



February 14, 2025

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

This Sunday we continue our sermon series, *Everyday Prayer* by reflecting on how Jesus prays for his disciples. The world will continue to be hostile to followers of Jesus; this is something scripture has said. Even though we will encounter opposition, we are called to keep on the mission of becoming like Christ and sharing him with others.

The message this Sunday will focus on John 17:6-19, "Jesus Prays For His Disciples".

Memory verse: John 17:15

OUR OFFERINGS

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **DUNAMIS FELLOWSHIP CANADA** is on a mission to mobilize, equip and deploy Spirit-empowered witnesses for Jesus Christ to take part in fulfilling the great commission. Dunamis offers courses and conferences on the person and work of the Holy Spirit based on Christ-centered, biblical teaching from a Reformed perspective and anchored in practical, experiential learning. Many Bethel people have taken part in Dunamis courses. For more information → www.dfcanada.org/

COLLECTIONS IN FEBRUARY

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

BETHEL STAFF UPDATE: We're excited to share that Pastor Cathy returned to work this week. As a team, we're looking forward to serving alongside each other again. Pastor Cathy will be reconnecting with the ministry areas she supports in our Reach and Connect zones. If you need to contact Pastor Cathy with a ministry need or if you'd like to personally welcome her back, please don't hesitate to send her a message at cathy@discoverbethel.com

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

BETHEL YOUTH

PAUL & PANCAKES: will be February 23. Paul and Pancakes is an opportunity for youth to gather for fellowship and Bible study while eating pancakes. Youth will meet in the downstairs kitchen of Bethel during the worship service.

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. The successful candidate will be someone who can curate, promote and build an environment where teenagers are disciplined in their faith and grow in community, as well as partner with and support families as they nurture their child's spiritual

walk. The candidate needs strong skills in leadership, volunteer recruitment, and administration duties. They should also have a passion for discipleship through Bible study, extra-curricular activities, and family ministry. If you're interested, please visit discoverbethel.com/jobs. Applications and inquiries about the position can be sent to hr@discoverbethel.com.

MEN'S MINISTRY: The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 22, 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! Find out more at discoverbethel.com/events or register [here](#).

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: Our Women's evening Bible study will be starting on February 26 at 7:00 p.m. We will be studying "He's Where the Joy Is" by Tara-Leigh Cobble. To learn more or to sign-up please click [here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS: With the start of a new year, it's a good time to think about Bethel's mission. A key factor in fulfilling that mission relies on the many different people who serve in our church. Within that group are the church leaders (Elders and Deacons). Each year, a number of these leaders finish their terms and need to be replaced. That is where you come in. We need you to prayerfully consider who you think would make good, Christ-centered leaders for these different roles. To nominate someone, please send us an email with their name to clerk@discoverbethel.com.

The individual you nominate must be a professing member of Bethel. To see our current list of elders and deacons visit our leadership page [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Arnold Groot.

LENT: Lent is coming! We will begin the season of Lent with an evening prayer and worship service on Ash Wednesday March 5 at 6:30 p.m. We will have discipleship practices and resources we will invite the church to participate in leading up to Easter. The first is **40 Daily Devotionals for Lent** on YouVersion. We will begin as a church community on Monday, March 10. Click [here](#) to learn more or join the plan. Contact Pastor Wendy to be added to the Bethel Group on the YouVersion app .

BAPTISM CLASS: You are invited to our Baptism class after worship on February 23 (light lunch provided). This is for parents considering baptism for their children and believers preparing to take their next step in faith by following Christ in baptism. If you're interested in taking the step of baptism, click [here](#).

SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS: What are spiritual gifts, what is their purpose, and how are they used in ministry? Come discover your spiritual gifts and how your personality and passions fit in with them. Join Pastor Wendy, Friday, March 14, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday March 15, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. You can register [here](#).

WILLOWWOOD CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL: Open House, March 3, 4:00 -7:00 pm. WillowWood, located in Bethel's lower level, is a loving, accepting Christian preschool that encourages a love of learning in a play-based setting. We offer both a 2-day and 3-day morning class. If your child will be 3 or 4 years old by September 2025, we would love to have them join our preschool. For more information and to register, visit us at willowwoodpreschool.com.

BETTER TOGETHER LIBERIA: This February a team will be headed to Bettesu Liberia for the Grand opening of the Health Clinic on March 8. Our Bethel 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 could donate, we would love to take them with us. Please connect with Helena Myschuk 780-237-0402 or John Lendein 780-908-1429.

DEACON REQUEST: Do you have a truck? From time to time, people need to move or move large items, but they do not have a vehicle to accomplish the task! Are you willing to be a driver to help people in the Bannerman area? The people interested in moving will collect helpers for the moving adventure! As a truck owner, you would just have to do the driving! Interested? Do you have questions? Talk to Helen Krol or send her an email at hckrol@hotmail.com.

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.

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 March 1st 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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Mill Woods Care Closet food and clothing bank www.carecloset.ca, a community service of Calvary Community Church of Edmonton, is seeking a part-time paid administrator with strong computer skills for 10 to 20 hours per week to support the day-to-day administration of the various aspects of this growing ministry. For additional information contact Pastor Bev Sesink at director@carecloset.ca or 780-680-2463.

DUNAMIS ESSENTIALS UPCOMING COURSES:

-  Are you interested in learning more about how to participate in God's healing ministry in our day? If so, consider attending the online course, **Dunamis Essentials #4: The Healing Ministry of Jesus**. This teaching is based on the healing ministry of Jesus and the apostles as our model for all types of healing ministry today. We do this through sound theology and practical application. If you're interested in finding out more, click [here](#). This course takes place three evenings and Saturday morning, **February 19-22**. If you have any questions, please connect with Joanne Rozendaal at prayer@discoverbethel.com
-  Dunamis Fellowship Canada (DFC) will be hosting **Dunamis Essentials #2: In the Spirit's Power** at our very own Bethel Community Church starting the evening of **April 10th** to the evening of **April 12th**. In the Spirit's Power explores the nature and use of spiritual gifts and cooperation with the Holy Spirit. Participants practice discernment in a safe environment. It covers three parts: Functional Gifts (Romans 12:6-8), helping discern individual gifts; Manifestational Gifts (1 Corinthians 12 & 14), examining their use; and Principles of Power Ministry, focusing on cooperating with the Holy Spirit for advancing the Kingdom of God. If you're interested in finding out more, click [here](#).

To minimize expenses, donations of food including baked goods and meals (lunch and/or dinner) are needed. Additionally, we are looking for people who can host out-of-town guests for 3-4 nights and assist with transportation to Bethel. We're expecting 30 – 35 people. If you have questions about any of these area or know that you can assist please contact:

Kimberly Walker (busynlovinitwalker@gmail.com or text 780-499-1537) or
Jeannie Visser (visserjeannie@gmail.com, call or text 780-242-6117)

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, February 16

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

MONDAY, February 17

7:00 p.m. Prayer - Zoom

TUESDAY, February 18

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Cadets

7:00 p.m. Personal Financial Management

WEDNESDAY, February 19

6:00 a.m. Prayer - In-person & Zoom

9:30 a.m. Oasis Women's Bible Study

8:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, February 20

12:30 p.m. Food Bank

5:15 p.m. Dove Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, February 21

SATURDAY, February 22

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast