

Bethel Christian Reformed Church  
March 30, 2025

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 Jack Gray

- Prelude  
Welcome and announcements  
Call to worship
- \* God’s greeting
- \* We greet each other
- \* Opening songs: *Lamb of God*  
*I Am Not My Own*
- Confession/assurance of pardon  
Song of response: *O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* – Praise 81 (1-3)  
God’s Law for the 4th Sunday in Lent  
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)  
Prayer of God’s people  
Offering: for the Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund  
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
- \* Song of preparation: *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended* – PsH 386 (1-3)
- Scripture: Matthew 27:11-26  
Message: PILATE AND PROCULA
- \* Song of application: *Man of Sorrows* – PsH 482 (1-4)
- \* Parting words
- \* Parting song: *Man of Sorrows* – PsH 482 (5)

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Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.  
Led by: Pastor Jack Gray

- Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to worship
- \* God’s greeting to His people
- \* Opening songs: *O Christians, Haste* – PsH 525 (1-3)  
*The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear* – PsH 542 (1,2,4)
- Apostles Creed  
Song of response: *Church of God, Elect and Glorious*  
Prayer
- \* Song of preparation: *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* – PsH 528 (1-3)
- Scripture: 2 Timothy 3; text: Matthew 5:13a, 13:33b  
Message: CHRISTIANS CORRECTING CULTURE
- \* Song of response: *Onward Christian Soldiers* – PsH 522 (1-3)
- \* God’s blessing to his people
- \* Closing song: *Onward Christian Soldiers* – PsH 522 (4)  
(Your evening offering for Christian Education Tuition Assistance can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)


**Offering Schedule:**  
March 30: Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund  
April 6: First Fruits (General Fund)  
April 13: Children of the Promise  
April 20: Denominational Ministry Shares  
April 27: GEMS

Church Family:

- The Kooiker family requests prayers for Clint Meendering, a close friend of Kristi Eshuis, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

This Week’s Activities:

**WEDNESDAY:**  
9:30 am Coffee Break/Story Hour (final meeting) .....First CRC  
7:00 pm YPS Small Groups..... Various Locations  
**THURSDAY:**  
8:15 am Legacy Thrift Store Workday ..... Carpool from Bethel  
7:00 pm Friendship ..... First CRC  
**SATURDAY:**  
9:00 am Sioux Valley Cadet-a-Rama .....Sioux Falls Christian  
**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
8:30 am Prayer Meeting ..... Prayer Room  
9:30 am Morning Worship Service.....Bethel  
10:45 am Sunday School for grades 2-8 .....Classrooms  
11:00 am Choir Practice ..... Sanctuary  
12:00 pm Care Group 3 Luncheon .....Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Evening Worship Service.....Bethel



**STEPHEN MINISTRY:**  
Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. -1 Peter 4:10

Advance Dates:

March 30: High School Catechism  
April 5: Sioux Valley Cadet-a-Rama at Sioux Falls Christian School  
April 16: Youth Group Mexican Supper & Bake-Off Auction  
April 19: Bethel Bridal Shower  
April 27: GEMS Sunday, Combined PM Service at First CRC

Announcements:

CHURCH

**High School Catechism classes meet this Sunday, March 30.**  
Thursday, April 3, is **Bethel’s workday at the Legacy Thrift Store** in Worthington. Please join us if you are able! There is a carpool that leaves Bethel at 8:15am.  
**Sioux Valley Cadet-a-Rama** will be Saturday, April 5 at Sioux Falls Christian School. Assembly is at 10 A.M. Pine-wood Derby Cars can begin weighing in at 9. Parents are welcome to attend.  
**Care Group Luncheon:** Members of care group 3 are invited to a noon luncheon in the fellowship hall on Sunday, April 6.  
Would you like to be refreshed with some intentional conversation? **IF:Table** is an opportunity to grow in authentic community. Women of Bethel, please join us for a time of fellowship and conversation on **Saturday, April 12** at 9:00am in the church fellowship hall. Come to share, come to listen, or come to do both! The conversations will center around the theme Because of Jesus based on Hebrews 2:17-18. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't come before! Brunch and coffee are provided. If you have questions, please contact Darci Van Dyke, Becca Van Schepen, or Katie Van’t Hof.  
**Our youth group invites you to a fundraiser** on Wednesday, April 16. A Mexican themed supper will be served 5:30-6:45 for a free will donation. At 7:00 a live auction of Bake-Off items will begin. What’s the Bake-Off Auction?? Each member of the youth group will challenge someone from the congregation to make a certain baked item. These baked items will then be auctioned off. It will be a friendly competition between our youth group and the congregation. Who can raise the most? Proceeds will go towards youth group mission trips.

