Bethel Christian Reformed Church March 3, 2024

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 to His people
- * We greet each other
- * **Opening songs:** Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

By Faith

Profession of faith: Hannah Caspersen, Keira De Boer, Madyson Fey

Song of response: *Promises* sung by Morgan Schoonhoven (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: His Mercy is More

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

Scripture: Psalm 51

Message: DANGEROUS PRAYERS: Have Mercy on Me, Lord

- * Song of application: God Be Merciful to Me PsH 255 (1-4)
- * Parting words

* Parting song: Shine On Us

Led by: Pastor Rich Loerop

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's greeting to his people
- * **Opening songs:** Come, All You People, Praise Our God PsH 242 (1-3) Come, Thou Almighty King PsH 246 (1-4)

Responsive reading: Psalm 33

Song of response: *O Love of God, How Strong and True* – PsH 463 (1,3,5)

Prayer

* Song of preparation: My Lord, I Did Not Choose You – PsH 496 (1-2)

Scripture: Mark 7:24-37 Message: NEW DIRECTIONS

- **Song of response:** *How Vast the Benefits Divine* PsH 497 (1-3)
- * God's blessing to His people
- * Closing song: O Love of God, How Strong and True PsH 463 (7)

(Your evening offering for the General Fund can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors.)

Offering Schedule:

March 3: First Fruits (General Fund)

March 10: Cornerstone Prison Church

March 17: Mary Buys, Mission to the World

Communion Thank Offering: Union Gospel Mission

March 24: CRC Cuba

Church Family:

- This Sunday morning, we have the joy of witnessing the public professions of faith of **Hannah Caspersen**, **Keira De Boer**, **and Madyson Fey**. Praise the Lord for his work in their lives.
- We share our sympathy and lift up our prayers for Vern & Gloria Brouwer
 and family in the calm passing of Vern's mother, Esther Brouwer. Her life
 was celebrated this past week at Carthage, MO, with all her loved ones and
 friends.
- We also extend our sympathy to **Fran Bouma** whose brother, Henry Noor of Little Rock, Arkansas, passed away on Feb 15.
- Please pray for healing and relief from pain for **Hendrene Van Wyhe** who is hospitalized following a fall this week.
- Next Sunday, February 10, we anticipate witnessing the baptism to **Hattie** Grace Pfeifle, daughter of Nate and Emma Pfeifle.

This Week's Activities:

MONDAY:

7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Society Room
7:00 pm	Council Meeting	Council Room
WEDNESDAY:		
7:00 pm	YPS Small Groups	Leaders' Homes
THURSDAY:		
8:15 am	Legacy Thrift Store Workday	carpool from Bethel
7:00 pm	Friendship Class	First CRC
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	
10:45 am	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
5:15 pm	High School Catechism Classes	Bethel
6:30 pm	Evening Worship Service	
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STEPHEN MINISTRY:

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.
-Ephesians 5:19a

Announcements:

CHURCH

Attention Choir: The Southwest Annual Music Festival at First CRC is on Sunday, March 17 at 2:30. Our choir will be singing a crowd favorite, It's Yours by Matt Mahr. We will practice today and the next 2 Sundays after the morning service. We would love you to join us if you sang it the last time or if you have not sung it at all!

Thursday, March 7 is **Bethel's day to work at the Legacy Thrift Store** in Worthington. Please join us for the day, or part of the day. Those who want to carpool meet at church at 8:15am.

Classis Minnkota will meet this week Thursday, March 7 at Pipestone CRC. Delegates from Bethel CRC will be: Elders - Dennis Kroll and Brent Van Schepen, Deacon - Dylan Walhof; Alternate Deacon - Ross Fey.

Reminder: The Youth Group is selling sub sandwiches to raise money for SERVE. Choices are Turkey/Swiss and Ham/American on white or wheat buns.

Orders are due March 9th. Subs will be made on March 20th. Extra order forms can be found below the mailboxes or at the welcome center.

