

Bethel Christian Reformed Church  
March 17, 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: *Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*  
Offering  
Confession/Assurance of pardon  
Song of response: *Amazing Love (You Are My King)*  
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room)  
Prayer of God’s people  
Offering for Mary Buys, Mission to the World  
\* Song of preparation: *Lead Me, Guide Me* – PsH 544 (1-3)  
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)  
Scripture: Psalm 72  
Message: DANGEROUS PRAYERS: Use Me, Lord  
\* Song of application: *Take My Life and Let It Be* – PsH 288 (1,2,3,5,6)  
\* Parting words  
\* Parting song: *Here I Am, Lord*

Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.  
Led by: Pastor Rich Loerop

- Prelude  
Welcome  
\* God’s greeting to his people  
\* Opening songs: *How Lovely Is Your Dwelling* – PsH 243 (1-3)  
*This Is My Father’s World* – PsH 436 (1-3)  
Responsive reading: Psalm 119:17-32  
Song of response: *That Man Is Blest*  
Prayer  
\* Song of preparation: *Spirit Divine, Inspire Our Prayer* – PsH 421 (1-3)  
Scripture: Mark 8:1-26  
Message: THE GOSPEL OF MARK: All About  
\* Song of response: *Be Thou My Vision* – Praise 378 (1-4)  
\* God’s blessing to His people  
\* Closing song: *Be Thou My Vision* – Praise 378 (5)  
(Your evening offering for Mary Buys can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors.)


Offering Schedule:  
March 17: Mary Buys, Mission to the World  
Communion Thank Offering: Union Gospel Mission  
March 24: CRC Cuba

Church Family:

- Please pray for successful surgery for **Lorna Post** who will have knee replacement surgery on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Please pray for successful surgery for **Mason Tinklenberg** who will undergo surgery to repair a deviated septum on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Pray for **Hendrene Van Wyhe** who is recuperating at Edgebrook Care Center following her fall.
- Pray for **Al Walhof** who is recuperating at Good Samaritan Center in Pipestone after his fall and subsequent surgery.
- **Kim Gunnink** has returned home following her hospitalization for pneumonia.

This Week’s Activities:

- MONDAY:  
7:00 pm **Women’s Bible Study** ..... Society Room  
7:00 pm **Elders Meeting** ..... Council Room  
7:00 pm **Deacons Meeting** .....Deacons Room  
WEDNESDAY:  
9:30 am **Coffee Break/Story Hour** (final meeting of season).....First CRC  
6:30-8:30pm **GEMS Father/Daughter Night** .....First CRC  
THURSDAY:  
7:00 pm **Friendship Class**.....First CRC  
NEXT SUNDAY:  
8:30 am **Prayer Meeting**.....Prayer Room  
9:30 am **Morning Worship Service** .....Bethel  
10:45 am **Sunday School Classes**.....Classrooms  
5:15 pm **High School Catechism**.....Bethel  
6:30 pm **Evening Worship Service** .....Bethel



**STEPHEN MINISTRY:**  
Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.  
-John 15:13

Announcements:

CHURCH

**Prayer Warriors and youth please meet after the morning service in sanctuary.**  
**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 after the morning service.  
**Youth Group:** We will be making and delivering sub sandwiches Wednesday, March 20. All those who are able, please meet at church at 4:45 to make and deliver subs. If you have practice, please come after practice to help.  
**GEMS Suds and Spuds Night:** Wednesday, March 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. GEMS and Gents will start constructing their potato cars at the beginning of the evening and be ready to race by 7:30pm! We will have all needed decorating supplies, just bring a knife for carving and your creativity! Our "suds" for the evening will be our Root Beer float bar! Let the races...I mean FUN...BEGIN!  
Any children age 3 through 1st grade are invited to lead us in worship at the start of the AM service on Palm Sunday (March 24). Before church begins on March 24, your children are invited to line up in the fellowship hall, walk into church waving palm branches, and sing several Palm Sunday songs to begin our worship service.  
**All women of Bethel!** Please plan to join us on Saturday, March 30 for the **annual Bethel bridal shower!** We will be honoring 3 brides this year: Shayla (Prins) Scholten, Daynica Pap, and Sage Lehman (AJ Vanderby’s bride-to-be). Join us as we celebrate with our brides and get to know them better! See the invitation in your mailbox for more information.

**Help Needed:** We are looking for people to serve as host/hostess before the service on Sunday mornings (approximately once a month). Curious about what the host/hostess does? Please talk to Lois Van Dyke.  
**Heytsi Ministry Letter Spring 2024** is available in the resource racks which are near the mailboxes and the office. Feel free to take one if you are interested in the work God is doing in Ukraine and especially through the Heytsis and New Life Church. Vasya and Maranda thank you for all of your support through prayer and financial support.  
**Bethel Church Family,**  
We at ATLAS for Life would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the generous financial gift. We were so humbled by it and pray that all we receive is used to bring glory to God and to further His Kingdom. Blessings to each of you and the reach you have for Christ in the community and beyond!

