

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
January 4, 2026

Welcome to worship at Bethel! We are thankful you have joined us for a time of worship, renewal, and encouragement. We invite you to make Bethel your church home if you are seeking a place to worship regularly. Please join us after the morning service for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.
Led by: Pastor Bill Vis

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

* **Call to worship**

* **God's greeting**

* **We greet each other**

* **Opening songs: Hear the Call of the Kingdom**

I Am Not My Own

Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Song of response: Grace

(Children's sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)

Prayer of God's people

Offering: First Fruits for the General Fund

(Children's church (ages 3-5) and children's worship (grades K-1) dismissed)

* **Song of preparation: Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak – PsH 528 (1-4)**

Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:1-16

Message: QUALIFICATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP

Installation of new Elders and Deacons

* **Song of application: The Servant Song (1-4)**

* **Parting words**

* **Parting song: The Servant Song (5)**

This evening, you are encouraged to worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Edgerton First CRC. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Offering Schedule:

January 4: First Fruits for the General Fund

January 11: Cornerstone Prison Church

January 18: Gideons; Communion Thank Offering: ReFrame Ministries

January 25: Cadets

Church Family:

- We extend our sympathy to **Mark & Paula Van Dam** and family and **Dylan & Cassandra Walhof** and family in the passing of Marcella Groen.
- **John Gunnink** will have surgery on January 5. Please pray for good results.

This Week's Activities:

MONDAY:

7:00 pm **Council Meeting**.....Council Room

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 pm **YPS Small Groups**.....Leaders' Homes

THURSDAY:

6:30 pm **Friendship Christmas Party**Edgebrook Verdoes Room

SATURDAY:

9:00 am **IF:Table**.....Fellowship Hall

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**.....Classrooms

10:45 am **9th/10th Grade Catechism**YPS Room

10:45 am **11th/12th Grade Catechism**Parsonage Basement

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

Advance Dates:

January 11 & 25: High School Catechism

January 29: Union Gospel Mission Chapel Service

Announcements:

CHURCH

Sunday School Classes for grades 2-8 resume this Sunday, January 4.

Bible Study Opportunity for Men: A small group of men have been meeting in the Society Room on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00am to read and reflect on Scripture together. Please join us if interested! Feel free to contact Marv Kuipers or Devin Van't Hof if you have any questions.

Women of Bethel, would you like to be refreshed by some intentional conversation? **IF:Table** is an opportunity to grow in authentic community. Please join us for a time of fellowship and conversation on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 9:00 am in the church fellowship hall. Come to share, come to listen, or come to do both! The conversations will center around the theme For the New Year based on Lamentations 3:23. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't come before! Brunch and coffee are provided. If you have questions, please contact Darcy Van Dyke, Becca Van Schepen, or Katie Van't Hof.

Directory Booklet Updates: Please submit any address, telephone, or email address changes for the printed church directory to the church office (bethelcrcedgerton@yahoo.com) by January 14.

To care for those going through a time of grief, Bethel's elders designate an elder to serve as an Extended Grief Care contact. This person will be intentional about supporting members in the months and years following an initial time of grief. Elder Ron Vander Lugt has been serving in this role and will continue to do so in the year ahead. Congregational members will still be under the care of their regularly assigned Care Group elder, but these contacts will intentionally provide additional support as needed. If you or someone you know could benefit from this type of visit, please reach out to Ron to schedule a visit.

Costa Rica with Hope Haven International: Are you—or a small group of friends—interested in making a difference by going on a mission trip to Costa Rica with Hope Haven International? Reach out to Luke Russell, Director of International Ministries at Hope Haven International Ministries: lrussell@hopehaven.org or 605-401-3674.

Pastor Bill and Sandy offer their thanks for the overwhelming support they have received after Pastor Bill's injury. So many have sent notes of love and support and asking God for his favor. There have been the gifts of rides from the airport last Sunday and to the doctors on Tuesday. You have provided medical equipment, including wheelchairs, a shower chair, and an electric lift chair. And many meals have been brought in. Thank you for making us part of this family.

Thank you for the many kind messages, prayers, and expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. Your support and compassion have meant more to us than words can express. We are deeply grateful for the love shown through your thoughts, shared memories, and acts of kindness. Knowing we are surrounded by such caring people has brought us comfort and strength as we grieve.

With sincere thanks, *Phou, Tiffany and Family*

Thank you so much for your generous support of Growing Hope Globally.

