

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
April 19, 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 Marlin Van Schepen

- Prelude**
Welcome and announcements
* **Call to worship**
* **God’s greeting**
* **We greet each other**
* **Opening songs:** *Behold Our God*
The Lord is By My Side
Confession/assurance of pardon
Song of response: *The Lord is My Salvation*
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)
Prayer of God’s people
Offering: for ATLAS for Life - Pipestone
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
* **Song of preparation:** *O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer*
Scripture: Lamentations 3:19-26; Romans 8:28; OWBTG paragraph 12
Message: EVERLASTING FAITHFULNESS
* **Song of application:** *Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death*
* **Parting words**
* **Parting song:** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* – PsH 556 (1,3)

Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.
Led by: Pastor Bill Vis

- Prelude**
Welcome
* **Call to worship**
* **God’s greeting to his people**
* **Opening songs:** *It Is Good to Sing Your Praises* – PsH 171 (1-3)
I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord – PsH 169 (1-2)
Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 112
Song of response: *Wonderful Words of Life* – Praise 128 (1-3)
Prayer
* **Song of preparation:** *How Good and Pleasant Is the Sight* – PsH 514 (1-2)
Scripture: James 4:11-17
Message: WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE
* **Song of response:** *Christian Hearts in Live United* – PsH 513 (1-2)
* **God’s blessing to his people**
* **Closing song:** *Christian Hearts in Live United* – PsH 513 (1-2)
(Your evening offering for ATLAS for Life can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

Offering Schedule:

April 19: ATLAS
April 26: GEMS
May 3: First Fruits for the General Fund

Church Family:

- As a congregation we expend our sympathy to **Marlene Top** in the passing of her brother-in-law, **Chuck Top**.
- **Gloria Brouwer** had surgery on her neck on Friday. Please pray for a complete recovery.

This Week’s Activities:

MONDAY:
7:00 pm **Elders Meeting**..... Council Room
TUESDAY:
6:00-7:00am **Men’s Bible Study**..... Society Room
WEDNESDAY:
5:00-7:00pm **Cadet Pancake Supper** SWC Elementary
6:30-8:15pm **GEMS** First CRC
THURSDAY:
7:00 pm **Friendship**..... First CRC
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 **9th/10th Grade Catechism**..... YPS Room
6:30 pm **Evening Worship Service**..... Bethel

Advance Dates:

April 26: Final Day of Sunday School for the school year
April 26: GEMS Sunday
April 30: Care Group 5 to Union Gospel Mission in Sioux Falls
May 7: Community Prayer Service at Bethel, 7:00pm

Announcements:

CHURCH

Cadet Pancake Supper is Wednesday night, April 22, at SWC Elementary School, serving Pancakes and Sausage from 5 till 7. Free will donation.

9th & 10th Grade Catechism meets April 26.

Farewell Appreciation: Pastor Bill & Sandy’s last Sunday with us is next Sunday, April 26. We invite you to join us after the morning service on April 26 for a special time of appreciation thanking Pastor Bill and Sandy for their dedicated service here at Bethel. A light lunch of ham buns, fruit and chips will be served.

Care Group 5 will be doing the chapel service at the Union Gospel Mission on Thursday, April 30th. We will carpool from church at 5:35pm. Questions - contact Jeff De Boer or Mike Fenske.

Pastor Marlin plans to begin a pre-profession of faith class on May 3. Please contact him if you wish to be included and haven’t already told him: 507-920-5977, mkvanschepen@hotmail.com

An Evening of Hymns, Praise, and Worship: Mark your calendar for a special evening service on Sunday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. We will welcome Pastor Steve Zwart from 1st CRC in Sioux Falls, who will lead us in a hymn sing service, celebrating the rich heritage of our faith through song. We look forward to lifting our voices with you!

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!

Dear Friends at Bethel CRC: Thank you for your support of ReFrame Ministries. As the official media agency of the CRCNA, ReFrame Ministries is committed to connecting you with partners around the world who are using media to share the gospel. We are grateful for your continued partnership in this ministry.

We would like to thank our church family at Bethel who generously showered us with gifts at the Bethel bridal shower! It was such a blessing to gather together and be blessed in this way! Thank you!

-Shaylee Van Essen and Tyler Van Hofwegen

SCHOOL

Do you need some OUTDOOR SPRING CLEANUP done? Picking up sticks, getting deck furniture out, gutter cleaning and window washing. The SWC junior class would like to assist you. They are doing this fundraiser for their senior class trip to Washington, DC in the afternoon on May 1. Freewill donations will be accepted to help offset the costs of the trip. Please contact the school office at (507) 442-4471 by April 28 if you would like to be placed on the list. Your support is greatly appreciated!