SCHOOLS

Please join us for our **Annual Music Festival** at First CRC of Edgerton this afternoon, March 17 at 2:30 p.m. 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).  
The Southwest MN Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual **Spring Soup and Dessert Supper** on Tuesday March 19th. 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

ATLAS for Life, Pipestone is excited to announce a new fundraiser! ATLAS will be hosting a greenhouse this spring supplied by VIP Floral and Greenhouse. Currently, we are looking for volunteers to help “man” the greenhouse for the 6–8-week timeframe. We are having an organizational meeting on **Tuesday, March 19 at 2:30 p.m. at the ATLAS office – 101 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE** in Pipestone (just north of the Ewert Rec Center) to learn more information about this volunteer opportunity for this fundraiser. Green thumbs and enthusiastic individuals are encouraged to attend this meeting for an afternoon of information, snacks, and interaction. Please call the ATLAS office if you are interested in this opportunity and unable to attend the meeting or with questions: 507.562.5777.  
**Coffee Break Bible Study** will be hosting a special meeting on March 20 at First CRC in Edgerton and invites all women to attend. Mr. Brian Busker, teacher at SWC will speak on the history and basic beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Brunch will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Story Hour and nursery will be provided. Brian will also speak at the evening session of Coffee Break Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.  
There will be a **Red Cross blood drive** at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, March 25, 2024 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or to confirm an appointment. Can we collect 75 units of blood for use by the Red Cross for someone/somewhere. There is a constant need for blood. Every 2 seconds someone/somewhere in the U.S. needs blood. Only 3% of eligible people donate. Anyone 16 years and older and in good health is able to donate. We encourage our younger people to step up and make a donation.  
**All women of the community are invited to the annual Maundy Thursday Brunch** at First Reformed Church in Edgerton (230 Maple St.) on Thursday, March 28 at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and muffins at 9:00a.m. Guest speakers this year include SWC school students and other church members who will share about their trip to En-Gedi Childrens Home in Kenya, Africa. The Free-Will offering will go to the En-Gedi Childrens Home which Margaret Njuguna founded.  
First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton is hosting an **Easter Sunrise service** (March 31) beginning at 7:00 a.m. We welcome our area church congregations and visiting family and friends to join us as we remember Christ’s finished work on the cross and his resurrection on that glorious Easter morning! Please join us for this

celebration as we greet Easter morning reflecting on God's word along with songs from the congregation and special numbers that walk us through Jesus’ birth to the glorious resurrection day. Following the service, a breakfast will be served in the church's fellowship hall. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

**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](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org). A free will offering will be taken to support Cornerstone’s ministry.

**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.

**Kids Corner: The Not-So-Triumphal Entry** - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Ever wonder why Jesus chose to ride a donkey? By selecting a donkey, he declared that he was there to get to work—God’s work—and he wasn’t threatening anyone. Donkeys aren’t flashy. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC’s Lent and Easter Collection.

**Groundwork: The Complete Sufficiency Of The Cross** - Christ’s sacrifice is completely sufficient to satisfy God’s wrath, and yet, sometimes we forget. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 53:6; Galatians 2:20-21, 3:1-3, 3:24-27, & 6:14-15; and Romans 5:9-11 & 6:1-4 to discuss the source of this truth, how we can keep our fears at bay, and how we can keep a right perspective about our salvation and our deeds. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - What would happen if we all listened to others just as deeply and lovingly as God listens to us? How would that change our family life, our work life, our interactions with our neighbor, or our online presence? Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

*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 [bethelcrccdgerton@yahoo.com](mailto:bethelcrccdgerton@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*

<b>PREACHING</b> Today: AM: Pastor Rich Loerop Next Week: AM: Pastor Rich Loerop	PM: Pastor Rich Loerop PM: Pastor Rich Loerop
<b>ACCOMPANIST</b> Today: AM: Kendra Van Hill Next Week: AM: Kendra Van Hill	PM: Kendra Van Hill PM: Kendra Van Hill
<b>CHILDREN’S MESSAGE</b> Today: Lois Van Dyke	Next Week: Matt Vande Kamp
<b>CHILDREN’S CHURCH</b> Today: Janet Walhof	Next Week: Bonnie De Boer
<b>CHILDREN’S WORSHIP</b> Today: Carissa Odland & Avery/Parker Fey	
<b>NURSERY</b> Today AM: Infant: Dionne Prins, Emma Rylaarsdam Toddler: Patty Sas, Trevin Prins, Jayven Kooiker, Alexa De Boer, Sadie Fenske PM: Arlin & Lin Van’t Hof Next Week AM Infant: John Talsma, Hannah Caspersen, Dean Pap Toddler: Kathy Vander Lugt, Caleb Fey, Riley Williams, Gentre Kuipers, Sierra Van Dyke PM: Jess & Darci Van Dyke	
<b>USHERS</b> Today: Arly Van’t Hof, Greg Dyk, Nick Spronk Next Week: Ron Vander Lugt, Jesse Kooiker, Dan Hanson	
<b>HOST/HOSTESS</b> Today: Mary Kreun & Kendra Kuipers Next Week: Jolene Walhof	
<b>SOUND SYSTEM</b> Today: Derek/Denny	Next Week: Justin/Denny
<b>VIDEO CAMERA</b> Today: Jon	Next Week: Arlin
<b>MULTI-MEDIA</b> Today: Dan	Next Week: Caleb
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b> Today: Narla Hulstein, Sue Jasper, Melissa Kooiker, Gene & Lou Ann Kuipers Next Week: Ruth Kooiker, Mary Kreun, Rose Kroll, Karen Walhof	



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Pastor Rich Loerop  
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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*

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