

**Bethel Christian Reformed Church**  
**March 12, 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:** *Revelation Song*  
*Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor*  
**Preparatory Exhortation for the Lord's Supper – PsH 976**  
**Song of response:** *Mercy*  
(Children's sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room)  
**Prayer of God's people**  
**Offering** for Cornerstone Prison Church  
\* **Song of preparation:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – PsH 384 (1-3)*  
(Children's church (ages 3-5) and children's worship (grades K-1) dismissed)  
**Scripture:** Mark 27:11-26  
**Message:** THE CROSS OF CHRIST: A SHOCKING EFFECT  
\* **Song of response:** *And Can It Be – PsH 267 (1-4)*  
\* **God's blessing to his people**  
\* **Parting song:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – PsH 384 (4)*  
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**Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.**  
Led by: Pastor Rich Loerop

- Prelude**  
**Welcome**  
\* **God's greeting to his people**  
\* **Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed  
\* **Opening songs:** *O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God – PsH 297 (1,2,5)*  
*My God, How Wonderful You Are – PsH 499 (1-4)*  
**Psalm 103**  
**Song of response:** *I Love the Lord, for He Has Heard My Voice – PsH 116 (1-3)*  
**Prayer**  
\* **Song of preparation:** *The Lord, My Shepherd, Rules My Life – PsH 23 (1,2,3,5)*  
**Scripture:** Mark 1:40-2:12  
**Message:** UNEXPECTED GESTURES  
\* **Song of response:** *Your Hands, O Lord, In Days of Old – PsH 363 (1-3)*  
\* **God's blessing to his people**  
\* **Closing song:** *My God, How Wonderful You Are – PsH 499 (5-6)*  
(Your evening offering for the General Fund can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors.)

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**Offering Schedule:**

March 12: Cornerstone Prison Church  
March 19: Denominational Ministry Shares  
March 26: Children of the Promise – Haiti  
April 2: First Fruits (General Fund)

**Church Family:**

- We extend our sympathy to **Jim & Harriet Talsma** in the passing of Jim's sister, Mary Ann Talsma.
- We give thanks for successful hip surgery for **Troy Talsma**.
- Continue to pray for **Ron Williams** and **Al Top** who are undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Please remember our care center residents: **Sandy Beckering, Edna Kole, Jo Bouma, Chuck Top, Regina Schmidt, Harley Petersen, and Lee Hanenburg** reside in Edgebrook. **Al & Rose Vanden Bosch, Jeanette Hanenburg, Marilyn Jasper, and Harvey & Tressa Ryswyk** reside in Edgebrook's Assisted Living. **Gerry Mouw and Rena Tinklenberg** reside in the Edgebrook Apartments. **Laurie Vanden Bosch** lives in Golden Horizons Assisted Living in Worthington.

**This Week's Activities:**

- MONDAY:**  
7:00 pm **Women's Bible Study** ..... Society Room  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
9:30 am **Coffee Break/Story Hour** ..... First CRC  
4:45 pm **Youth Group Make Subs** ..... Fellowship Hall  
**THURSDAY:**  
7:00 pm **Friendship** ..... First CRC  
**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 and adults ..... Classrooms  
6:30 pm **Evening Worship Service** ..... Bethel



**STEPHEN MINISTRY:**

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. -Ephesians 4:25

**Announcements:**

**CHURCH**

**High school catechism classes meet today at their normal times.**

**Youth group** will meet at church on March 15th at 4:45 pm to make subs. Please come after practice.

**Youth Group is looking for adult volunteers** to go along on a serve trip to Rehoboth, NM from July 22-29. Reach out to Kayla Vande Kamp if you are interested.

At their March meeting, the council voted to advertise for a **full-time Youth Director position**. The council will be looking for someone to commit to this position for a minimum of three years. Funds for half the salary for the next three years have already been pledged. The council will be creating a search committee for the position in the near future.

As the cold of winter slowly gives way to spring, we witness new life breaking out around us. It's a reminder of the new life we experience in Christ. We regularly hear from our Luke Society directors about lives dead to sin being turned to life through Jesus. We give our thanks to Bethel CRC for playing a role in that transformation for Christ. We look forward to our continued partnership together.  
*-Luke Society*

**SCHOOL**

**Change of date!** The Southwest Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual **Spring Soup and Dessert Supper** on Tuesday, March 28 (changed from the 21<sup>st</sup>). Serving time is from 5:30-7:30 PM. Menu choices include chili, cheesy vegetable, pea, chicken rice soups, BBQ's and desserts. Free will donations are gratefully accepted.

**SWC KINGDOM KIDS PRESCHOOL** is open for enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. What a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore and discover God's world! Registration forms can be picked up at the elementary campus office at 210 Elizabeth St in Edgerton or downloaded from our school website, <https://www.swcschools.org/>. For more information or a tour, call the office at 507-442-6181 or email us at [elementary@swcschools.org](mailto:elementary@swcschools.org). If you know of others who do not presently send their children to SWC Elementary but may be interested in preschool information, refer them to our website or let us know and we will mail information to them.

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2:30 pm: Please join us for our **Annual Easter 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 **Hallelujah Chorus**. An offering will be taken for Southwest Christian High School (sponsored as a fundraiser by Circle #12).