IF:Table. 2 hours, 4 questions, 6 women per table. IF:Table offers a time of intentional conversation and an opportunity to grow in authentic community. Women of Bethel, please join us for a time of fellowship on the <u>2nd Saturday of each month</u> going forward. Join us on <u>Saturday, March 9</u> at 9:00 am in the church fellowship hall. The conversations will center around the theme of <u>Need and Needing God</u> based on Psalm 23 "The LORD is my Shepherd; I have what I need." Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't come before! If you have questions, please contact Darci Van Dyke, Becca Van Schepen, or Katie Van't Hof.

Thank you to Bethel church for all the prayers and acts of kindness you have shown to me during my surgery and therapy. Again, you have walked with me through a difficult time. I am thankful and blessed by it. *-Diane Spronk*

SCHOOLS

Mark Your Calendar: March 17, 2:30 pm: Please join us for our Annual Music Festival at First CRC of Edgerton. Southwest's Choirs, area churches and choral groups will present individual numbers during this afternoon of praise. Members of the audience will be invited to join the mass choir the <u>Hallelujah Chorus</u>. An offering will be taken for Southwest Christian High School (sponsored as a fundraiser by Circle #12).

The Southwest MN Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual **Spring Soup and Dessert Supper** on <u>Tuesday March 19th.</u> Serving time is 5:30-7:30pm. Menu choices include chili, cheesy vegetable, pea, and chicken rice soups, BBQ and desserts. Free will donations are gratefully accepted.

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

AN EARTHLY MISSION WITH AN ETERNAL GOAL - Royal Family

Kids Camp is a mission formed right here in our community for kids in SW MN in the foster care system. RFKC is focused on providing foster kids with a fun camp where they can experience Jesus' love in a safe environment while building lasting relationships. You'll find a flyer in mailboxes which will give information on ways people of all ages and abilities can get involved! This year's overnight camp will be held locally June 3-6, 2024. Please consider joining this amazing opportunity to share the love of Jesus with some pretty special kids! If you have any questions, you can email us at swmnrfk@gmail.com . Join us in making moments that matter for the foster kids in our area!

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to our Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 1, 2024 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the banquet begins at 6:30pm. Save your spot by Sunday, March 24 by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website www.cornerstonepcsd.org. A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. We look forward to seeing you!

SAVE THE DATE - It is Tea Party time! All women (0-99+) are invited for a morning of tea, fellowship, and encouragement on Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton. Sister's Tea will be celebrating our sisterhood in Christ as we "encourage and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Tea and other refreshments, a light lunch, and desserts are provided. Floppy hats optional! There will also be a free will donation box and silent auction with proceeds benefiting Royal Family Kids Camp in Southwest Minnesota (check them on out Facebook). So, gather your sisters in Christ and join us for a fun morning! For more information, visit "Sister's Tea" Facebook page. If you have any question or would like to reserve a seat(s) or a table (seats 8), please contact Ashley Stoel (507-227-6446) or Courtney Vis (507-920-2831). **RSVPs are due by Monday, April 1.**

Beautiful Life Conference 2024 is hosting a Teen Night for girls grades 7-12, and a **Women's Conference** this spring! Both events will feature speaker, writer, and radio-girl, Debbie Griffith! Debbie is an animated entertainer and a passionate encourager, activated by God's grace to help you live freely in His goodness.

The Women's Conference will be Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with doors opening at 8 a.m. In addition to a great speaker, you will also experience powerful worship, meaningful connections, and even a little shopping! Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee. Gluten-free options will be available. Registration is \$50 per person.

Girls Teen Night featuring Debbie Griffith on teen girl friendships, will be **Friday**, April 12 from 7-9 p.m. We would like every teen to hear about the importance of being a good friend and having good friends, so we are offering this as a FREE event to girls grades 7-12.

Please register for either event at

https://arcluv.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2150113 or call the church office at (507) 283-8600. Pre-registration is REQUIRED by April 1. NO tickets available at the door. Both events will be held at American Reformed Church, 304 N Fairview Drive, Luverne, MN.

