

April 11, 2025

## **1** THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we start a mini-sermon series for Holy Week which will take us on the journey with Jesus from Palm Sunday to Easter. Our main theme for these messages is God's invitation for us to *come and see* what God has done and is doing among us. Palm Sunday captures the incredible moment when Jesus rides into Jerusalem; a grand procession celebrating God's victory and salvation. However, the meaning of the moment is missed by the crowd whose cries are quickly turned to shouts for crucifixion. Through his triumphal entry, Jesus shows us how we live today shapes how God can work through us for the future of his kingdom.

The message this Sunday will focus on Mark 11:1-11, "Come and See: The King Enters"

**HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONAL** TRIUMPHAL ENTRY TO EMPTY TOMB: This 8-day devotional, from Focus on the Family, goes through eight key symbols of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Copies will be available at the Membership Desk, or you can access a pdf version <a href="here">here</a>.

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) BETHEL WORLD MISSION VISION**: Rachel Beveridge is a missionary sponsored by Bethel. Rachel and her husband Isra coordinate and run Cohort Central America. This is a 1-year service-formation opportunity for young adults who want to get to know Central America, God and themselves better! It is intended for young adults who are discerning their calling, want to learn Spanish, are willing to lean into cultural discomfort, love serving others, are looking for authentic community, and want to see what God is up to in another part of the world. To learn more click <a href="here">here</a>.

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**

April 6 King's University

April 13 Bethel World Mission Vision – Rachel Beveridge

April 20 Benevolence April 27 Ministry Shares

# **OCHURCH 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.

# **DETHEL YOUTH**

**PAUL (Prayer) AND PANCAKES:** Bethel Youth! Join us this Sunday morning at the beginning of the service in the lower level for pancakes and a special study on prayer! All youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to join us at 10:00 a.m.

**BETHEL YOUTH UPDATE:** Bethel Community Church is looking for a Youth Ministry Director (20 hours a week) with the potential for more hours as the youth ministry grows. Candidates should have a passion for discipling youth through Bible study and extra-curricular activities and be willing to partner with families as they nurture their teen's spiritual walk. Strong skills in leadership, volunteer recruitment, and administration duties are essential. If you're interested, please visit <u>discoverbethel.com/jobs</u>. Applications and inquiries about the position can be sent to <a href="https://example.com/">hr@discoverbethel.com/</a>. The application deadline for the position is April 15, 2025.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EASTER IS COMING:** we are excited to celebrate Easter with our Community. We want to place a special emphasis this year on inviting friends and neighbours with whom you want to share the good news about Jesus. We have Easter invite cards available that you can take with you to invite others. The cards include information that can be found on our Easter page.

#### **EASTER SERVICES:**

Good Friday, April 18, 6:00 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 20, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**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. 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 <u>link</u>.

**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: <a href="https://www.rcmflourish.ca/camp">www.rcmflourish.ca/camp</a>

**THE LIGHTHOUSE:** You're invited to an Open House at The Lighthouse on Saturday, April 12, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at 11425 St. Albert Trail. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our space, connect with our team, and learn more about the programs and services we offer. Enjoy refreshments, engage in meaningful conversations, and experience the welcoming atmosphere that makes The Lighthouse a special place. Whether you're a long-time supporter or new to our community, we look forward to seeing you and sharing what makes The Lighthouse unique.

**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 <a href="kingsu.ca/camps">kingsu.ca/camps</a>.

DAYS FOR GIRLS: Days for Girls increases access to menstrual care and education by developing global partnerships, cultivating Social Enterprises, mobilizing volunteers and innovating sustainable solutions that shatter stigma and limitations for women and girls. Our next work bee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Next month, we are scheduled for Saturday May 10. Please join us for this worthwhile cause. We could use workers with sewing machines and sergers, but we also need help from non-sewers for a variety of tasks: ironing, cutting, adding snaps, measuring and tracing, folding, etc. This request for help is not just for ladies, as we also have men that come out to help. Some of the tasks require a level of strength that unfortunately not all ladies have. Please let me know if you plan on coming so we can ensure we bring enough work for everyone: lindesrosiers@gmail.com Location: LDS Church, 9010 - 85 Street NW Edmonton. Please come to the west side back door.

**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 <a href="www.stevebell.com/events">www.stevebell.com/events</a> 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 <a href="Here">Here</a> 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 <u>here</u>. 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 <u>here</u>.

# **1** THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### **SUNDAY, April 13**

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

#### MONDAY, April 14

6:45 p.m. Council Meetings 7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

### **TUESDAY, April 15**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, April 16**

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 17**

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

### FRIDAY, April 18 GOOD FRIDAY

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**SATURDAY, April 19**