**Save the Date & the Details!!**

Event: SWC Spring Donation Sale

Date/Time: Friday, April 14, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Event Location: SWC Elementary Campus

Wish to donate an item, experience, or basket to the sale? Drop off any non-perishable items to either the High School or Elementary Campus by March 27th!

**COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS**

There will be a **Red Cross blood drive** at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, March 27 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or [fbhuisken@gmail.com](mailto: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 years or older and in good health is able to donate.

**Ladies: First Reformed Church invites you to their Maundy Thursday Coffee**, on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Coffee and refreshments begin at 9:00am; speaker at 9:30am. The speaker this year is Angela Kennecke, former Keloland reporter. Angela will speak on the death of her daughter to opioids. Angela has made it her mission to stop the stigma surrounding addiction and find solutions to the opioid epidemic. Free will offering will go to Emily's Hope.

Join us for another **Beautiful Life Women's Conference: Growing Together**, at American Reformed Church of Luverne, featuring Jennifer Dukes Lee and her book: *Growing Slow*. This in-person event will be April 15 from 9am-4pm. Doors open at 8am. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Register by calling 507-283-8600 or sign up at <https://bit.ly/BLWC23>. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Early bird registration is \$40 per person. Last day for early bird registration is March 12. Registration from March 13 to April 2 is \$50 per person. NO tickets available at the door. Follow us on Facebook at Beautiful Life Conferences.

**Upcoming Events at Pipestone ATLAS:**

**Wednesday, March 29:** Pizza Ranch Fundraiser at Pipestone Pizza Ranch, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 29:** Annual Spring Rummage, 9:00-3:00 at ATLAS - Pipestone. At this time we are looking for gently used household items, home decor & odds and ends (no clothing or furniture). Your donations may be dropped off at ATLAS (101 2nd St NE) on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:00am-5:00pm. (Deadline for donations is April 25) or call Roxie Mulder to pick up your donations (507.227.0905).

Our thanks to the Pipestone Pizza Ranch for hosting the Community Impact Night to benefit ATLAS and our thanks to our many supporters for their prayers and donations of rummage items and many other expressions of support. Praising our Heavenly Father for all his many blessings to this ministry!

**KIDS CORNER: - I'm Worried!** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). It's natural to feel worried now and then, but God helps us turn worry into excitement for the awesome things he has planned for us. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Preparing for Easter: A Family Lenten Devotional eBook.

**Groundwork: A Look at the New Heaven and Earth** - In this life, we often find hope and encouragement to endure by thinking about what we have to look forward to. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study John's visions of the new heaven and earth in Revelation 21. We'll discuss the meaning of his visions and the comfort these images continue to provide us today. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Lent At-home Faith Formation Tip** - During Lent, many Christians try to become more aware of the suffering of others as we remember Jesus' suffering and sacrifice. How might you do this? Consider volunteering as a family, with friends, or on your own at a ministry of mercy, or visiting members of your congregation who can't physically join you in worship on Sundays.

**The Architecture of Prayer** - The Center Art Gallery at Calvin University presents The Architecture of Prayer, a survey of church architecture exploring a selection of the most thoughtful liturgical projects of the 21st century. On display until April 7th, the exhibition showcases drawings and travel photography of historic church buildings in dialogue with new projects built after 1999—contributed by 40+ internationally-recognized practices and local firms. To explore the exhibition virtually, visit: [https://bit.ly/arch\\_pray](https://bit.ly/arch_pray)

**Family Fire** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

## 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.  
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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: Rachel Prins PM: Kendra Van Hill  
Next Week: AM: Koni De Kam PM: Linda Vanderaa  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Today: Rose Kroll Next Week: Linda Vanderaa  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** Today: Larissa Caspersen Next Week: Kristi De Boer  
**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** Today: Todd Jasper & Sas kids  
**NURSERY** Today AM: Infant: Lori Fey, Myah Vander Maten, Hannah Van Schepen  
Toddler: Liz De Jongh, Brandi Fenske, Abby Moosey, Isaiah Fey, Boden Rieck  
PM: Greg & Karen Dyk Family  
Next Week AM Infant: Kayla Vande Kamp, Tylee Kooiker, Mikah Tinklenberg  
Toddler: Rose Kroll, Michelle Van Essen, Parker Fey, Elliot Vander Pol, Allison Fenske  
PM: Jon & Janet Walhof  
**USHERS** Today: Ron Vander Lugt, Jacob Bierstedt, Dan Hanson  
Next Week: Jon Kroll, Justin Prins, Lloyd Prins  
**HOST/HOSTESS** Today: Dean & Becky Van Hulzen  
Next Week: Karen Van Schepen & Donna Hanenburg  
**SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Seth/Huck Next Week: Derek/Denny  
**VIDEO CAMERA** Today: Walt Next Week: Cal  
**MULTI-MEDIA** Today: JT Next Week: Dan  
**REFRESHMENTS** Today: Joyce Hanenburg, Narla Hulstein, Sue Jasper, Kendra Kuipers  
Next Week: Melissa Kooiker, Ruth Kooiker, Mary Kreun, Gene & LouAnn Kuipers



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**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.