

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
January 22, 2023

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: Pastor Rich Loerop

- Prelude**
- Welcome and announcements**
- Call to worship**
- * **God’s greeting**
- * **We greet each other**
- * **Opening songs:** *Forever Jesus*
There is Power In the Blood – Praise 283 (1-4)
- Confession**
- Song of confession:** *Come to the Savior Now* – PsH 535 (1-4)
- Assurance of pardon**
 (Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room)
- Prayer of God’s people**
- Offering** for Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund
- * **Song of preparation:** *Seek Ye First* – PsH 209 (1-3)
 (Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
- Scripture:** John 16:17-24
- Message:** THE SUBVERSIVE POWER OF JOY FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING
- * **Song of response:** *Joy to the World* – PsH 337 (1-3)
- * **God’s blessing to his people**
- * **Parting song:** *Joy to the World* – PsH 337 (4)

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

- Prelude**
- Welcome**
- * **God’s greeting to his people**
- * **Opening songs:** *Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim* – PsH 181 (1-2)
Be Thou My Vision – Praise 378 (1-4)
- Psalms 135**
- Song of response:** *Sing Praise to the Lord God Almighty* – PsH 135 (1,2,3,9)
- Prayer**
- * **Song of preparation:** *Nearer, Still Nearer*
- Scripture:** Genesis 28
- Message:** THE GATE OF HEAVEN
- * **Song of response:** *Near to the Heart of God* – Praise 410 (1-3)
- * **God’s blessing to his people**
- * **Closing song:** *God of Mercy, God of Grace*
 (Your evening offering for Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors as you exit.)

Offering Schedule:

- January 22: Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund
- January 29: Edgerton Cadet
- February 5: First Fruits (General Fund)

Church Family:

- We extend our sympathy to the family of Pastor Les Van Essen who was called to his eternal home last week Sunday, January 15th. For those who wish to send condolences to Elaine, her address is: 2829 Bridgeside Rd, Caledonia MI 49316.
- We extend our sympathy to **Shellie & Doug Eisma and family** in the passing of Shellie’s mom this past Wednesday. May God grant comfort and peace to their family.
- We extend our sympathy to **Lloyd & Elaine Prins** in the passing of their brother-in-law, Bern Van’t Hul.

This Week’s Activities:

MONDAY:

- 9:15 am **Gleaners** – lesson 7..... Society Room
- 7:00 pm **Deacons Meeting**..... Deacons Room

WEDNESDAY:

- 9:30 am **Coffee Break/Story Hour**.....First CRC
- 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 & adults**..... Classrooms
- 12:00 pm **Care Group 6 Luncheon** Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm **Evening Worship Service**..... Bethel



STEPHEN MINISTRY:

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the head, that is, Christ. -Ephesians 4:15

Announcements:

CHURCH

- Kids will resume singing** between the morning service and Sunday school classes today.
- Prayer partners and youth** will meet today, January 22nd, in the sanctuary after the morning service.
- High School Catechism** classes meet today: 9/10 at 5:15pm, 11/12 at 7:45pm.
- Care Group 6:** You are invited to a noon luncheon in the fellowship hall next Sunday, January 29. Please bring a salad to share if you are able. Everything else will be provided. Please join us for this opportunity to become better acquainted with those in our care group!
- Meal Ministry** - Want to bring a meal to someone but don't have time to put it together? Grab a meal already prepared and frozen from the church kitchen freezer. Follow the instructions on the freezer door and record in the log book next to the freezer. A tray of treats is also available to bring with the meal.
- Thank you so very much** to our church family for cards, flowers, calls, visits and food during my hospitalization and after returning home. We were overwhelmed by the love and care received. And most of all we thank God for his healing mercies.
 -Darla and Ivan Westenberg

SCHOOL

Time for SWC Homecoming 2023! During the week of January 23-January 28, SWC will celebrate homecoming and recognize the high school graduating classes of 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003, and 2013.

