

**Bethel Christian Reformed Church**  
**April 5, 2026**

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 Bill Vis

- Prelude**  
**Welcome and announcements**  
\* **Opening song:** *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done* – PsH 391 (1,2,4)  
\* **Call to worship**  
\* **God's greeting**  
\* **We greet each other**  
\* **Opening songs:** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* – PsH 388 (1-4)  
*Low in the Grave Christ Lay* – PsH 396 (1-3)  
**Easter Litany**  
**Song of response:** *See, What a Morning* – LUYH 181  
(Children's sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)  
**Prayer of God's people**  
**Offering:** First Fruits for the General Fund  
(Children's church (ages 3-5) and children's worship (grades K-1) dismissed)  
\* **Song of preparation:** *I Serve a Risen Savior* – PsH 405 (1-3)  
**Scripture:** Matthew 28:1-10  
**Message:** EASTER IN TIMES OF CRISIS  
\* **Song of application:** *Praise the Savior Now and Ever* – PsH 400 (1-4)  
\* **Parting words**  
\* **Parting song:** *Hymn of Heaven* – sung by the choir  
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**Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.**  
Led by: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

- Prelude**  
**Welcome**  
\* **Call to worship**  
\* **God's greeting to his people**  
\* **Opening songs:** *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* – PsH 389 (1-3)  
*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* – PsH 402 (1,2,5)  
**Responsive reading:** Psalm 119:97-112  
**Song of response:** *Your Word Sheds Light Upon My Path* – LUYH 759 (1,2,4)  
**Prayer**  
\* **Song of preparation:** *Oh, For a Closer Walk With God* – PsH 551 (1,2,3,5)  
**Scripture:** Luke 24:13-35  
**Message:** ON THE ROAD  
\* **Song of response:** *Come to Us Beloved Stranger* – LUYH 207 (1-3)  
\* **God's blessing to his people**  
\* **Closing song:** *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* – PsH 573 (1,4)  
(Your evening offering for the General Fund can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

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**Offering Schedule:**

- April 5: First Fruits for the General Fund  
April 12: Children of the Promise – Haiti  
April 19: ATLAS  
April 26: GEMS

***This Week's Activities:***

**MONDAY:**  
7:00 pm **Council Meeting**..... Council Room  
**TUESDAY:**  
6:00-7:00am **Men's Bible Study**..... Society Room  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
6:30-8:15pm **GEMS** ..... First CRC  
6:30-8:30pm **Cadets** ..... Bethel  
**SATURDAY:**  
9:00 am **IF:Table** ..... Fellowship Hall  
10:00 am **Sioux Valley Cadet-O-Rama**..... Sioux Falls Christian School  
1:00-4:00pm **Parsonage Open House**..... Parsonage  
**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
8:30 am **Prayer Meeting**..... Prayer Room  
9:30 am **Morning Worship Service**..... Bethel  
10:45 am **Sunday School** ..... Classrooms  
10:45 am **High School Catechism**..... YPS Room/Parsonage  
10:45 am **Choir Practice** ..... Sanctuary  
6:30 pm **Evening Worship Service** ..... Bethel

***Advance Dates:***

April 26: GEMS Sunday

***Announcements:***

**CHURCH**

**There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday, April 5.**

**Women of Bethel,** would you like to be refreshed by some intentional conversation? **IF:Table** is an opportunity to grow in authentic community. Please join us for a time of fellowship and conversation on **Saturday, April 11** at 9:00 am in the church fellowship hall. Come to share, come to listen, or come to do both! In light of Easter, the conversations will center around the theme For Knowing the Love of God based on John 3:16-17. 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.

**Parsonage Open House:** Have you ever wondered what the inside of the parsonage looks like and never had the chance to see it? Or maybe you'd just like a chance to spend a little time with other members of the church. Pastor Bill and Sandy will offer an open house at the parsonage at 701 Mechanic Street this Saturday, April 11, from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to just drop in.

**Vehicle Needed:** One of the ministries of Volunteers in Mercy (VIM) is to provide transportation for people who may not have ways to get to appointments. We are in need of a vehicle for that purpose. If you have a good used vehicle that you might be in a position to donate or sell at a reasonable price, please contact Dennis Kroll at 507-220-4231. Thanks for your support for this ministry.

