

**Bethel Christian Reformed Church**

**April 14, 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 Joel Vande Werken

**Prelude**

**Welcome and announcements**

**Call to worship**

\* **God’s greeting to His people**

\* **We greet each other**

\* **Opening songs:** *Behold Our God*  
*My God Is All I Need*

**Confession/assurance of pardon**

**Song of response:** *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*  
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room)

**Prayer of God’s people**

**Offering** for Children of the Promise - Haiti

\* **Song of preparation:** *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* – PsH 328 (1,2,4)  
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)

**Scripture:** Isaiah 7:1-16

**Message:** THE SIGN OF IMMANUEL FOR OUR TIMES

\* **Song of application:** *Cornerstone*

\* **Parting words**

\* **Parting song:** *Because He Lives* (Chorus only)

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**Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.**

Led by: Pastor Joel Vande Werken

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

\* **God’s greeting to his people**

\* **Opening songs:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* – Praise 53 (1-3)  
*The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done* – PsH 391 (1,2,4)

**Our World Belongs to God:** art 19 & 27

**Song of response:** *Praise the Savior, Now and Ever* – PsH 400 (1-3)

**Prayer**

\* **Song of preparation:** *Alleluia! Alleluia!* – PsH 387 (1,2,4)

**Scripture:** Luke 24:13-35

**Message:** THEN THEY UNDERSTOOD

\* **Song of response:** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* – PsH 388 (1,2,4)

\* **God’s blessing to His people**

\* **Closing song:** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* – PsH 388 (1,2,4)  
(Your evening offering for Children of the Promise can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors.)

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**Offering Schedule:**

- April 14: Children of the Promise - Haiti
- April 21: New Life Treatment Center
- April 28: GEMS
- May 5: First Fruits (General Fund)

**Church Family:**

- Congratulations to **Spencer & Ashley Mesman** in the birth of a healthy baby girl. **Bryce Ann** was born April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Ron Krosschell's** surgery has been postponed. Please pray for patience and relief of pain for Ron.
- We rejoice with **Michael & Rachel Prins** who celebrated Adoption Day for **James and Elijah** on Wednesday. Praise the Lord for this blessing!
- Next Sunday, we look forward to hearing the public professions of faith of **Elizabeth Eisma, Caleb Fey, Myah Vander Maten, and Ana Veldkamp**. Praise God for working in the lives of these young people.

**This Week’s Activities:**

**WEDNESDAY:**

7:00 pm **Youth Group Small Groups** ..... Leaders’ Homes

**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:**

And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands.

-2 John 6a

**Advance Dates:**

April 28: GEMS Sunday

May 1: Youth Group Final Outing

May 5: Pastor Rich & Evelyn’s last Sunday at Bethel

May 26: Combined Evening Service at First CRC

**Announcements:**

**CHURCH**

**Youth and prayer warriors will meet after the morning service today.**

**High school catechism classes meet today at 5:15pm.**

The family of Muriel Walhof invites you to join us for cake and refreshments after the morning worship service on April 21. This is to celebrate Muriel’s 95th birthday, which is Monday, April 15.

**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.

**Can you help?** We are in need of another adult to go along and participate with our youth group going on SERVE to Lynden, WA from June 22-29. Please talk to Kayla Vande Kamp if you are interested.

**Vacation Bible School:** Join us for a fun-filled week of being immersed in the Word and discovering what Living Water is all about! Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School for June 10-14! The registration table is set up with paper forms or you can also register online! To find those- check out our “VBS - Edgerton, MN” Facebook page. The cost is \$10 per child. There will be no walk-ins this year, so please get signed up by May 26. We also have helper sign-up sheets out; we would love to have you join us this year! We are ready to dive into friendship with God!

**SCHOOL**

**Junior Class Fundraiser:** The SWC juniors will be cleaning gutters and washing windows on the afternoon of April 24. They are accepting free will donations as they raise funds for their class trip to Washington D.C. Please contact the school office at (507) 442-4471 if you would like to be placed on the list. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS**

**A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came to Sister’s Tea!** What an amazing morning of fellowship and celebration of our sisterhood in Christ. A special thank you to those who donated auction items, helped decorate, baked goodies, prepped food, and all the other behind the scenes things that happened. We could not have done it without the many hands that volunteered. You are very appreciated. Thank you to all those who attended and donated. Over \$7,500 was raised for Royal Family Kids Camp. To God Be the Glory!

On Wednesday, April 3, Nate Stoel (as well as Cory Schmidt and Mike Larson of Edgerton) were deployed to Southeast Asia for 90 days with the South Dakota Air National Guard 114th Fighter Wing. If you would like to send any news or words of encouragement and gratitude, you can email Nate at [nstoel22@hotmail.com](mailto:nstoel22@hotmail.com)

**The Edgerton Food Shelf** is in need of the following items: cereal, spaghetti, canned vegetables & fruits, mac n cheese, ketchup, peanut butter, toilet paper, hamburger helper, pancake mix & syrup, soups, and crackers. Thank you!

