

**Bethel Christian Reformed Church**  
**January 1, 2023**

Happy New Year and welcome to worship at Bethel! We are thankful that you have joined us for a time of refreshment, renewal, and encouragement. We invite you to make Bethel your church home if you are seeking a place to worship regularly. After the morning service you are invited to join us for coffee, juice, and fellowship.

**Morning Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.**  
Led by: Rev. Mike Scott

- Prelude**
- Welcome and announcements**
- Call to worship**
- \* **God's greeting**
- \* **We greet each other**
- \* **Opening songs:** *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*  
*We Sing the Mighty Power of God – PsH 430 (1-3)*
- Confession and assurance of pardon**
- Song of response:** *All I Have is Christ*  
(Children's sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room)
- Prayer of God's people**
- Offering** for First Fruits (General Fund)
- \* **Song of preparation:** *O Worship the King—PsH 428 (1-4)*  
(Children's church (ages 3-5) and children's worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
- Scripture:** Genesis 50:20, Romans 8:28
- Message:** GOD IS SOVEREIGN, THEREFORE I CAN BE...
- \* **Song of response:** *Crown Him*
- \* **God's blessing to his people**
- \* **Parting song:** *He Is Lord—PsH 633*

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**Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.**  
**A New Year's Day Hymn Festival**

You are warmly called to gather for a combined evening worship service – a New Year's Day Hymn Festival - here at Bethel this evening. Pastor Scott Muilenburg will give the message. An offering will be taken for the Edgerton Food Shelf. An order of worship will be distributed at the service.

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**Offering Schedule:**

- January 1: AM-First Fruits (General Fund), PM-Food Shelf
- January 8: Vasya & Maranda Heytsi (Ukraine)
- January 15: Mary Buys, Mission to the World  
Communion Thank Offering: Bible League International
- January 22: Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund
- January 29: Edgerton Cadets

**Church Family:**

- **Harley Petersen** has returned to Edgebrook Care Center following his hip surgery. Pray for strength and recovery.

***This Week's Activities:***

**WEDNESDAY:**

7:00 pm **YPS Small Groups**.....Various Locations

**THURSDAY:**

8:15 am **Bibles for Missions Thrift Store Workday**.....meet at Bethel

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

8:30 am **Prayer Meeting** .....Prayer Room

9:30 am **Morning Worship Service** ..... Bethel

10:45 am **Sunday School Classes for grades 2-8 & adults**..... Classrooms

5:15 pm **9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism** ..... Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm **Evening Worship Service**..... Bethel

7:45 pm **11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism** ..... Fellowship Hall

***Advance Dates:***

January 8: Installation of new elders and deacons

January 8: Sunday School Classes Resume

January 9: Council Meeting



**STEPHEN MINISTRY:**

Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance. -Proverbs 1:5

***Announcements:***

**CHURCH**

Thursday, January 5, is Bethel's work day at the **Bibles For Missions Thrift Store** in Worthington. All are welcome to join us! Those who wish to carpool are asked to meet at Bethel at 8:15 a.m.

**Directory updates:** Please submit any address, telephone, or email address changes for the printed directory to the church office (bethelcrcedgerton@yahoo.com) by January 15.

**Adult Book Study "Two Roads", starting January 8:**

*When many of us first met Jesus, we imagined a life full of authentic relationships, vibrant faith, and deep joy. But down the road, we find ourselves exhausted from trying to keep up, frustrated by our habitual issues, or just plain burnt out. We feel like we're faking it more often than not, and bizarrely our faith communities often end up feeling like the place we need to hide our true faces the most. We thought this road would lead to abundant life, but lately it feels like it's just a grinding drudge.*

***What if there was a different road?***

*A road that led to real, authentic community—the kind where the worst parts of you can be known and you'll be loved more in the telling of it? What if we could let our true faces be seen in our families, friendships, churches, and workplaces, and we could see others' true faces too? This study is designed to help you travel beyond the mask and help any group begin experiencing real, authentic relationships that are rooted in grace. Through videos, discussion questions, scripture and applications, Two Roads guides you along the path of trusting God and others with who you really are.*

Discussion groups will meet 2 times every Sunday. There will be a group meeting during church ed after the morning service in the youth room. Or you may join a group gathering at 5:15pm Sunday evenings BEFORE the evening service. This is a 4 week study that includes a weekly video and discussion as a group, and 5 short lessons during the week. For those who can't find time to read

during your week, the 5 weekly study sessions are available as audio lessons. Listen as you drive! **You can join this book study without ever reading a single page!** If you miss a week, it's ok because all the video and audio materials are available for free on-line at any time for you to catch up.

