

**Bethel Christian Reformed Church**  
**March 31, 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**
- Call to worship**
- Restoring the Christ Candle**
- \* **Song:** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* – PsH 388 (1-4)
- \* **Prayer**
- \* **God’s greeting to His people**
- \* **We greet each other**
- \* **Opening song:** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* – PsH 410 (1-3)
- A Litany of Celebration and Song**
- Low in the Grave Christ Lay* – PsH 396 (1-3)
- The Day of Resurrection* – PsH 390 (1-3)
- Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* – PsH 389 (1-3)
- (Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room)
- Prayer of God’s people**
- Offering** for Volunteers In Mercy
- \* **Song of preparation:** *In Christ Alone*  
 (Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
- Scripture:** Matthew 28:1-10
- Message:** EASTER: A CHANGE IN PLANS
- \* **Song of application:** *I Serve a Risen Savior* – PsH 405 (1-3)
- \* **Parting words**
- \* **Parting song:** *He Is Lord* – PsH 633

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

- Prelude**
- Welcome**
- \* **God’s greeting to his people**
- \* **Opening songs:** *O Word of God Incarnate* – PsH 279 (1-3)  
*They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*
- Responsive reading:** Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 86 & 91
- Song of response:** *What Shall I Render to the Lord* – PsH 178 (1,2,5)
- Prayer**
- \* **Song of preparation:** *Make Me a Blessing* – Praise 389 (1-3)
- Scripture:** James 2:14-26
- Message:** FAITH AND WORKS
- \* **Song of response:** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* – PsH 603 (1,3)
- \* **God’s blessing to His people**
- \* **Closing song:** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* – PsH 603 (1,3)  
 (Your evening offering for Volunteers In Mercy can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors.)

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**Offering Schedule:**

- April 7: First Fruits (General Fund)
- April 14: Children of the Promise - Haiti
- April 21: New Life Treatment Center
- April 28: GEMS

**Church Family:**

- Pray for **Art Spronk** who will have surgery on Wednesday to remove part of his foot that is not healing. Give thanks for the recent procedure that significantly improved blood flow to his upper foot. Pray for healing and physical therapy that will follow.
- **Jeanette Hanenburg** was hospitalized briefly last week. Please pray for strength for her.
- Next Sunday, April 7, we anticipate hearing the public profession of faith of **Alexia Vander Pol**.

**This Week’s Activities:**

- 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:**  
 9:30 am **Bethel Bridal Shower** ..... Fellowship Hall
- NEXT SUNDAY:**  
 8:30 am **Prayer Meeting** ..... Prayer Room  
 9:30 am **Morning Worship Service** ..... Bethel  
 10:45 am **Sunday School Classes** ..... Classrooms  
 6:30 pm **Evening Worship Service** ..... Bethel



**STEPHEN MINISTRY:**

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. -Ephesians 5:1-2

**Announcements:**

**CHURCH**

**Please note:** There will not be Sunday School classes this Sunday, March 31.

**This Sunday evening,** we will be joined by area churches for our evening service.

Thursday, April 4, is **Bethel’s workday at the Legacy Thrift Store** in Worthington. Those who wish to carpool meet at Bethel at 8:15am. Anyone may join us for this day of service. Feel free to join us at the store if you can only help for part of the day.

**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.

There are **leftover plain wheat buns** from the bakery from the sub fundraiser to buy. Talk to Kayla Vande Kamp if you would like to purchase any.

**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 and conversation on **Saturday, April 13** at 9:00 am in the church fellowship hall. 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! If you have questions, please contact Darci Van Dyke, Becca Van Schepen, or Katie Van’t Hof.

**COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS**

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. **The Edgerton Food Shelf** needs the following items: cereal, spaghetti, canned vegetables & fruits, mac n cheese, ketchup, peanut butter, toilet paper, hamburger helper, pancake mix & syrup, soups, and crackers. There is always a box for food donations in the east hallway, across from the prayer room.

**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.

**RSVP Today!** Sister's Tea will be Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton. Tea and other refreshments, a light lunch, and desserts are provided. Floppy hats optional! There will be a free will donation box and silent auction with proceeds benefiting Royal Family Kids Camp in Southwest Minnesota (check them on out Facebook). Gather your sisters in Christ and join us for a fun morning of fellowship, encouragement, and support! 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.**

**S.W. MN Spring Pro-Life Rally** will be held on Monday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. at SW Christian High School (550 Elizabeth St. - Edgerton). Guest speaker is Caleb Hallsebus from White, S.D. Caleb is 20 years old and loves to preach God's Word. Also, there will be updates about what is going on in Minnesota concerning pro-life issues.