**Kids Corner: Imagine When...** - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). How do you like to use your imagination? Maybe you imagine the characters in a book you’re reading. Perhaps you can imagine a treehouse you want to design. Though your imagination is something only you can see, it can also help you shape your ideas. New inventions, solutions, and creations can all stem from your imagination! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

**Groundwork: Justice and Righteousness in Amos** - Amos was a shepherd until God called him to deliver a searing message to Israel. Join Groundwork as we study Amos 1-9 to hear God’s message of justice and righteousness and to be reminded of the strong connection between how we live our daily lives and how God sees our worship. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Practicing celebration early in the day can help adjust our mindset and focus us on God’s goodness. Consider beginning each morning by praying a Scripture passage of celebration, such as Psalm 103:1-5. Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

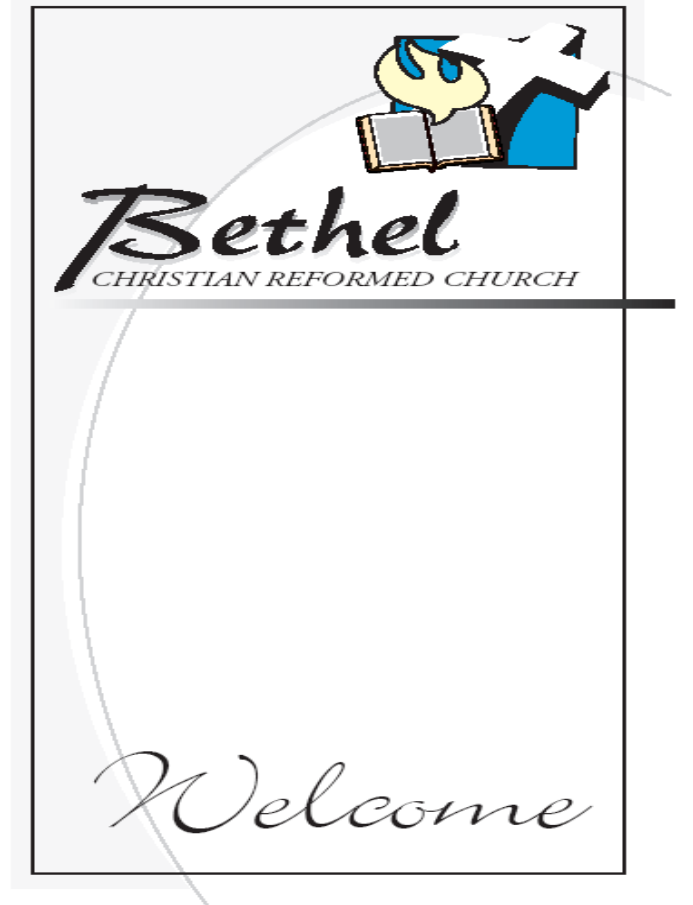
**Double Your Gift to Support God’s Mission** - A generous donor will double any amount you give to Resonate's Where Most Needed fund, including through church offerings, through April 30! Visit [www.resonateglobalmission.org/double](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/double) to find out more.

### 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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**WEATHER RELATED SERVICE INFORMATION:** KDWC (99.3FM), K101 (101.1FM), KLOH (1050AM), KNWC (96.5FM), KELOLAND TV

### Our Helpers

**PREACHING** Today: AM & PM: Pastor Joel Vande Werken  
Next Week: AM: Rev. Jesse Walhof PM: Pastor Rich Loerop  
**ACCOMPANIST** Today: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Linda Vanderaa  
Next Week: AM: Kendra Van Hill PM: Kendra Van Hill  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Today: Cal Spronk Next Week: Wendy Krosschell  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** Today: Karen Dyk Next Week: Kayla Vande Kamp  
**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** Today: Carissa Odland & Logan Van Dyke  
**NURSERY** Today AM: Infant: Ruth Kooiker, Parker Fey, Brenna Jasper  
Toddler: Melissa Kooiker, Keira De Boer, Micah Sas, Logan Van Dyke, JD Vos  
PM: Diane Spronk, Addison Van Hill  
Next Week AM Infant: Tricia Veldkamp, Elliot Vander Pol, Mikah Tinklenberg  
Toddler: Erin Krosschell, JR Van Stelten, Willem Dyk, Mara Prins, Emma Odland  
PM: Vern & Mina Vander Pol  
**USHERS** Today: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Ryan Bos  
Next Week: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefoort, Jeremy Van Essen  
**HOST/HOSTESS** Today: Karen Van Schepen & Donna Hanenburg  
Next Week: Mary Kreun & Kendra Kuipers  
**SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Seth/Huck Next Week: Derek/Denny  
**VIDEO CAMERA** Today: Brent Next Week: Arlin  
**MULTI-MEDIA** Today: Dan Next Week: Caleb  
**REFRESHMENTS** Today: Stell Menning, Coleen Punt, Carissa Odland, Steve & Lisa Vander Maten  
Next Week: Pam Ossefoort, Glenda Masselink, Lisa Pfeifle, Jill Talsma



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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.