Anyone who wishes to do this study with us from afar, like our snowbirds, I will keep you posted using the Bethel FaceBook page with where we are in the study.

There are 2 more 4-part studies in this series that take us deeper into living in the Room of Grace. If there is enough interest, then we can continue right into the next study after completing this one.

Please reach out to Heidi by phone or text if you would like to take part in this study so she can coordinate ordering study books. Or you can simply add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex area. It would also be helpful if you can indicate which group you plan to join most of the time, the morning group, or the evening group. Heidi's cell 507-215-0991

**COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS**

**Edgerton Hope Haven home is looking to fill the Lead position at the home.**

The Lead helps train, support, assist, and empower our employees & clients. They supervise. They guide. They wrangle paperwork and schedules and client meetings. Important qualities for this position are a love for people, a passion for both teaching and learning, the ability to handle surprises, challenges, and opportunities with a contagiously positive attitude, and a respectful appreciation for details and organization. If you are interested in hearing more contact Bonnie at 507-920-7885

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Coffee Break Bible Study and Story Hour is in need of caring individuals to help out in the nursery on Wednesday mornings from 9:15 - 11:00 starting in January 2023. You do not need to be available every Wednesday. Even if you can help only once a month it would be great. Coffee Break finishes its current session at the end of March. Contact Thea Nykamp (507-227-9513) for more information.

**Beginning Experience of SW MN/Marshall**, a peer ministry support group for widowed, separated and divorced people is offering its "Coping With Life Alone" Series for ten weeks beginning January 9, 2023. This series is designed for those wishing to work through the grieving process following the loss of a loved one. The Monday night sessions begin at 7:00 P.M. at the First Lutheran Church on Church and "A" Street in Marshall, MN. Registration will start at 6:30 P.M. on January 9 and January 16. Registration is then closed for that session. The support group is open to people of all denominations. There is a \$75 fee to cover the cost of materials. If you wish to pre-register or have other questions, contact us at: [swmnbe@gmail.com](mailto:swmnbe@gmail.com) or call: Tim L.: 507-530-6379, MaryAnn S: 507-828-2866, Jean 507-220-0668

**KIDS CORNER: - The Stone of Help** - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). In this week's devotion, learn about God's faithfulness while making a pile of rocks called an Ebenezer. Happy New Year! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Groundwork: God Keeps His Promises And Offers Us Rest** - As the book of Joshua opens, we witness God acting to keep his promises to Abraham and his descendants, the Israelites. Join Groundwork as we study Joshua 1 and examine how God works through his people, see the importance of community, and affirm that we can follow God's command to "be strong and courageous" because we trust God to keep his promises. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**At-home Faith Formation Tip** - “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance” (Eccles 3:1-4). As we enter a new year full of unknowns, remind each other to take comfort in the knowledge that all your times are in God’s hand.

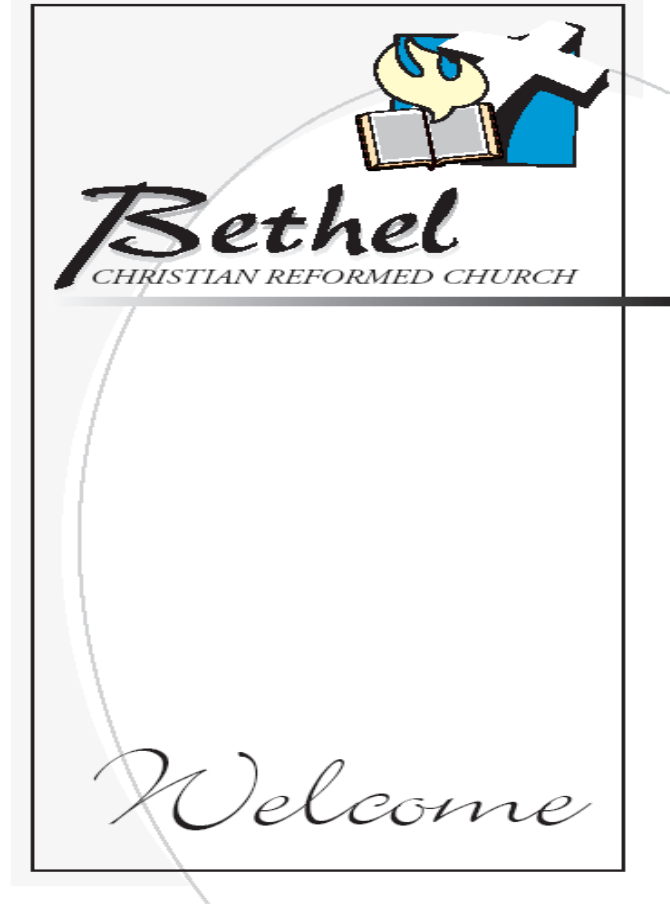
**Giving Thanks at Christmas** - Thank you for sharing God’s love through the World Renew Gift Catalog during Advent. Your donation of a chicken, water filter, or goat can be a miracle for people who face poverty and hunger. Want to give in the New Year? Go to [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-552-7972. Thank you!

