

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
January 11, 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 song: God, the Uncreated One**

Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Song of response: His Glory and My Good

Welcoming Madi Schmidt and Baptism of Fraya Webster

Song of response: The God We Love

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

Prayer of God's people

Offering: for Cornerstone Prison Ministry

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

- * **Song of preparation: I Set My Hope**

Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:1-20

Message: BECOMING A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

- * **Song of application: We Are Called – LUYH 296 (1-3)**

Parting words

- * **Parting song: My Friends, May You Grow In Grace – LUYH 938**

Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.
Led by: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

Prelude

Welcome

- * **Call to Worship**

God's greeting to his people

- * **Opening songs: All Creatures of Our God and King – PsH 431 (1-4)**
- We Sing the Mighty Power of God – PsH 430 (1-3)*

Responsive reading: Psalm 24 and Article 1 of Our World Belongs to God

Song of response: The Earth and the Riches – PsH 24 (1-4)

Prayer

- * **Song of preparation: If You But Trust in God to Guide You – PsH 446 (1-3)**

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-20

Message: OUR WORLD BELONGS TO GOD

- * **Song of response: All Things Bright and Beautiful – PsH 435 (1-4)**

God's blessing to his people

- * **Closing song: All Creatures of Our God and King – PsH 431 (5)**
- (Your evening offering for Cornerstone Prison Church can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)*

Offering Schedule:

January 11: Cornerstone Prison Church

January 18: Gideons; Communion Thank Offering: ReFrame Ministries

January 25: Cadets

February 1: First Fruits for the General Fund

Church Family:

- This Sunday morning, we welcome as members: **Madi Schmidt**, who is transferring her membership from the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in Corcoran, Minnesota, and **Fraya Webster**, who will be baptized.
- Give thanks for successful surgery for **John Gunnink** and pray for complete recovery.
- Joyce Hanenburg's mother, Roberta Wroblewski, passed away Tuesday. Her funeral is Wednesday in Benson, MN. Pray for peace and comfort for **Greg & Joyce and Ben & Emily** and their families during this time of loss.
- We rejoice with **Michael & Rachel Prins**, and big brothers **James and Elijah**, that the adoption of **Ruth Annabelle** was finalized this past Wednesday! We praise God for this beautiful blessing!

This Week's Activities:

TUESDAY:

6:00-7:00am **Men's Bible Study**Society Room

WEDNESDAY:

6:30-8:15pm **GEMS**First CRC

6:30-8:30pm **Cadets**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**Classrooms

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

Advance Dates:

January 11 & 25: High School Catechism

January 25: Cadet Sunday at First CRC (Evening Service)

January 29: Union Gospel Mission Chapel Service

February 21: RESGEN Men's Summit Simulcast

Announcements:

CHURCH

High School Catechism meets this Sunday, January 11

Notes from the January Council Meeting

- The Council participated in a time of devotions, singing, and prayer.
- The Council reviewed and appointed new council liaisons to various church committees.
- Classis Minnkota will meet on March 5. Pastor Marlin, Mark Van Dam and Kyle Fey will be attending.
- Deacons, elders, and pastors gave their monthly reports.

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.

Prayer warriors and youth group members will meet in the sanctuary after the morning service on January 18.

 **RESGEN Men's Summit 2026** will again be simulcast at Bethel CRC in Edgerton on Saturday, Feb 21. The event starts at 8:00 in the morning and runs until 2:00 PM. Cost is \$30 per person which includes a morning snack and a light noon lunch. Speakers at this year's Summit include John C Maxwell, Tim Tebow, Tom Henderson and more. To reserve your spot, scan the QR code! For more information contact Tom Bouma @ 605 370 9165. Come be encouraged, equipped and engaged.

SCHOOL

Celebrating 75 years of Excellence at Southwest Christian High School!

SWC High School will be celebrating 75 years of education during Homecoming Week, January 26–31, 2026! We are excited to honor the classes of 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, and 2016 as part of this milestone celebration at Saturday's game, January 31. During the girls' and boys' home basketball games, several special events will be taking place, including junior class trip fundraiser meals, an alumni knockout competition, a pep band with alumni joining in (both Friday and Saturday evening), and a memory table highlighting moments from the past 75 years. We would love for you to come celebrate with us and be part of this special week!

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

Thank You: We would like to extend our thanks to our local Edgerton churches and community members for your generous support of the Edgerton Food Shelf. We have been truly blessed by the many donations received, including an abundance of items for the Angel Tree and generous financial gifts. Because of you, needs are being met, hope is being shared, and love is being shown in many ways. As Scripture reminds us in Acts 20:25, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

- Edgerton Food Shelf Volunteers

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 Minnikota Youth Facebook Page.

Classis Minnkota is hiring! We're seeking a creative, energetic leader to help strengthen churches, develop new leaders, and explore new church planting opportunities. If you're eager to see Reformed churches grow in faithfulness and impact right here in the upper Midwest, we'd like to hear from you! Learn more: wgtncrc.org/classis-advancement-director

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?

There will be a **Red Cross blood drive** at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, January 26 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbluisken@gmail.com to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Only 3% of Americans donate blood. Our goal for this drive is to collect 65+ units of blood for someone/somewhere. Anyone 16 yrs old (with parental consent) and older and in good health are able to donate.

