



April 18, 2025

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This weekend we continue our mini sermon series for Holy Week, *Come and See*, following Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. On Good Friday, we remember that Christ, our promised king, died for the sins of the world. In the silence of the crucifixion, we respond in hope to the song from Ephesians, "wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" (Ephesians 5:14). Easter Sunday is a celebration of Christ's victory—the king is risen—which transforms how we relate to God and the world in new life. One of the resurrection accounts in the Gospel of Mark leaves us with a powerful question: *how will we live in response to the resurrection?* On Sunday, we behold the good news about Jesus together and consider our response.

The message this Sunday will focus on Mark 16:1-8, "Come and See: The Risen King"

Easter Sunday we anticipate the baptisms of Anya Masih at the 9:00 a.m. service, and Dennis Groves-Blanchard at the 11:00 a.m. service. We praise God for this expression of their faith!

## OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **BENEVOLENCE FUND:** is administered by the deacons, who work in collaboration with staff, elders, and trusted ministry partners, to help to provide food or financial resources for those in need in our congregation and community. Please contact a deacon if you or someone you know requires assistance.

Thank you for the tithes and offerings we received this fiscal year. As of the end of March our giving is about \$68,000 below our budgeted amount for this time of year. However, our expenses are also lower, which means our revenue is approximately \$20,000 more than our expenses. We are grateful for the faithful giving of those who call Bethel their church home and trust in God's provision through the generosity of His people.

## COLLECTIONS IN APRIL

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| April 6  | King's University                              |
| April 13 | Bethel World Mission Vision – Rachel Beveridge |
| April 20 | Benevolence                                    |
| April 27 | Ministry Shares                                |

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to remember **CURTIS COENEN**, **JENNY PENFOLD**, and **ELEANOR PROKUDA** as you pray for our church community.

Sylvia, a close friend of Joan Andrews, is currently in hospital due to infection of her liver. Please pray for comfort and healing.

## BETHEL YOUTH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EASTER SERVICES:** We encourage you to invite your friends to our Easter Services this weekend

**GOOD FRIDAY:** April 18, 6:00 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY:** April 20, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**GET INVOLVED:** Greetings church family! **Would you like to play a critical role in the shaping of the environment and culture at Bethel?** Do you enjoy interacting with people and making them feel welcome? Then reach out to Pastor Cathy at [cathy@discoverbethel.com](mailto:cathy@discoverbethel.com) and ask her about becoming a greeter, an usher, welcome desk attendant, or membership desk attendant. Maybe you could even be all four! More people to serve in Bethel's welcome and hospitality ministries would really help make an already strong foundation even stronger. This is a great way to live out our mission of becoming like Christ and sharing Him with others!

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday April 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We invite men of all ages to join us for food and fellowship. We would love to see you there!

Click [here](#) to register.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**COMMEMORATION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS:** May 2025 marks the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. To commemorate this historic and most significant event in Dutch history (and the personal history of so many immigrants and their descendants), the Canadian Military and the Dutch Community will honour this significant milestone with a planned commemoration that will take place on Sunday, May 4th. It will be preceded by a Church Service at 10:30 am at Holy Trinity Anglican, followed by a short march/walk to South Alberta Light Horse Park in Old Strathcona where the actual ceremony will take place. The 80th anniversary, as a major commemoration, will be the last time actual living soldiers who were part of the Canadian army, will be in attendance. The few that are left are now 100 years of age or older. Also, those who were liberated are now in their late 80's or in their 90s. Thus, it will close a chapter of living history. Please consider attending.

**FROM HANDOUTS TO HANDSHAKES:** Join Diaconal Ministries Canada on Saturday May 10 at Ebenezer CRC in Leduc (10:30 am -12:30 p.m.) to rethink Benevolence through the lens of Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD). Instead of simply meeting needs, how can we empower people and communities to flourish? This workshop will help attendees move from charity to connection - recognizing strength and walking alongside people in more meaningful ways. This workshop is open to Deacons, Elders, Pastors, and lay congregation members. Coffee and refreshments will be provided, please register with this [link](#).

**WORLD VISION:** World Vision is looking for Volunteers to help out at the **Stars On Ice** tour on May 11. **Volunteers will receive free admission** to the event. For more information, please click [here](#).

**REHOBOTH CAMP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Rehoboth Camp Ministry is a Christian summer camp for people with special needs from young children to seniors. Rehoboth Camp Weeks need you! Volunteer for one week full of fun and fellowship, providing camp to people of all abilities! Volunteers must be a minimum of 14 years of age at the time of their volunteer week. Grab a friend and come experience camp! More information or to sign up: [www.rcmflourish.ca/camp](http://www.rcmflourish.ca/camp)

**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](http://kingsu.ca/camps).

**STEVE BELL CONCERT:** Christian singer-songwriter Steve Bell will be in St. Albert for a Solo Concert on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at St. Albert Catholic Parish (7 St. Vital Ave). Tickets \$25. There will also be a Psalms retreat on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Star of the North Retreat Centre. Visit [www.stevebell.com/events](http://www.stevebell.com/events) for more info.

**JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR:** Registration opens online April 1 - Rehoboth Christian Ministries invites children entering grades 2-8 to register for openings in the Joyful Noise Choir for Fall, 2025. This is a worship and leadership program that encourages children to use their gifts to help the disabled flourish in their communities. Children act as ambassadors for the organization as they lead worship in churches and participate in community events. For more information see the choir's [website](#).

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Adeara's Golf Tournament is back for its second year on June 11! With limited spots available, we expect them to sell out fast! Click [here](#) to register.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Covenant Christian Reformed Church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada is hiring a Director of Worship. At Covenant, we enjoy vibrant, joyful worship that includes all ages and abilities, as our communal expression of faith. We are seeking a passionate Director of Worship to lead and cultivate our worship ministry, to grow and form our faith through worship that glorifies God. This is a part-time, hourly position (average approximately 18 hours per week). Click [Here](#) for a detailed description of the position or to apply.

**REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES:** The Spring Flourish Newsletter is now available. Get your copy at the literature rack by the library or you can read a digital copy from the link [here](#). May you be blessed by these articles.

**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, April 20**

9:00 a.m. Worship - in person & live stream  
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### **MONDAY, April 21**

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

### **TUESDAY, April 22**

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo  
7:00 p.m. GEMS

### **WEDNESDAY, April 23**

6:30 a.m. Prayer-In-person & Zoom  
9:30 a.m. Oasis  
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, April 24**

12:30 p.m. Food Bank  
5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

### **FRIDAY, April 25**

### **SATURDAY, April 26**