### *Helpful Information*

**NURSERY:** available for infants and toddlers on lower level  
**CHILDREN’S CHURCH & WORSHIP (AM):** ages 3-1<sup>st</sup> grade are dismissed to their classes downstairs after the offertory  
**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (AM):** grades 2-4 in the society room during the pastoral prayer  
**HEARING AID DEVICES:** available at the media desk  
**REFRESHMENTS:** after the morning service  
**PRAYER ROOM:** you are invited to join the prayer team before the Sunday services  
**WEBSITE:** [www.betheledgerton.org](http://www.betheledgerton.org)  
**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday 1-5 pm & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
 Secretary ph: 442-3063 [bethelcrcedgerton@yahoo.com](mailto:bethelcrcedgerton@yahoo.com)  
 Announcements need to be in by Thursday, 10:00 a.m.  
**JANITOR:** Marv 507-236-5368; Kendra 507-227-0488; [kuipers@vastbb.net](mailto:kuipers@vastbb.net)  
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**WEATHER RELATED SERVICE INFORMATION:** KDWC (99.3FM), K101 (101.1FM), KLOH (1050AM), KNWC (96.5FM), KELOLAND TV

### *Our Helpers*

**PREACHING** Today: AM: Rev. Mike Scott PM: Rev. Scott Muilenburg  
 Next Week: AM: Rev. Mike Scott PM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen  
**ACCOMPANIST** Today: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Linda Vanderaa  
 Next Week: AM: Kendra Van Hill PM: Linda Vanderaa  
**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Today: Cal Spronk Next Week: Denise Nerem  
**CHILDREN’S CHURCH** Today: Becca Van Schepen Next Week: Karen Dyk  
**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP** Today: Rose Kroll & Mara Prins  
**NURSERY** Today AM: Infant: Brianna Bridgewater, Mara Prins, Kate Moosey  
 Toddler: Amy Hanson, Kendra Kuipers, Peyton Van Essen, Caleb Fey, Mason Tinklenberg, Hannah Van Schepen  
 PM: Devin & Katie Van’t Hof  
 Next Week AM Infant: LuAnn Spronk, Morgan Kooiker, Eva De Jongh  
 Toddler: Lori Fey, Melissa Kooiker, Alexia Vander Pol, Maya Krosschell, Jack De Jongh  
 PM: Greg & Karen Dyk Family  
**USHERS** Today: Rob Van Hill, Randy Pfeifle, Ben Hanenburg  
 Next Week: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Ryan Bos  
**HOST/HOSTESS** Today: Mary Kreun & Kendra Kuipers  
 Next Week: Lois Van Dyke & Jolene Walhof  
**SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Jonathan Next Week: Seth/Huck & Seth/Derek  
**VIDEO CAMERA** Today: Walt Next Week: Cal  
**MULTI-MEDIA** Today: Kyle Next Week: Krista  
**REFRESHMENTS** Today: Michelle Van Essen, Jackie Van Nieuwenhuyzen, Becca Van Schepen, Gene & LouAnn Kuipers  
 Next Week: Karen Van Schepen, Renae Van Stelten, Lin Van’t Hof, Karen Walhof



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 Pastor Brian Kornelis  
**Assistant Pastor**  
 Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

**Missionaries**  
 Mary Buys – Southeast Asia  
 Cuba CRC – Resonate Global Mission  
 Cornerstone Prison Church - South Dakota  
 Hope For Life Community Church – Watertown, SD  
 Children of the Promise – Haiti  
 Vasya & Maranda Heytsi – Ukraine

### *Worship Guide and Weekly News*

**Morning Worship** – 9:30 a.m.  
**Evening Worship** - 6:30 p.m.