Through Bethel Christian Reformed Church's amazing donation of \$6,858.73, combined with the generosity of the farmers in your church and community who donated a financial yield of a portion of their harvest, you were able to contribute a total of \$48,000. This significant amount will help farmers in Nicaragua grow their own food, care for their families, and bless their communities. Since our partnership began, the Edgerton, Minnesota Growing Project has raised \$891,782.48, which has helped 16,214 people "grow lasting solutions to hunger." As a Christian response to hunger, together we are demonstrating God's love in tangible ways. Thank you, Bethel Christian Reformed Church, and a BIG THANK YOU to the farmers who give with such abundant generosity.

Happy New Year everybody! We wish everyone a blessed year of spiritual growth, and a closer walk with our Lord Jesus! We pray that each of us would see God's kingdom growth and the salvation of many! Let us not get discouraged even when at times we get tired and weary! God is at work and His time and seasons are not a mistake. We pray that God would encourage and strengthen each of us as we wait for His return! May 2026 be a blessed year! Thank you for your prayer and financial support!

Sincerely, *Vasya and Maraanda Heytsi and New Life Church*

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

Friendship Postponed Caroling and Christmas Party: Thursday, January 8 at 6:30 pm @ the Verdoes Room @ Edgebrook Assisted Living.

MIK+ POST HIGH YOUNG ADULTS:

We will continue meeting on Saturday nights at 6pm in the Inwood CRC for our Bible study. There will be a meal provided each night. Please RSVP by the Wednesday night before the Bible study to Lee @ 712-470-4244. And, as always, feel free to invite a friend!

- Saturday, January 17
- Saturday, February 21
- Saturday, March 21
- Saturday, April 11

*This information will also be on the Minn Kota Youth Facebook Page.

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 5th, 2026. 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 7:00pm at the First Lutheran Church on Church and "A" Street in Marshall, MN. Registration will be held starting at 6:30 P.M. on both January 5th and 12th. After 1/12/26, registration is then closed for the session. The "B.E." 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 or call: Tim L.: 507-530-6379 or Jean: 507-220-0668.

ATLAS for Life is thinking about Christmas. If you are putting Christmas decorations, dishes, or other Christmas items away and thought about donating some of them, we would love to receive your donation for our annual Christmas Rummage and Boutique in November. Please contact the ATLAS office (507.562.5777) or drop off at the ATLAS office (101 2nd St. NE - Pipestone) on either Tuesday or Thursday between 9:00am-4:00pm.

SW MN Pro-Life is once again sponsoring a motorcoach to our State Capital on Thursday, January 22 for the **March for Life**. Over 14,000 babies were murdered in MN alone last year. God asks us to pray and take a stand!! Would you join us and make your presence known by walking peacefully in front of the capital and joining 1000's of others? A very generous anonymous donor that is unable to attend is helping to cover a lot of the cost for you to go and stand for LIFE!! Would you call or text Deb at 507-227-0796 or email debkenya@yahoo.com. Please reach out today. If you can't go, would you join us in praying for this day of remembrance?

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13. 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip-As one year ends and another begins, pause for a time of taking spiritual inventory with your family, friends, or on your own. Ask questions like these: Where did we see God this year? Where did we resist growth? Where do we feel God is calling us next? Consider writing a prayer of release and a prayer of commitment to guide your transition into the new year. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: New Year. New You. - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "New Year. New You." at www.kidscorner.net. Start the new year with more than just fresh goals—let God's Spirit make you new from the inside out! His gifts of love, joy, peace, kindness, and more will help you shine like Jesus wherever you go. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: Reflecting the Light of the World - On Epiphany, we recall the moment when the star appeared and guided the Magi to Jesus. This event signifies the extension of God's family to include Gentiles. Study Titus 2:11-15, Isaiah 60:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16, and 2 Corinthians 4:1-9 with Groundwork to discover what to expect when we encounter the transformational light of Christ and how that light affects our discipleship as members of his family. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Helpful Information

NURSERY: available for infants and toddlers on lower level

CHILDREN'S CHURCH & WORSHIP (AM): ages 3-1st grade are dismissed to their classes downstairs during the offering

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

PRAAYER ROOM: you are invited to join the prayer team before the Sunday services

WEBSITE: www.bethelcedgerton.org

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 1-5 pm & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Secretary ph: 442-3063 bethelcrcedgerton@yahoo.com

Announcements need to be in by Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

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INTERIM PASTOR: Pastor Bill Vis, 907-575-0514, billvis1@gmail.com

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Marlin, cell: 507-920-5977 mkvanschepen@hotmail.com

WEATHER RELATED SERVICE INFORMATION: KDWC (99.3FM),

K101 (101.1FM), KLOH (1050AM), KNWC (96.5FM), KELOLAND TV

ELDERS:

Doug Eisma, VP (CG #6)

Greg Hanenburg (CG #4)

Dennis Kroll (CG #2)

Mark Van Dam, President (Post High)

Rob Van Hill (CG #3)

Ron Vander Lugt (Extended Grief Care)

Jeff De Boer (CG #5)

Todd Jasper (CG #1)

Jess Van Dyke, Clerk (CG #7)

DEACONS:

Ryan Bridgewater (CG #1)

Kyle Fey, President of Deacons

Dylan Walhof (CG #6)

Mike Fenske, Sec. of Deacons (CG #5)

Matt Tinklenberg (CG #3)

Josh Van Essen (CG #7)

Spencer Mesman (CG #4)

Nathan Pfeifle (CG #2)

Our Helpers

PREACHING Today: AM: Pastor Bill Vis PM: Combined at First CRC

Next Week: AM: Pastor Bill Vis

PM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Michelle Moosey PM:

Next Week: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Lisa Vander Maten

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Todd Jasper Next Week: Luke Drooger

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Janet Walhof Next Week: Kendra Kuipers

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Rose Kroll & Sadie/Allison Fenske

NURSERY Today: AM Infant: Michelle Van Essen, Mara Prins, Carsten Schuld

Toddler: Tricia Veldkamp, Selah Kuipers, Asher Meksavanh,

Logan Van Dyke, Hannah De Jongh

Next Week AM Infant: Maddie Van Essen, Alexa De Boer, Lincoln Fey

Toddler: Dionne Prins, Carson Rozebom, Eva De Jongh,

Sierra Van Dyke, Jayden Brands

PM: Bonnie De Boer, Josiah Van Schepen

USHERS Today: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Ryan Bos

Next Week: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefort, Mason Van Essen

HOST/HOSTESS Today: Mary Kreun

Next Week: Kendra Kuipers

SOUND SYSTEM Today: Jonathan

Next Week: Seth/Huck

VIDEO CAMERA Today: Brent

Next Week: Arlin

MULTI-MEDIA Today: Dan

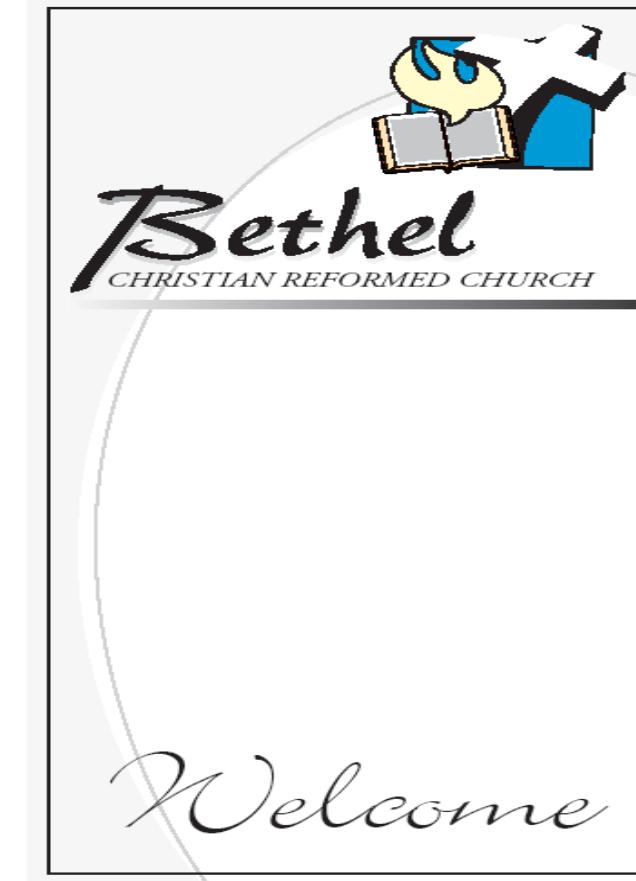
Next Week: Spencer

REFRESHMENTS Today: Lin Van't Hof, Tricia Veldkamp,

Coleen Ver Hey, Trevor & Abbie Fey

Next Week: Amber Vos, Connie Vreeman,

Jolene Walhof, Kyle & Lori Fey



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Pastor Bill Vis

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Emily Nerem – Dominican Republic

Cuba CRC – Resonate Global Mission

Cornerstone Prison Church - South Dakota

Children of the Promise – Haiti

Vasya & Maranda Heytsi – Ukraine

Kylee – Central Asia

Worship Guide and Weekly News

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.

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