**From Dennis and Rose Kroll:** Gather Houston was an encouraging event filled with stories of ministry happening in the CRC today. Sixty CRC folk came from six classes: Minkota, Hamilton, Rocky Mountain, Hanmi, Grandville, and Yellowstone. Another 30 people attended from agencies such as Thrive, Resonate, Reframe, World Renew, etc. to facilitate discussion and act as Spanish and Korean translators. With Luke 24:13-35 as our guide, mixed groups of 8 walked together through the phrases “we had hoped, slow to believe, recognizing Jesus, and clothed with power.” We acknowledged our expectations and desires to God, testified to the redemptive work of Jesus through storytelling, aligned ourselves with God and His mission, and were empowered in our witness of God’s renewing work. If you’re interested in attending a group like this, there are still openings for Gather Des Moines at the end of April. Go to <https://www.crcna.org/gather> or talk with Dennis or Rose about their experience.

**Hearing assistance available:** Bethel is now equipped with a new Bluetooth hearing assistance system. Please see the person at the sound desk if you would like more information on this.

SCHOOL

**Peter Pan – coming to a gym near you THIS WEEK, April 3,4 and 5 at 7:00 pm at SWC Elementary gym!** It is one of the most beloved and frequently performed family favorites of all time. Peter Pan is the perfect show for the child in all of us... who dreamed of soaring high and never growing up. You can buy Tickets ahead of time by calling or stopping by the high school at 442-4471 or tickets will be available at the door on those evenings also!  
**KINGDOM KIDS PRESCHOOL at Southwest MN Christian Schools** is open for enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year and we couldn't be more excited! 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 W, Edgerton, or downloaded at our school website, [swcschools.org](https://www.swcschools.org). For more information, call the office at 507-442-6181 or email us at [elementary@swcschools.org](mailto:elementary@swcschools.org). If you'd like to tour the school or would like to check out the Preschool area, we’d welcome you to do that as well!  
We're excited to invite you to the **Black & Gold Banquet**, an evening filled with delicious food, laughter, and connection on Saturday, April 12 at the SWC Elementary Gymnasium. Social Hour begins at 5:45; followed by dinner at 6:15pm. The mouthwatering dinner features fresh salad, beef tri-tip, baked potatoes, glazed carrots, buns, and refreshments. After dinner, prepare for some laughs as we welcome our special guest, *Slap Happy Comedy*, for an unforgettable comedy performance that will keep everyone in stitches! This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a meaningful evening with friends and community while supporting the Faith Fund at Southwest MN Christian. We hope you can join us for a night of fun, food, and giving! RSVP BY MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025 by emailing Ashley at [astoe@swcschools.org](mailto:astoe@swcschools.org). We can’t wait to see you there!  
**Join us for Pancakes and Praise!** Start your Friday morning and Holy Week with a delicious pancake breakfast and a time of worship on **April 11 at 7:30 AM** at Southwest Christian High School. Enjoy live worship music (played by **SWC students and staff**) and fellowship with our school community as we gather together and start the day with praise. Food will be served from **7:30am-8:30am** and music will be played from **8am-9am**. Bring your appetite and your heart for worship—we can’t wait to see you there!  
**HOST & HOSTESS WANTED!** We are looking for hosts and hostesses for the Black & Gold Banquet! How to Participate: simply fill a table of 8 guests or host a table that is already filled, provide an optional centerpiece for your table, and cater your table with provided food and drinks the night of the event. This is a great opportunity to showcase your hosting skills and be part of a fun and memorable event supporting the Faith Fund at Southwest MN Christian High School. Let us know if you're interested or have any questions! RSVP's due by Monday, March 31. Call the High School office at 507-442-4471 or email Ashley at [astoe@swcschools.org](mailto:astoe@swcschools.org).

April 13, 2:30 pm: Join us for the **Annual Music Festival** at First CRC of Edgerton. Southwest Christian’s choirs, along with individual and choral groups from area churches, will present selections during this afternoon of praise. Members of the audience will be invited to join the mass choir for the Hallelujah Chorus. An offering will be collected for Southwest Christian High School (sponsored as a fundraiser by Circle #12).

**COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS**

**MIK+ YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (19-30 year old singles).** We would like to invite you to the April gatherings:

    \*\*Saturday April 5 at 6pm in Rock Valley Iowa Calvin Christian Reformed Church we will be getting together for PIZZA & TRIVIA NIGHT. (Enter the WEST door of church because a fundraiser pick up will be happening in their fellowship hall during these same hours). Please RSVP by April 2nd to Lee De Groot at 712 470 4244. Bring a friend!

    \*\*Saturday April 19 at 6pm in Sioux Center Iowa Bridge of Hope Youth Building (43 2nd Street NE). We will be eating a meal together and studying the book of Numbers. Please RSVP by April 16 to Lee De Groot at 712 470 4244. Invite a friend.

**Advance Date:** SW MN Pro-life group will hold their annual **Pro-Life Spring Rally** on Monday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m. at S.W. Christian High School.

All women of the community are invited to the **First Reformed Church Maundy Thursday Gathering** on Thursday, April 17. Coffee and rolls will be served at 9:00am. The program begins at 9:30 am in the church fellowship hall. Our guest speaker this year is Jason Snyder. Jason has been on several medical mission trips to Niger, South Africa, where he assisted physicians performing cataract surgery for the native people. An offering will be collected for the local Food Shelf.

