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BULLETIN

Just a reminder that bulletin announcements need to be submitted to the church office by WEDNESDAYS.

OFFICE HOURS

Krysta B. (Office): Monday to Thursday (8:00am-1:30pm)

Natalie Killam (C.E.): Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (am)

Karen Earle (Finance): Tuesday's (a.m.)

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**WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF GRACE BEING TRANSFORMED
BY JESUS AND SERVING OTHERS WITH HIS LOVE.**

SPECIAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The Elias family is gearing up for their intense season of summer ministry. A practical way that we, as their sending church, can support and encourage them in this season is to provide nutritious freezer meals that are easily prepared while they are on the road. This is your invitation to be a part of this blessing.

We would love many people from our church family to participate in the following ways:

- 1) **Come to prepare and/or cook meals in the Bethel kitchen.** This can be 'come and go' throughout the day as needed.
Monday, May 26 @ 2pm - meal prep and set up
Tuesday, May 27 beginning at 9am - meal assembly
- 2) **Donate meat (especially ground beef)**
- 3) **Bake cookies etc at home and bring them to the church.** Please mark them for the Elias family and place them in the freezer in the kitchen storage room. Thank you so much!



**If you have any questions, please contact Beth Luyendyk @ 403-200-6809
or luyendyklovebirds@gmail.com**



RIVERS EDGE Day Camp for kids in
Grades 1-6, in the Chinooks Edge
School Division on PD Day!

Friday MAY 16th, 2025

Parents can drop off their kids at 8:30 AM along with a lunch. (Lunch is not provided.)

We have a full day of activities planned for everyone!

Pick-up is scheduled for 3:30pm. If needed, arrangements can be made for a later pick-up, no later than 5:00 PM, for a fee of \$15.

To register go to the Rivers Edge website:
www.riversedgencamp.org/retreats and select DayCamps.

New to Bethel?

If you are new to Bethel Church and would like to receive email updates from us, we invite you to connect with us through one of these ways.

- ▶ Scan the QR code on the screen or inside the bulletin to fill in on Bethel Church Center
- ▶ Fill in the card located in the seat back pockets in front of you and put it in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary.





WELCOME TO BETHEL CHURCH

April 27th, 2025

TODAY'S SERMON

EMCC LEAD REGIONAL MINISTER - BRIAN ARCHER
"MULTIPLYING LIKE JESUS" (LUKE 6:12-19)

SPRING FAMILY POTLUCK

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



live in concert

New West Student Ensemble

6:30pm
SUNDAY MAY 4, 2025

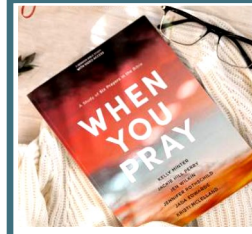
BETHEL CHURCH
CARSTAIRS, AB



PARKING HELP NEEDED: We could really use another 4-6 people to help us out on the Parking Lot Ministry Team! We'd love to have enough help to rotate teams throughout the months! Can you help in this ministry? Please contact either Pastor Kelly or the church office! Thanks so much!

Ministry Schedule

DATE	WELCOME & PRAYER	SPEAKER	LIVESTREAM	WORSHIP MUSIC	PPT	SOUND	USHERS	NURSERY	PRESCHOOL - GRADE 2	GRADE 3-6
APR 27	JONI TAYLOR	BRIAN ARCHER	CONNOR	TANYA	SIMON	DON	Doug P, Don W, John H, Joel C	Nicole M. Selah N. On Call Jess V.	Breanne, Meghan, Joni, Lillian, Grace, Naomi, Lincoln, Megan	Natalie & TBA Janice Tara
MAY 04	PASTOR CHRIS	PASTOR KELLY	TOM	HOOPERS	MATT	DON	Darrin T, Lance E, Ryan T, Aaron L	Brenda J. Nicole C. On Call: Nicole M.	Breanne, Meghan, Joni, Lillian, Grace, Naomi, Lincoln, Megan	Natalie & Whitney, Janice, Lani



LADIES BIBLE STUDY - "WHEN YOU PRAY"

MONDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00PM

THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15AM:

Coffee & visiting at 9:15am and Study begins at 9:30am
(Childcare provided on Thursdays)

Contact: Janice.a.franzen@gmail.com



ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

MAY 1 • 9:30-11:30 •
BETHEL CAFE

CHILDCARE PROVIDED



coffee time

MENS COFFEE TIME

TIM HORTONS (Carstairs)

MAY 13, 8:45am

All men are welcome!

