

January 24, 2025

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we continue our sermon series, *Everyday Prayer*, by reflecting on the connection of prayer and generosity. Part of God's invitation for us to follow Jesus, includes countless blessings, gifts that shape our hearts. We learn that to more fully enjoy these gifts we must not attempt to keep them for ourselves but share with others by giving back what we have received. Seeking God in prayer takes us on a journey of discipleship and stewardship that involves all of us – our time, treasure and talents. May we be faithful in generosity to our church, community and beyond for God's glory and our good.

The message this Sunday will focus on Matthew 6:1-4, 6:19-21, "Prayerful Giving."

Following the message, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. For those attending in-person, we will pass around the elements with plates and baskets. When you receive them, please wait to eat and drink together at the same time. We welcome you to use the time for singing, prayer, and reflection. Gluten-free bread is available for those who desire this option. Also, you may leave the disposable cups in the pews to be collected later.

For everyone online, please have communion elements ready at home (bread, juice/wine) to join with us in sharing the meal. You can partake of the elements at home while they are being served in the sanctuary.

We look forward to celebrating Christ's meal of grace with you on Sunday. Please prepare your hearts for this time of remembrance and celebration in light of our forgiveness through the cross.

## OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **MINISTRY SHARES:** is a cooperative venture of all CRC churches in Canada to send missionaries around the world, start new churches, resource congregations, train pastors and leaders, and use media to spread the gospel. The pooled resources allow the church to do more together than an individual church could do on its own. For more information→[crcna.org/MinistryShares](http://crcna.org/MinistryShares)

**NEXT WEEK - EDMONTON FOOD BANK:** provides food, free of charge, to those experiencing hunger through a variety of effective distribution methods throughout the city. The food bank runs hamper programs, and meal and snack programs through several locations throughout the city. The money collected allows the food bank to purchase bulk food at a discounted rate for use in the programs they run. For more information→[edmontonsfoodbank.com/](http://edmontonsfoodbank.com/)

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

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

## BETHEL YOUTH

Next Paul and Pancakes is February 23.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COMMUNITY CONNECTION SUNDAY:** Our next Community Connection Sunday is happening February 9. This is a time for everyone to connect with food and fellowship with one another after the service. Mark February 9 on your calendar for **Soup-er Sunday**. Join us in the lower level to enjoy this Soup and Buns Potluck lunch. Help with set-up, clean-up, and dishes is needed. Sign up to bring a soup and/or buns or offer to help with the meal by clicking [here](#)! There will also be a sign-up form at the Welcome Desk in the back of the sanctuary. We hope you will join us!

**21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING:** This past week, we concluded our 21-day initiative to seek the Lord in prayer and fasting. Our goal is to continue with an emphasis on prayer and fasting on Sundays. We hope that the resources and teaching provided have offered a vision for what building and sustaining spiritual habits can look like for us all this year.

Continue to seek God in these ways. We encourage you to join us for our weekly prayer gatherings. We have two options: Monday evenings at 7:00 PM via Zoom or Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM in person and via Zoom. For more information click [here](#).

**GEMS FUNDRAISER:** You're invited to a freezer meal prep session with Collective Kitchen at Bethel Community Church January 31 from 10a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or February 1 from 10a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You'll go home with 10 ready to make meals, and the best part is the planning and shopping will be done for you. The cost is \$285.00. Contact Megan by text at 780-974-6420 to reserve your spot indicating the session you would like to attend. For more information click [here](#).

**BETTER TOGETHER LIBERIA:** A team will be headed to Bettesu Liberia for the Grand opening of the Health Clinic. This community has played a large role in the construction of the clinic. Thank you for your generosity. As part of the celebrations, there will be soccer matches. If you have any gently used soccer shoes you would like to donate we would love to take them with us. Please connect with Helena Myschuk 780-237-0402 or John Lendein 780-908-1429.

**WILLOWWOOD CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL IS HIRING:** We are looking for additional people to join our staff as substitute teachers and assistants. This includes immediate coverage for a short medical leave. Our classes run Monday -Friday from 9:00 -11:30. If you have a passion for play-based preschool education from a Christian perspective, hold level 1, 2, or 3 Early Childhood Educator certificate or have related experience, consider joining our team. For more information and to apply, please email [willowwood@discoverbethel.com](mailto:willowwood@discoverbethel.com).

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for the tithes and offerings we received this fiscal year. As of the end of December, our income is approximately \$25,500 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 FEBRUARY

February 2	Edmonton Food Bank
February 9	Cornerstone Counseling
February 16	Dunamis Fellowship Canada
February 23	Ministry Shares

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** One of our community families is looking for respite childcare assistance. Mom is a stay-at-home mom and dad is working full time. Their children include a set of twins, age 11 months, and a 4 year old. The family relies on public transportation. Mom has Cerebral Palsy and a vision impairment, limiting her mobility making daily tasks and looking after the children a struggle. She also has to bring the 4 year old to the school bus which takes a lot of effort and time. This family's E4C support worker is reaching out to Bethel Church to see if someone could help out later in the morning for about 2-

3 hours for respite care while mom is at home. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please reach out to Monika from E4C at 780-554-3676.

**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.

**EMMANUEL HOME AND LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN SENIORS HOMES:** Are accepting applications for a variety of one- and two-bedroom suites in both Emmanuel Home (13429 57 street) and the Lighthouse (114 avenue & St Albert Trail). If you are 65 years or older and would like to live in a vibrant, Christian retirement community that enriches your life and provides spiritual and social support, please visit [emmanuelhome.ca](http://emmanuelhome.ca) or contact us at 780-478-2051 to arrange a tour and learn more.

**COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR:** This 2 or 5 km fundraiser walk on February 22, 2025, will support ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE. To support or register a team of 6-8 walkers click [here](#). To learn more about Adeara's work visit [Adeara Recovery Centre](#).

**HOPE MISSION:** Cold hands warm hearts walk. Winter in Edmonton is tough, especially for those without food or shelter. This walk is about coming together to raise funds for warm meals, shelter, and care for the vulnerable through Hope Mission. Can you help us reach our \$54,000 goal? Click [here](#) for more information.

**INGLEWOOD CRC:** Is seeking a self-employed contractor interested in providing summer grounds maintenance for Inglewood CRC church property. The seasonal contract runs from April through October, and qualified individuals must have their own insurance, WCB coverage and grounds keeping equipment to manage all aspects of property maintenance. For more information or to express your interest, please contact the ICRC church office: [admin@inglewoodcrc.org](mailto:admin@inglewoodcrc.org) or call 780-455-1066.

**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, January 26**

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

11:30 a.m. Alpha Marriage Course

### **MONDAY, January 27**

7:00 p.m. Prayer – Zoom

### **TUESDAY, January 28**

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. GEMS

7:00 p.m. Personal Financial Management

### **WEDNESDAY, January 29**

6:00 a.m. Prayer – In-person & Zoom

9:30 a.m. Oasis Women’s Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, January 30**

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

### **FRIDAY, January 31**

10:00 a.m. GEMS Fundraiser Collective Kitchen

### **SATURDAY, February 1**

10:00 a.m. GEMS Fundraiser Collective Kitchen