**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 9am-4pm 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: Creativity in Action** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). When God wanted his people to build a special place of worship, he helped Moses think outside the box to solve problems. Moses knew they needed to build the Tabernacle, and God provided the right craftspeople with the right gifts to help out. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

**Groundwork: Crucified And Raised To Life With Christ** - Good Friday and Easter mark the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join Groundwork as we study Philippians 3:10-11, Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:1-14, and 1 Corinthians 15:12-23 to examine what the Apostle Paul teaches us about this gift of salvation by faith and our participation in both Christ's death and resurrection. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

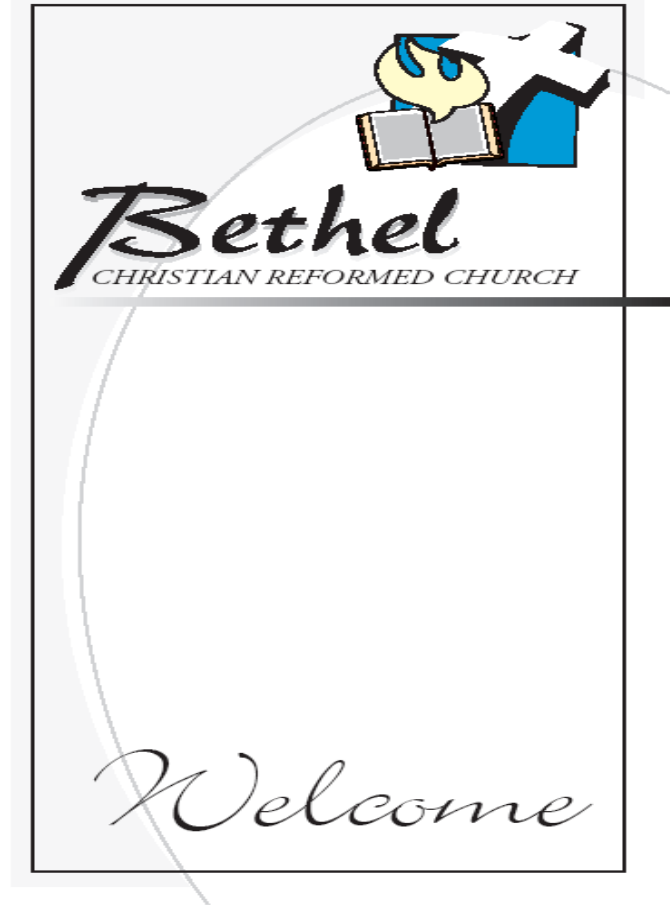
**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Today we celebrate an event that changed everything: the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As you celebrate Easter with family and friends, read 1 Peter 1:3-9 together, and invite people of all ages around your table to share how you experience the "living hope" that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection offers. 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.  
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 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: Rachel Prins PM: Linda Vanderaa  
 Next Week: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Lisa Vander Maten  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Today: Linda Vanderaa Next Week: Denise Nerem  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** Today: Janet Walhof Next Week: Becca Van Schepen  
**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** Today: Bonnie De Boer & Avery/Parker Fey  
 Next Week: Carissa Odland & Logan Van Dyke  
**NURSERY** Today AM: Infant: Tiffany Meksavanh, Mara Prins, Maggie Caspersen  
 Toddler: Emily Hanenburg, Cameron Fenske, Graham Moosey, Livia Fey, Hannah Van Schepen  
 PM: Devin & Katie Van't Hof  
 Next Week AM Infant: Lois Van Dyke, Tylee Kooiker, Allison Fenske  
 Toddler: Lori Fey, Madyson Fey, Jonah Uilk, Noah Veldkamp, Carsten Schuld  
 PM: Bonnie De Boer, Josiah Pap  
**USHERS** Today: Jon Kroll, Justin Prins, Lloyd Prins  
 Next Week: Wyatt Vos, Randy Pfeifle, Ben Hanenburg  
**HOST/HOSTESS** Today: Dean & Becky Van Hulzen  
 Next Week: Vern & Mina Vander Pol  
**SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Huck Next Week: Jonathan  
**VIDEO CAMERA** Today: Walt Next Week: Cal  
**MULTI-MEDIA** Today: Krista Next Week: Kyle  
**REFRESHMENTS** Today: Erin Krosschell, Renee Krosschell, Wendy Krosschell, Chris & Michelle Moosey  
 Next Week: Esther Masselink, Glenda Masselink, Melissa Masselink, Kendra Kuipers



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 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.