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

Support Helping Hands Pregnancy Center at a Pizza Ranch

Fundraiser! Join us on **Thursday, April 23, from 5:00–8:00 PM** at the Worthington Pizza Ranch. Families coming from the Southwest MN Christian vs. Worthington track meet can grab dinner on their way to or from the event, and a portion of each order directly supports the moms, dads, and little ones we serve. It’s a great way for your school community to enjoy a night of sports while also blessing families in our area. Enjoy great food and support a great cause!

MIK+ POST HIGH YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS: TRY SOMETHING

NEW....Join us for a "Night with Bob Ross and Happy Accidents". Saturday April 25 starting at 7pm in Hull Iowa Western Christian High School (Art Room we will meet in the front parking lot and go in together). \$15/person. A light lunch will be provided. Only room for 24 people so RSVP early to reserve your spot and so we can make sure we have enough supplies. Text Lee De Groot at 712 470 4244. And as always...Bring a Friend!

Prayer Summit: In a world FULL of chaos, we know there is ONE who has the answer! You are invited to join others and come together for 1 hour of prayer, reflection, worship, Scripture, and most of all, PRAYER.

WHEN: Every Tuesday at 7 pm

WHERE: Woodstock Community Church, 130 Dakota St. N. Woodstock, MN
Join us for prayer and lay your concerns down, and God promises to hear and answer your prayer!

Kids Corner Devotions: Go On a Microadventure - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Go on a Microadventure,” at www.kidscorner.net. Big adventures don’t have to be far away—exciting discoveries are waiting right outside your door! Grab your family, explore nearby paths and places, and see how much fun a little adventure can be. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC’s Earth Day collection.

Groundwork: The Cross of Jesus is the Only Way - As Galatians continues, Paul continues to emphasize that the cross of Jesus is the only way to salvation and he confronts Peter’s hypocritical behavior. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Galatians 2 to explore the struggle the apostles faced as the Christian faith spread, and along the way find the courage to embody the truth of salvation in your relationships and daily life. Listen now at

GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - As you continue to celebrate Eastertide—50 days of practicing resurrection living—pick one area of your life in which you want to live more fully into resurrection hope. Perhaps it's in how you handle conflict, care for your body, or serve your community. Invite Jesus into that space, recognizing his risen presence. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Upcoming Webinar: Reimagining Youth Ministry - Join Thrive Faith Formation Consultant Rick Zomer for a webinar and conversation using Andrew Root's book *The End of Youth Ministry?* as a guide. Together, we will consider why churches might be struggling in youth ministry efforts and explore strategies for moving forward in intergenerational discipleship. Register for the May 5th, 4pm EDT webinar here: tinyurl.com/y6m8crje or the May 14th, 7pm EDT webinar here: tinyurl.com/ds2mrdx7 or by emailing thrive@crcna.org

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

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.crcna.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 3-1st 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
OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 1-5 pm & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Secretary: 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:
Doug Eisma, VP (CG #6)
Greg Hanenburg (CG #4)
Dennis Kroll (CG #2)
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Rob Van Hill (CG #3)
Ron Vander Lugt (Extended Grief Care)
Jeff De Boer (CG #5)
Todd Jasper (CG #1)
Jess Van Dyke, Clerk (CG #7)
DEACONS:
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 Marlin Van Schepen PM: Pastor Bill Vis
Next Week: AM: Pastor Bill Vis PM: Pastor Bill Vis
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Koni De Kam PM: Linda Vanderaa
Next Week: AM: Kendra Van Hill PM: Rachel Prins
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Denise Nerem Next Week: Cal Spronk
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Becca Van Schepen Next Week: Karen Dyk
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Bonnie De Boer & Leah/Noah Veldkamp
NURSERY Today: AM Infant: Melissa Kooiker, Brenna Jasper, Lincoln Fey
Toddler: Coleen Ver Hey, Xavier Meksavanh, Dena Pap, Tayton Kooiker, Willa Veldkamp
PM: Bonnie De Boer, Sophie Van Essen
Next Week AM Infant: Dionne Prins, Tylee Kooiker, Jeremiah Hanson
Toddler: LuAnn Spronk, Parker Fey, Miles Prins, Sienna Krosschell, Scarlett Van Essen
PM: Larissa & Maggie Caspersen, Allison Fenske
USHERS Today: Connor Van Hill, Jesse Kooiker, Dan Hanson
Next Week: Jon Kroll, Justin Prins, Lloyd Prins
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Mary Kreun Next Week: Beth Van Dyke
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Derek/Denny Next Week: Justin/Denny
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Brent/AJ Next Week: Arlin
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Dan Next Week: Spencer
REFRESHMENTS Today: Chanda Rozeboom, Melissa Rylaarsdam, Audrey Stoel, Jill Talsma
Next Week: Linda Spronk, LuAnn Spronk, MaryAnn Spronk, Trevor & Abbie Fey

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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.