On Monday, the boys' basketball team will play at RTR. Thursday night the boys' basketball team will play at home against Adrian/Ellsworth. Saturday afternoon (wear Black and Gold!) there will be a boys/girls double header with Central MN Christian. The GBB Varsity will play at 12:00 and the BBB Varsity will follow at 1:30.

The Junior class will be serving 2 meals that week to help them fundraise for their Washington, DC trip. Thursday, January 26 will be a turkey or ham sub sandwich meal for \$8 that includes chips, drink, and bar/cookie with serving starting at 5:00 p.m. On Saturday, January 28 the meal will be a pulled pork sandwich, chips, drink, and cookie/bar for \$9 with serving starting at 11:30 a.m. Both meals will be served in the SWC High School cafeteria.

Saturday the 28th there will be Alumni Pep Band for BBB & GBB games, Alumni knockout at GBB halftime and Class Recognition & Prize Winners at BBB halftime. Available at both Thursday and Saturday games: SWC Apparel Table, Concessions, Photo Booth, Door prizes and past Yearbooks Table. We hope many of you will be able to join us for part of the week or all the week's events as we gather to celebrate and praise God for the incredible blessings he has given SWC.

Parents of prospective Kindergarteners and their child are invited to **Southwest MN Christian School’s Kindergarten Round Up on Monday, February 6, at 6:30pm** for an evening of exploration into all the great aspects of Kindergarten at SWC! Sibling care will be made available upon request - please contact the school. A scavenger hunt will take place along with an opportunity to visit the Kindergarten room. An informational meeting will also be held for the parents, led by Mr. Top, Principal. Your prospective Kindergartener needs to be 5 years old by September 1, 2023, to attend Kindergarten. Join us for an opportunity to learn what SWC can offer you and your family as we explore and discover God’s world! Please call the elementary campus at 507.442.6181 or email the office at elementary@swcschools.org for more information!

SAVE THE DATE: Black & Gold Banquet (formerly known as the Hostess Supper) will be held on February 11th 2023!

ORDER OF EVENTS:

- 5:45pm - punch is served
- 6:15pm - devotions (meal to follow)
- MENU: salad, specialty beef, potato, vegetable, and dessert
- 7:15pm - entertainment (Mike Brody, Stand-Up Comedian)

Interested in attending? Here are two ways to reserve your seat:

TWO OPTIONS ON HOW TO RSVP:

1. You can host a table using the RSVP information below
 - a. Reserve a table for 8
 - b. Fill the table by inviting family, friends, neighbors who wish to support SWC
 - c. Bring a centerpiece for your table (we provide the rest)
2. You can reserve a seat at an open table using the RSVP information below

RSVP INFORMATION: Please RSVP by February 3rd to Katie Van Dam at 442-4471 or kvandam@swcschools.org. Mark your calendars for this night of fun, food, and entertainment!

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

LCSS Soup Supper: The Luverne Christian School Society will be hosting the annual Soup & Pie Supper from 5:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 25th at the Luverne Christian Reformed Church. Come on out and enjoy a delicious meal of homemade soups, rolls, BBQ's pies and desserts. The cost is a free will donation.

There will be a **Red Cross blood drive** at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, January 30 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Every 2 seconds someone/somewhere in the U.S.A. needs blood. Anyone 17 yrs. or older and in good health is able to donate.

New Life Treatment Center has immediate job openings in their facility. Open positions include dietary cook, LADC counselor, overnight housekeeping tech, client care techs and licensed nurse. For more information regarding job specifics please contact Cheryl at 507-777-4321 ext. 203.