The Luverne Christian School Society will be hosting the annual **Soup and Pie Supper** from 5:30-7:30 on Wednesday, January 28th. Enjoy an evening off from cooking with a delicious meal that includes a variety of soups, tea rolls, BBQ's and tasty pies. The cost is freewill donation, all proceeds benefit the Luverne Christian School Society.

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- Galatians 3:28 reminds us of the profound unity we share as believers in Christ, regardless of our backgrounds or perceived differences. As members of God's diverse yet unified family, we are called to live into the vision proclaimed in this verse. This week, as we commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—a faithful advocate of this very vision—consider how you and your family or friends might actively embrace and embody this unity by building relationships with families of different racial and cultural backgrounds. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: Joy is Better Than Happiness - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Joy is Better than Happiness" at www.kidscorner.net. Discover how choosing joy can make every day brighter, even when things don't go your way! Learn how God helps us find real joy that lasts longer than just being happy. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: Grace is the Root, Our Works are the Fruit. - If we are saved by grace, what is the purpose of our works? Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 2:1-10, Titus 2:11-14, Philippians 2:12-13, and Romans 6:1-4 to learn how the apostle Paul clarified the relationship between grace and works and gain a deeper understanding of how God's grace and our works cooperate in our faithful journey of growing in Christlikeness. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Go Deeper in Faith Through a Trip with Resonate - Come on a journey with Resonate Global Mission—starting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, through Guatemala, and ending in Costa Rica as we visit stops along the route of people on the move. Together we will learn from their faith, hear their stories and connect them to our own, and learn to better love our neighbors as ourselves. The trip is April 17-28, 2026 with an application deadline of January 31, 2026. Learn more and let us know you're interested at www.resonateglobalmission.org/move

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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

PRAYER 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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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: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

Next Week: AM: Pastor Bill Vis

PM: Pastor Bill Vis

ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Lisa Vander Maten

Next Week: AM: Rachel Prins

PM: Linda Vanderaa

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Luke Drooger

Next Week: Matt Vande Kamp

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Kendra Kuipers

Next Week: Bonnie De Boer

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

NURSERY Today: AM Infant: Maddie Van Essen, Alexa De Boer, Lincoln Fey

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

Sierra Van Dyke, Jayden Brands

PM: Bonnie De Boer, Josiah Van Schepen

Next Week AM Infant: LuAnn Spronk, Levi Van Essen, Ellyse Van Dyke

Toddler: Shayla Scholten, Megan Rylaarsdam, Hudson Kooiker,

Boden Rieck, Amelia Van't Hof

PM: Brevan & Brenna Jasper

USHERS Today: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefort, Mason Van Essen

Next Week: Arly Van't Hof, Greg Dyk, Nick Spronk

HOST/HOSTESS Today: Kendra Kuipers

Next Week: Karen Van Schepen

SOUND SYSTEM Today: Seth/Huck

Next Week: Derek/Denny

VIDEO CAMERA Today: Arlin

Next Week: Jon

MULTI-MEDIA Today: Spencer

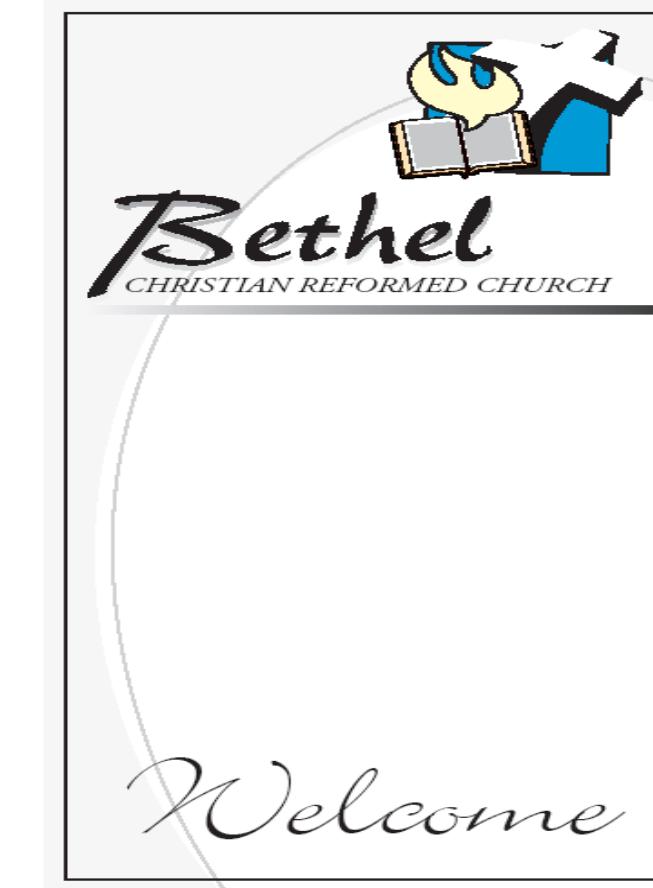
Next Week: Willem

REFRESHMENTS Today: Amber Vos, Connie Vreeman,

Jolene Walhof, Kyle & Lori Fey

Next Week: Ruth Kooiker, Arla Bouma,

Brianna Bridgewater, Gene & LouAnn Kuipers



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Pastor Bill Vis

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Emily Nerem – Dominican Republic
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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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