

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
April 6, 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 song: *Lift High the Name of Jesus*
Confession/assurance of pardon
God’s Law for the 5th Sunday in Lent
Song of response: *I Set My Hope*
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)
Prayer of God’s people
Offering: First Fruits (General Fund)
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
- * Song of preparation: *Hope of the Nations*
Scripture: Matthew 27:32-54
Message: SIMON AND CENTURION
- * Song of application: *Were You There* – PsH 377 (1-3)
- * Parting words
- * Parting song: *Were You There* – PsH 377 (4)

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: *A Mighty Fortress* – PsH 469 (1-4)
How Firm a Foundation – PsH 500 (1,2,5)
Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 21
Song of response: *Father, Long Before Creation* – PsH 464 (1-3)
Prayer
- * Song of preparation: *Faith of Our Fathers* – Praise 133 (1-3)
Scripture: Luke 24:36-49
Message: WHY DO YOU DOUBT
- * Song of response: *Blessed Assurance* – PsH 490 (1-3)
- * God’s blessing to his people
- * Closing song: *Father, Long Before Creation* – PsH 464 (4)
(Your evening offering for the General Fund can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

Offering Schedule:
April 6: First Fruits (General Fund)
April 13: Children of the Promise
April 20: Denominational Ministry Shares
April 27: GEMS
May 4: First Fruits (General Fund)

- This Week’s Activities:***
MONDAY:
7:00 pm Council Meeting.....Council Room
WEDNESDAY:
6:30-8:15pm GEMS.....First CRC
6:30-8:30pm Cadets.....Bethel
THURSDAY:
7:00 pm FriendshipFirst CRC
SATURDAY:
9:00 am IF:Table.....Fellowship Hall
NEXT SUNDAY:
8:30 am Prayer MeetingPrayer Room
9:30 am Morning Worship Service.....Bethel
10:45 am Sunday School for grades 2-8.....Classrooms
10:45 am 9th/10th CatechismParsonage
11:00 am Choir Practice.....Sanctuary
6:30 pm Evening Worship Service.....Bethel



STEPHEN MINISTRY:
For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. -Romans 8:38-39

Advance Dates:
April 16: Youth Group Mexican Supper & Bake-Off Auction
April 19: Bethel Bridal Shower
April 23: Cadet Pancake Supper
April 27: GEMS Sunday, Combined PM Service at First CRC

Announcements:
CHURCH

Prayer warriors and youth group members will meet after the morning service today.
Attention High School Students: 11/12 catechism- will meet 4/6, 4/27, 5/4, 5/18.
9/10 catechism- will meet 4/13, 4/27, 5/4, 5/18.
Care Group Luncheon: Members of care group 3 are invited to a noon luncheon in the fellowship hall on Sunday, April 6.
Better Man Study Group meets Sunday, April 6, at 3:30pm in the Society Room.
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.

Any children age 3 through 1st grade are invited to lead us in worship at the start of the AM service on Palm Sunday (April 13). Before church begins on April 13, your children are invited to line up in the fellowship hall, walk into church waving palm branches, and sing several songs to begin our worship service.
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.

Ladies of Bethel! Join us on Saturday, April 19 at 9:30 AM to help us honor 4 brides at Bethel’s Pantry Shower! See the invitation in your mailbox for more information!
Get ready for an unforgettable adventure at this year’s Vacation Bible School — *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!* From June 9–13, kids will dive into exciting stories, games, crafts, and songs that point them to Jesus, our steady guide through life’s wild twists and turns. Registration tables are now set up in church — don’t wait, sign up today! You can also sign up with the link on our "VBS - Edgerton, MN" Facebook page. If you would like to purchase a CD of the songs we will be learning, sign up on the registration table. Volunteers: We’re also calling all adventurers-at-heart to lend a hand — we need volunteers to help guide our young explorers from one exciting activity to the next. Please consider helping, VBS just isn’t the same without YOU. Let’s make this the best week of the summer!

SCHOOL
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. 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!

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!

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 by Circle #12).