KIDS CORNER: - Wonderful Things, Planned Long Ago - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. This week's devotion: Just as he did with Abraham, Ruth, David, and the other members of Jesus' family, God carefully oversaw your family tree and lovingly cared for each branch to bring you into this world. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: God's Unconventional Ways - When we expect God to work in conventional ways, we may often find ourselves disappointed. Join Groundwork as we study the fall of Jericho in Joshua 6-7 and discuss the unconventional ways God works in our lives. Together, we'll discuss what this truth means for our faith and what happens when we begin to depend on ourselves instead of on God. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

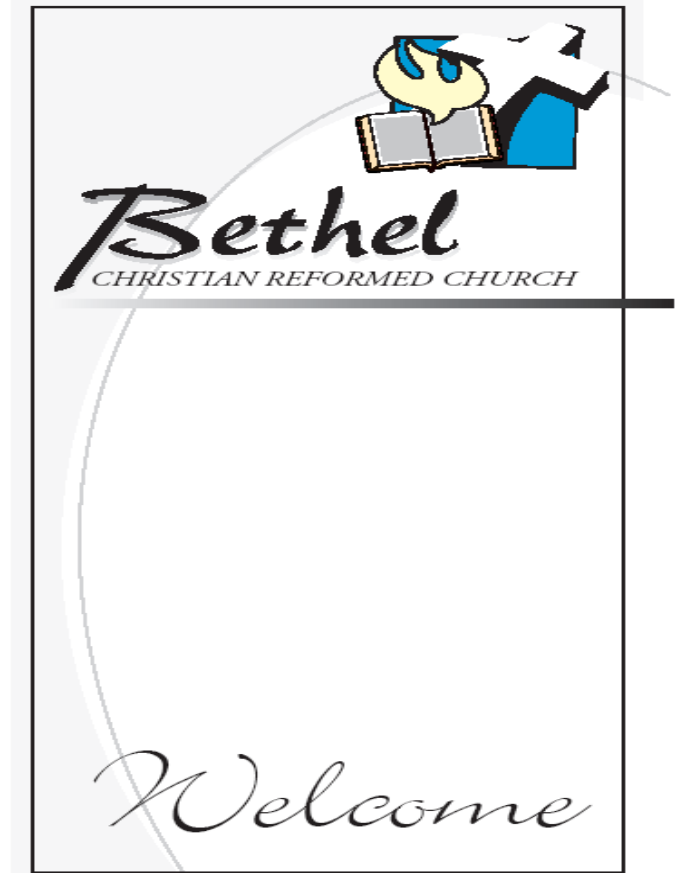
At-home Faith Formation Tip – “Marking faith milestones makes us sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst and helps us identify and share our stories of faith. As we celebrate milestones, we become a community of seekers as well as believers, always on the lookout for God's hand at work, always expecting to join in God's mission.” —from Celebrating the Milestones of Faith, available from FaithAliveResources.org. How might you mark faith milestones in your family or household this year?

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 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
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

Our Helpers

PREACHING Today: AM: Pastor Rich Loerop PM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen
Next Week: AM: Pastor Rich Loerop PM: Pastor Rich Loerop
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Sarah Bierstedt PM: Sarah Bierstedt
Next Week: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Linda Vanderaa
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Bonnie De Boer Next Week: Leland Vanderaa
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Larissa Caspersen Next Week: Kristi De Boer
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Rose Kroll & Mara Prins
NURSERY Today AM: Infant: Liz De Jongh, Vivian Dyk, Maggie Caspersen
Toddler: Chanda Rozeboom, Renee Krosschell, Ana Veldkamp, Willem Dyk, Hudson Kooiker
PM: Tom & Arla Bouma
Next Week AM Infant: Patty Sas, Megan Rylaarsdam, Emma Odland
Toddler: Roxi Smidt, Kristi De Boer, Abby Moosey, Micah Sas, Noah Veldkamp
PM: Caspersen Family
USHERS Today: Arly Van't Hof, Greg Dyk, Nick Spronk
Next Week: Ron Vander Lugt, Jacob Bierstedt, Dan Hanson
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Karen Van Schepen & Donna Hanenburg
Next Week: Mary Kreun & Kendra Kuipers
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Justin/Denny Next Week: Huck
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Arlin Next Week: Jon
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Dan Next Week: Kyle
REFRESHMENTS Today: Connie Vreeman, Jolene Walhof, Janet Walhof, Kendra Kuipers
Next Week: Arla Bouma, Brianna Bridgewater, Jan Brink, Steve & Lisa Vander Maten



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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.