**THE 15TH ANNUAL MINNIKOTA YOUTH JR HIGH RETREAT** (6th-8th grade) is fast approaching. It will be held at Inspiration Hills on April 25, 26, and 27. The deadline for registering is the first week of April. If you or your Jr Higher have not had a chance to fill out a registration form, contact Lee at 712-470-4244 or [degrootlee@gmail.com](mailto:degrootlee@gmail.com) to get a form or print it off the Minnikota Youth facebook page.

**Forty Days of Prayer for Synod** - Join people from across the denomination and around the world for 40 days of prayer leading up to Synod 2025. Writers of different ages, abilities, backgrounds, and places, from CRC congregations and ministries have shared prayers on the theme, Journey With Jesus. Find resources and sign up at [crcna.org/synod/prayer](http://crcna.org/synod/prayer)

**Kids Corner: Lent: Jesus' Sacrifice for Us** - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion “Lent: Jesus’ Sacrifice for Us” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Have you ever wondered why Jesus had to die? Discover the answer in this kids’ devotional that shows how much Jesus loves you, why He made the ultimate sacrifice, and how His amazing victory gives us hope! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC’s Lent and Easter Collection.

**Groundwork: Jesus Predicts His Death** - During the season of Lent, we reflect and prepare our hearts for Easter. Similarly, Jesus tried to prepare his disciples for his death. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 8:31-36 and Luke 18:31-34 to study Jesus’ words and see how Jesus’ journey to the cross invites us to follow Him in faith, sacrifice, and hope. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - In Acts 2:42-47, we read how the early church lived and worshiped in community, “praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people” (v. 47, NIV). Think of your own church community this week. How can you make everyone feel welcome? Look at things in your church like the raised platform (pulpit area) and the seating. Is everyone in your congregation able to access these areas? Is the building welcoming to visitors? Do you have a way for individuals who may be sensitive to noise to participate in worship? Spend some time this week talking with others about how you can welcome everyone to your church community. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

*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.  
**JANITOR:** Marv 507-215-7464; Kendra 507-227-0488; [mkuipers0809@gmail.com](mailto:mkuipers0809@gmail.com)  
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**WEATHER RELATED SERVICE INFORMATION:** KDWC (99.3FM), K101 (101.1FM), KLOH (1050AM), KNWC (96.5FM), KELOLAND TV  
**ELDERS:**  
Leland Vanderaa, President  
Tim Van Dyke, Vice President (CG #1)  
Brent Van Schepen, Clerk (CG #7)  
Doug Eisma (CG #6)  
Greg Hanenburg (CG #4)  
Dennis Kroll (CG #2)  
Mark Van Dam (CG #5)  
Rob Van Hill (CG #3)  
Ron Vander Lugt  
**DEACONS:**  
Ross Fey, President of Deacons  
Isaac Odland (CG #2)  
Ryan Bridgewater (CG #1)  
Kyle Fey, Secretary of Deacons (CG #4)  
Dylan Walhof (CG 6)  
Mike Fenske (CG #5)  
Matt Tinklenberg (CG #3)  
Josh Van Essen (CG #7)

*Our Helpers*

**PREACHING** Today: AM: Pastor Jack Gray PM: Pastor Jack Gray  
Next Week: AM: Pastor Jack Gray PM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen  
**ACCOMPANIST** Today: AM: Koni De Kam PM: Rachel Prins  
Next Week: AM: Michelle Moosey PM: Michelle Moosey  
**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Today: Linda Vanderaa Next Week: Greg Dyk  
**CHILDREN’S CHURCH** Today: Larissa Caspersen Next Week: Kristi De Boer  
**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP** Today: Carissa Odland & Hannah Van Schepen  
Next month: Bonnie De Boer & Sierra Van Dyke  
**NURSERY** Today: AM Infant: Mary Ann Spronk, Elliot Vander Pol, Brystol Kooiker  
Toddler: Kayla Vande Kamp, Parker Fey, Xavier Meksavanh, Hannah Van Schepen, Amelia Van’t Hof  
PM: Jess & Darci Van Dyke  
Next Week AM Infant: Abby Galvin, Tylee Kooiker, Miles Prins  
Toddler: Julie Vander Pol, Selah Kuipers, Asher Meksavanh, Tayton Kooiker, Josiah Van Schepen  
PM: Brevan & Brenna Jasper  
**USHERS** Today: Arly Van’t Hof, Greg Dyk, Nick Spronk  
Next Week: Connor Van Hill, Jesse Kooiker, Dan Hanson  
**HOST/HOSTESS** Today: Dean & Becky Van Hulzen Next Week: Karen Van Schepen  
**SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Huck Next Week: Jonathan  
**VIDEO CAMERA** Today: Brent Next Week: Arlin  
**MULTI-MEDIA** Today: Dan Next Week: Caleb  
**REFRESHMENTS** Today: Renee Krossschell, Wendy Krossschell, Esther Masselink, Trevor & Abbie Fey  
Next Week: Glenda Masselink, Melissa Masselink, Rose Kroll, Kyle & Lori Fey



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Pastor Jack Gray  
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Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

**Missionaries**  
Mary – Southeast Asia  
Cuba CRC – Resonate Global Mission  
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.