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS
Royal Family Kids Camp SWMN needs you! We are in need of more adult volunteers. We can use help in all areas, but we specifically need male adult guides who spend the week one-on-one with a camper, and helpers for crafts & photography (must be at least 16 years old). Check our Facebook page - Royal Family Kids Camp SWMN to find an application, or talk to a director (Shellie Eisma, Nicole Fey, Morgan Schoonhoven or Erin Van Hulzen). THANK YOU for your prayers, monetary support, and encouragement for this mission!
-SWMN Royal Family Kids Camp Team

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.
MIK+ YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (19-30 year old singles). 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.

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.
First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton will be hosting a community **Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Morning**, April 20, beginning at 7:00 a.m. We invite our area church congregations along with visiting family and friends to join us! 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 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 to get a form or print it off the Minnikota Youth facebook page.

A Life Saved: We would love for you to join us at American Reformed Church in Luverne MN at 4:00 PM on Sunday, May 4, for an inspiring event and hear how Robin Sertell survived all odds to grow into the talented woman she is today. Robin survived three saline abortion attempts and now travels the world, equipping other survivors to be a voice and share their stories. Robin has written 2 books and addresses the Civic and Social issues surrounding Pro-Life Advocacy. *You are Unique. You are Loved. Your Life has Value. What will you do with the Time God has given you?* A freewill offering will be received for Robin.

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

Kids Corner: Lent: God's Will Be Done - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion “Lent: God’s Will Be Done” at www.kidscorner.net. What do you do when it’s hard to obey God? Discover how Jesus prayed for strength and trusted God’s plan in tough times. Learn how to follow his example and seek God’s help when obedience feels hard! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC’s Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: What Jesus Taught in His Final Days - As Jesus’ time on earth brought him closer to the cross, he wanted his disciples, and now us, to understand some important lessons. Join Groundwork as we explore Mark 9:30-37, Mark 10:13-40, Luke 12:35-40, Matthew 24:36-51, and Matthew 25:31-45 to learn what it means to be a watchful servant as we wait for the day when Jesus will return. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Katherine Wolf, coauthor of Hope Heals, said, “Before Jesus worked all things together for good, he wept over all the things that were not good. He made himself vulnerable to every kind of hurt to guarantee that we would never be alone in our pain. He offered us solidarity within his sovereignty.” What are you, or the people in other parts of the world, weeping about right now? What can we do to be reminded that Jesus weeps with us? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Helpful Information

NURSERY: available for infants and toddlers on lower level
CHILDREN’S CHURCH & WORSHIP (AM): ages 3-1st 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
OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 1-5 pm & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Secretary ph: 442-3063 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:
Leland Vanderaa, President
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Dennis Kroll (CG #2)
Mark Van Dam (CG #5)
Rob Van Hill (CG #3)
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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 Marlin Van Schepen
Next Week: AM: Pastor Jack Gray PM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Michelle Moosey PM: Michelle Moosey
Next Week: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Linda Vanderaa
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Today: Greg Dyk Next Week: Rose Kroll
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Today: Kristi De Boer Next Week: Janet Walhof
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP Today: Bonnie De Boer & Sierra Van Dyke
NURSERY Today: 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
Next Week AM Infant: Michelle Van Essen, Mara Prins, Logan Van Dyke
Toddler: Tricia Veldkamp, Carson Rozeboom, Maggie Caspersen, JD Vos, Henry Pap
PM: Bonnie De Boer
USHERS Today: Connor Van Hill, Jesse Kooiker, Dan Hanson
Next Week: Jon Kroll, Justin Prins, Lloyd Prins
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Karen Van Schepen Next Week: Donna Hanenburg
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Jonathan Next Week: Seth/Huck
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Arlin Next Week: Jon
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Caleb Next Week: Willem
REFRESHMENTS Today: Glenda Masselink, Melissa Masselink, Rose Kroll, Kyle & Lori Fey
Next Week: Carissa Odland, Pam Ossefoort, Darci Pap, Gene & LouAnn Kuipers



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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.