Dunamis Project #1 Gateways to Empowered Ministry: Whether you have reached a place in your Christian faith or ministry where it feels like you are trying to do too much on your own, or you are curious or skeptical about the nature and work of the Holy Spirit for today. Dunamis Project #1-Gateways to Empowered Ministry is a fantastic way to begin your journey in cooperating with the work of God. It is the first of six events in the Dunamis Project. It is foundational to the teachings that follow. The focus is on worldview, the nature of the spiritual reality and the person and work of the Holy Spirit from a Reformed and Biblical perspective. Please join us at Swan Lake Christian Camp, Viborg SD, April 25th-28th. Register at www.prmi.org/events or contact Vicki Altena for more information at 320-226-2459.

Kids Corner: Living a Holy Life - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Have you ever wanted to do something that you knew wasn't right? We all wrestle with sin, but we need to take personal responsibility. We can't blame Satan for our poor behavior (Ephesians 6:11-17). Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: The Shame Of The Cross - As we seek to comprehend the fullness of Jesus' sacrifice, we need to revisit the shame of the cross. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 53:1-3, Philippians 2:5-8, Genesis 2:25, Genesis 3:7-10, Hebrews 12:1-3, and 1 Peter 2:4-6 to examine the relationship between sin and shame and unpack why Jesus' experience of shame was necessary for our salvation. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Most of us are not naturally good listeners, and that can affect our relationship with God. Practice "listening prayer" this week. Find a quiet spot, calm your mind, and invite God to speak to your heart. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

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

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 Rich Loerop

Next Week: AM: Pastor Rich Loerop PM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

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

Next Week: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Linda Vanderaa CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Rose Kroll Next Week: Todd Jasper

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Larissa Caspersen Next Week: Kristi De Boer

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Carissa Odland & Avery/Parker Fey

NURSERY Today AM: Infant: Coleen Punt, Abby Moosey, Shelby Van Essen

Toddler: Abigail Mulder, Caden Sas, Asher Mekssavanh,

Jack De Jongh, Brystol Kooiker

PM: Tom & Arla Bouma

Next Week AM Infant: Julie Vander Pol, Megan Rylaarsdam, Maya Krosschell

Toddler: Kendra Kuipers, Gavin Rieck, Mason Tinklenberg,

Hudson Kooiker, Sohpie Van Essen

PM: Larissa, Hannah & Maggie Caspersen

USHERS Today: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Ryan Bos

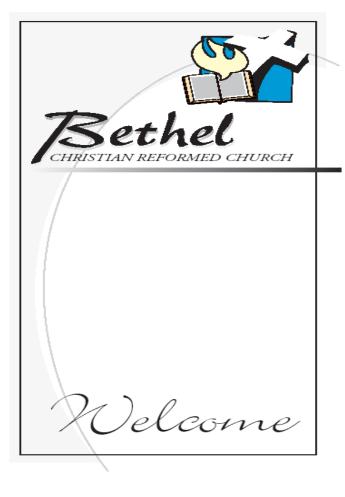
Next Week: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefoort, Jeremy Van Essen

HOST/HOSTESS Today: Dean & Becky Van Hulzen

Next Week: Karen Van Schepen & Donna Hanenburg

SOUND SYSTEM Today: Jonathan Next Week: Seth/Huck VIDEO CAMERA Today: Cal Next Week: Brent MULTI-MEDIA Today: Krista Next Week: Kyle REFRESHMENTS Today: Nicole Fey, Abby Galvin, Cheri Groen, Trevor & Abbie Fey

Next Week: Donna Hanenburg, Emily Hanenburg, Joyce Hanenburg, Kyle & Lori Fey



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> **Interim Pastor** Pastor Rich Loerop **Assistant Pastor** Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

Missionaries

Mary Buys – Southeast Asia Cuba CRC – Resonate Global Mission Cornerstone Prison Church - South Dakota 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.