**Vacation Bible School:** Get ready for an unforgettable adventure at this year's Vacation Bible School - **Rainforest Falls: Rooted in God's Love!** Join us June 8–11, 2026 for a fun-filled week of Bible stories, games, crafts, and songs that will help kids grow deeper in their relationship with God. Please note, due to location limitations, VBS will run Monday through Thursday only, with no Friday or VBS program this year. Registration is open through June 1, so be sure to sign up soon! (Registration tables are set up in the back of your church or online - follow us on Facebook!) We are also in need of helpers to make this week possible. If you are willing to help, we would truly love to have you. VBS would not be the same without all our volunteers! Let's make it a great week!

**A sincere thank you** to all who prayed, visited and brought food to me. Your thoughtfulness was a real blessing.

*-Elberta De Jager*

**Thank you to everyone who supported our Youth Group supper and auction!** We raised \$11,130. The congregation members raised \$4,505, while the youth group members raised \$3,765 in the bake-off auction.

**SCHOOL**

**Southwest Christian Schools Black and Gold Banquet** will be held Saturday, April 11, 2026. Thank you to those graciously hosting a table and to all who reserved seats! Social hour begins at 5:45, devotions & dinner at 6:15, followed by entertainment and dessert.

**COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS**

**Southwest Minnesota Pro-Life** group will be holding their annual Pro-Life Spring Rally on Monday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Southwest Christian High School, 550 Elizabeth St. in Edgerton. Our speaker will be Emily Zylstra. She is the Executive Director of Helping Hands Pregnancy Center in Worthington overseeing the mission, staff, and community outreach efforts that support women and families facing difficult situations. Come and support this worthy cause.

**The MINNIKOTA YOUTH (& DU STUDENT LEADERS) 16th ANNUAL JR HIGH RETREAT** is April 17-19 at Inspiration Hills. Our theme this year is "TRUTH" from John 8:31-32 'Jesus said, 'If you abide in my word, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" Join other local Jr High Students (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) at this retreat designed especially for you. Growing your faith, prayer time, worship through songs, student speakers sharing from their hearts, large group games, community service time, a Leader lead talent show, fun with old friends and new, and small group time will be on the agenda for the weekend! For more information or to register, email Lee at [degrootlee@gmail.com](mailto:degrootlee@gmail.com) or [mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com) or check us out on our Facebook page.

**Kids Corner Devotions:** Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Resurrection People," at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Early on a Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene felt very sad; in fact, she felt hopeless. Her teacher and friend had been crucified on Friday, and now, mysteriously, his tomb was empty. Read what happens next. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

**Groundwork: Jesus' Death, Burial, and Resurrection** - We've reached the pinnacle moments of salvation history in our Stations of the Cross journey. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 15:33-16:8, Luke 23:44-49, John 19:28-42, and Matthew 27:62-28:10 to witness the thirteenth and fourteenth Stations of the Cross, which invite us to remember Jesus' suffering, death, and burial. Then linger at the tomb to witness the glory of his resurrection and celebrate his Easter victory over death. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Happy Easter! We now move from Lent into Eastertide, a season of extended celebration of Jesus' resurrection. This week spend some time reading and reflecting on 2 Corinthians 5:14–21. What part of the passage connects with you the most? Create a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection by writing a few words from this passage, such as a prayer of gratitude to God, or by drawing a picture that reflects Jesus' work on the cross. Place your reminder in plain site as a reminder throughout Eastertide to continue your Easter celebration. Brought to you by Thrive: [crna.org/Thrive](http://crna.org/Thrive)

**Wisdom in the Age of AI Conference** - Calvin University will host Wisdom in the Age of AI, October 8–10, 2026, a conference exploring how Christian faith can guide the wise and faithful use of artificial intelligence. With keynote speakers and a dedicated AI and Church track, the conference offers thoughtful conversation for pastors and lay leaders alike. It will be held in person at the Prince Conference Center. All keynote sessions will also be livestreamed for participants unable to attend onsite. Learn more at [calvin.edu/faith-and-technology](http://calvin.edu/faith-and-technology)

**Pray for Synod 2026** - Starting May 3, and for 40 days leading up to Synod 2026, pray with CRC members, leaders, and friends for God's presence and guidance for the CRC and this year's synod gathering. Learn more and find prayer resources at [network.crna.org/topic/spiritual-formation/prayer/40-days-prayer-synod-2026](http://network.crna.org/topic/spiritual-formation/prayer/40-days-prayer-synod-2026), including a link to sign up to receive daily emails throughout the 40 days with prayers written by people from across the denomination.