Come by for a visit and a coffee!



LADIES BRIDAL SHOWER FOR ...

CARLA DIPPEL

(Bride elect of Paul Blankestijn)

MAY 18 @ 3:00 P.M.

Ladies, please bring a snack to share (squares, fruit, veggies, etc). Be sure to join us to celebrate and shower Carla with all our love and blessings!

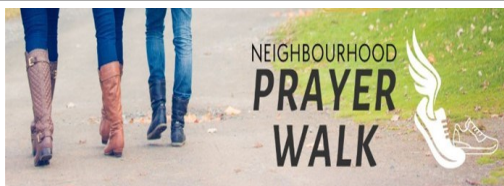


"BETHEL EMC GUEST" WIFI ACCESS

We're happy to provide an official "Bethel EMC Guest" WIFI network. We kindly ask that everyone transition over to using this Guest network (soon the other options will be locked), and for those that have never signed on before, here is the information you can use to connect: Use the option of : **Bethel EMC Guest** Password is: **BethelEMC**



AS WE CONCLUDE THESE 40 DAYS OF A "SEASON OF PRAYER" WITH OUR SISTER EMCC CHURCHES ACROSS CANADA, THERE'S ONE MORE EVENT -- A PRAYER WALK!



WHEN: 6:30 PM, TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 29TH

WHERE:

CARSTAIRS: We'll start from two locations:

- (1) the gazebo in the park on Gough Road, or
- (2) the parking lot in front of Carstairs Memorial Arena on Hwy 581.

CREMONA: the gazebo along the main road through town.

If those of you living in Didsbury, Dogpound, or Water Valley would like to organize a walk in your neighborhood, please go ahead, but do get in touch with us ahead of time so we can pass on the word to others.

HOW: A leader will meet everyone at 6:30pm, give you some instructions, and split you up into small teams of two or three.

You'll walk and pray for about 30 minutes, then return to the starting point to debrief. (For the Carstairs walks, the debrief will take place at the Carstairs gazebo)

HOW TO PREPARE: Copies of the "Prayer Walking Guide" are available in the foyer; have been mailed out to the congregation; and will be available at the starting points.

For those who can't make it on the date, we encourage you to do your own walk on another date, perhaps with a spouse or friend. People out in the country could perhaps do a "prayer drive" instead.



OPEN SANCTUARY PRAYER SPACE at BETHEL
Please feel welcome to come to the Bethel sanctuary for a time of self-led prayer. The sanctuary will be open for you to come and go.

TUESDAY APRIL 29th, 9:00am - 11:00am AND APRIL 29th, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

GLOBAL MINISTRY FOCUS

NEIL & VAL CARLETON



HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

After 42+ years with Wycliffe, Neil will retire at the end of June!



(Val already retired in 2022.) Neil writes, "It seems very strange for me to be retiring, since my work with Wycliffe and SIL* has been such a significant and wonderful part of my life for so many years. Val and I have so much to be thankful for in God's faithfulness to us. It has been a tremendous privilege to participate in the Bible translation movement." (*SIL Global is Wycliffe's biggest field partner.)

- Praise God for these good years of ministry, for God's help and enabling, and for the prayer and financial support given faithfully by so many friends and churches – including Bethel!
- Pray for all that needs to be done to wind up this phase of the Carletons' lives: visiting and thanking their partners, handing over responsibilities, following through on retirement procedures, etc.

Neil left on April 25 for his last international trip as a member of Wycliffe Bible Translators! He plans to visit former colleagues in the UK first (Apr 26 – May 2) and then fly to Johannesburg, South Africa, where he will attend SIL Global's quadrennial conference (May 5-10). He will be serving as part of the prayer team for that global gathering.

- Pray for safe travels and God's protection over his health.
- Pray that the prayer team will be a blessing to the conference participants and that they will pray with insight and wisdom for SIL's worldwide work.

Neil and Val will both stay connected and active in Wycliffe work as part-time volunteers. Val serves as Wycliffe Canada's alumni coordinator, and Neil's main role will be praying for God's blessing on language communities and for Wycliffe and SIL's work among them.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

EMCC Friends & Family in the Calgary & Surrounding Area are invited to attend the General Assembly Opening Session

THURSDAY, MAY 1ST, 7:00PM

at CSC Bears paw Campus, 33 Damkar Court, Calgary, AB



Website: WWW.EMCC.CA/GENERAL-ASSEMBLY-2025

