEST:** There is a member of our congregation who requires rides to and from the Glenrose several times a week. If you are able to help (on a rotation), please contact a member of the Deacons, or Line des Rosiers.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING KING'S HONDURAS WATER PROJECT:** Thank you to the Bethel community for your recent support of King’s Honduras Water Project! In partnership with NADC, WorldRenew and their Honduran partners, The King’s University, and local churches like you, the Micah Centre supported a clean water and public health project in El Espino, Honduras. Working together across cultural and national boundaries, we were able to build a clean water system for the over 100 families in El Espino. We also supported life-changing infant and maternal health initiatives for El Espino and surrounding villages. Thank you for your partnership in changing the story of poverty in Honduras!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT TO RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION IN APRIL 2023:**

Thank you for your generous gift! God is making all things new—and we are grateful to be able to join that mission with you.

The Holy Spirit is continually at work through your gifts and offerings for Resonate. As you send and support missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other ministry leaders throughout the world, God’s transforming power is at work.

At Easter, we celebrated not just our Savior’s rising, but also his living. In our work we hope for more than life after death: we join God’s plan to transform our own lives and the world every day. That’s the vision you’re joining with in partnership with your ministry leaders around the world!

Thank you for bringing hope and transformation into people’s lives throughout the world today. In more than 40 countries where your Christian Reformed ministry leaders live and serve, your congregation is a vital part of their ministry. Through Resonate, your church helps spread the gospel.

That’s the impact your church has through Resonate: more people in more places living and sharing the gospel.

In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf, Acting Canada Director

**COLLECTIONS IN JUNE:**

June 4	Ministry Shares
June 11	OneBook
June 18	The Pakitinâsowin Reciprocity Fund
June 25	Refugee Fund

Please visit our website at [discoverbethel.com/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](mailto:accounting@discoverbethel.com).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONCERT IN THE COUNTRY:** Preparations are underway for our 25th Annual Concert, August 11,12 and 13, 2023. Please visit our website [here](#) for more information.

**MARANATHA CRC IS CELEBRATING 70 YEARS:** With thanksgiving to the Lord, Maranatha CRC will be celebrating its 70th anniversary with a special service on Sunday, June 04 at 10:30 a.m.

**REHOBOTH CAMP MINISTRY** is a summer camp for persons with developmental disabilities, and we really need your help! We currently have a camper waiting list for all of our weeks because it is such an awesome place to hear about Jesus' love. We need Cooks, Nurses/LPN's, a Bible Leader, Night Watch, and especially Counselors (buddies) willing to hang out and be a friend during Camp. We completely rely on volunteers to continue this important ministry, and we are getting close to having to cancel some of our weeks because we don't have the volunteers. You can see the specific type of camp week, dates, and needs at <https://www.rcmflourish.ca/camp/volunteers/>. Don't delay, come out to Camp today. You'll never know whose life may be changed!

**EMMANUEL HOME IS HIRING!** Are you interested in serving in Administration for Emmanuel Home? We are looking to hire a Human Resources Coordinator! This dynamic role will lead Human Resources aspects, Accreditation, and provide support for Senior Leadership. Willing to train the right candidate. Check out our website for the full Job description. <https://emmanuelhome.ca/about/careers>.

**EMMANUEL COMMUNITY CHURCH:** is looking to hire local, young adult (ages 15-30), Christians for our Summer Day Camp. This Program runs from July-August and is funded by Canada Summer Jobs and Emmanuel Community Church. If you would like more information email [childrensminatemanuel@gmail.com](mailto:childrensminatemanuel@gmail.com).

**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 new five-day art and science camps. Find more information at [kingsu.ca/camps](http://kingsu.ca/camps).

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Inglewood CRC is hiring a Worship Coordinator (18hrs/wk). This person will help us live out our vision of “growing together as disciples of Jesus Christ” by carrying out the tasks of worship service planning, coordinating participants, and providing leadership to help us honour God in our worship. Please visit <http://inglewoodcrc.org/hiring> for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 8th Canadian Forum on Inter-Church Dialogues, sponsored by The Canadian Council of Churches, The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and The Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, will take place in Edmonton this year from June 8-10. The theme is *Pêhonân / A Gathering-Waiting Place: Voices of Indigenous Followers of Jesus in the Ecumenical Movement*. Pêhonân is a place at the bend in the North Saskatchewan River where First Nations would assemble for ceremony and exchange. Honoring the gifts of this place, this event focuses on the experiences of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Christians in the ecumenical movement and offers workshops on ecumenical topics. We invite you to learn more about and register for this important gathering: [forum-dialogues-2023.eventbrite.ca](https://forum-dialogues-2023.eventbrite.ca)

**EMMANUEL HOME GOLF TOURNAMENT:** presented by Keller Construction Ltd. Join us at The Ranch Golf & Country Club on Saturday, June 24, for an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start! The day includes a few fun challenges at some holes, prizes, and a delicious steak dinner. All proceeds directly support the residents at Emmanuel Home. Check out our website <https://emmanuelhome.ca/involved/golf-tournament> for the registration form, sponsoring opportunities and to sign up, or reach out to Darren Sinke at [dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca](mailto:dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca).

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY, June 4**

10:00 a.m. Worship - In Person & Live Stream  
11:30 a.m. Profession of Faith Class  
6:00 p.m. HSR Information/Prayer Night

### **MONDAY, June 5**

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom & In Person)

### **TUESDAY, June 6**

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

### **WEDNESDAY, June 7**

6:30 a.m. Prayer - In Person & Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Young Adults - Offsite  
8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, June 8**

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo  
7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

### **FRIDAY, June 9**

1:30 p.m. Food Bank  
6:00 p.m. Youth

### **SATURDAY, June 10**