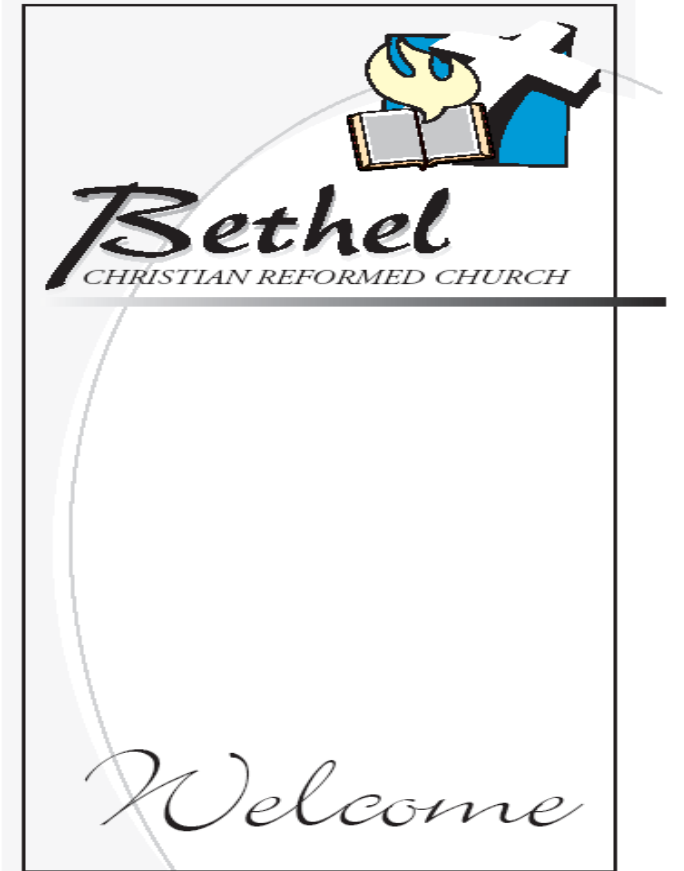
## Helpful Information

**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 during the offering  
**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: 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  
**ELDERS:**  
 Doug Eisma, VP (CG #6)  
 Greg Hanenburg (CG #4)  
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 Ron Vander Lugt (Extended Grief Care)  
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 Jess Van Dyke, Clerk (CG #7)  
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 Ryan Bridgewater (CG #1)  
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 Dylan Walhof (CG #6)  
 Mike Fenske, Sec. of Deacons (CG #5)  
 Matt Tinklenberg (CG #3)  
 Josh Van Essen (CG #7)  
 Spencer Mesman (CG #4)  
 Nathan Pfeifle (CG #2)

## Our Helpers

**PREACHING** Today: AM: Pastor Bill Vis PM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen  
 Next Week: AM: Pastor Bill Vis PM: Pastor Bill Vis  
**ACCOMPANIST** Today: AM: Amy Mulder PM: Lisa Vander Maten  
 Next Week: AM: Michelle Moosey PM: Michelle Moosey  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Today: Linda Vanderaa Next Week: Greg Dyk  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** Today: Katie Van't Hof Next Week: Carissa Odland  
**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** Today: Bonnie De Boer & Leah/Noah Veldkamp  
**NURSERY** Today: AM Infant: Tricia Veldkamp, Isaiah Fey, Kaylee Rylaarsdam  
 Toddler: Michelle Van Essen, Levi Van Essen, Sadie Fenske,  
 Opal Spronk, Maybri Prins  
 PM: Becca Van Schepen  
 Next Week AM Infant: Mary Brands, Alexa De Boer, Joel Hanson  
 Toddler: Brianna Bridgewater, Mara Prins, Noah Veldkamp,  
 Chapter Meksavanh, Nevaeh Ossefoort  
 PM: Brevan & Brenna Jasper  
**USHERS** Today: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefoort, Mason Van Essen  
 Next Week: Arly Van't Hof, Greg Dyk, Nick Spronk  
**HOST/HOSTESS** Today: Kendra Kuipers Next Week: Donna Hanenburg  
**SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Jonathan Next Week: Seth/Huck  
**VIDEO CAMERA** Today: Walt Next Week: Cal  
**MULTI-MEDIA** Today: Krista Next Week: Kyle  
**REFRESHMENTS** Today: Darci Pap, Lorna Post,  
 Dionne Prins, Chris & Michelle Moosey  
 Next Week: Tricia Prins, Heidi Remme,  
 Heather Rieck, Rob & Kendra Van Hill

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 Pastor Bill Vis

**Assistant Pastor**  
 Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

**Missionaries**  
 Emily Nerem – Dominican Republic  
 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.