Bethel Christian Reformed Church April 20, 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
- **Choir:** But for the Cross of Christ
- **Opening songs:** Christ the Lord is Risen Today PsH 388 (1-4) Alleluia! Alleluia! – PsH 387 (1,2,4)

Confession/assurance of pardon

God's Law for Resurrection Sunday

Song of response: Low in the Grave Christ Lay – PsH 396 (1-3) (Children's sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)

Prayer of God's people

Offering: Denominational Ministry Shares

- (Children's church (ages 3-5) and children's worship (grades K-1) dismissed) **Song of preparation:** *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done* – PsH 391 (1-4)
- Scripture: John 20:11-18 Message: MARY
- Song of application: In Christ Alone
- **Parting words**
- * **Parting song:** Hallelujah Chorus – walk up choir

Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.

Led by: Pastor Jack Gray

Prelude

Welcome

- Call to worship
- God's greeting to His people
- **Opening songs:** *Rejoice, O Pure in Heart* PsH 561 (1,3,4) O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee – PsH 573 (1,3,4)

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Song of response: Like A River Glorious – PsH 560 (1-2) **Praver**

- **Song of preparation:** *When Trials Come* Scripture: Job 14 Text: Job 14:19 Message: DROP BY DROP
- Song of response: I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace PsH 495 (1,2,4)
- God's blessing to his people
- * **Closing song:** *Rejoice, O Pure in Heart* – PsH 561 (5) (Your evening offering for Denominational Ministry Shares can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

Offering Schedule:

April 20: Denominational Ministry Shares April 27: GEMS May 4: First Fruits (General Fund)

Church Family:

- **Regina Schmidt** passed away Sunday, April 13. We extend our sympathy to Terry & Tricia Tinklenberg and Jack & DaVonn Tinklenberg in the loss of their mother.
- Gladys Vander Pol passed away Tuesday, April 15. We extend our sympathy to Mike Vander Pol, Vern & Mina Vander Pol, and Joan Pool.
- We also extend our sympathy to Marilyn Jasper and Todd & Krista **Jasper** in the passing of Dale Jasper.
- Laurie Vanden Bosch has moved to Jasper. Her new address is 100 Robert Avenue N, Jasper MN 56144. Her phone number is still 507-215-4692.

This Week's Activities:

MONDAY:		
7:00 pm	Elders Meeting	Council Room
7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting	Deacons Room
WEDNESDAY:		
5:00-7:00pm	Cadet Pancake Supper	. SWC Elementary School
6:30-8:15pm	GEMS	First CRC
NEXT SUNDAY:		
8:30 am	Prayer Meeting	Prayer Room
9:30 am	Morning Worship Service	Bethel
10:45 am	High School Catechism Classes	various
6:30 pm	GEMS Sunday Evening Worship Service	First CRC

STEPHEN MINISTRY:

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. -Colossians 3:12

Advance Dates:

April 27: GEMS Sunday, Combined PM Service at First CRC

Announcements:

CHURCH

Resurrection Sunday morning worship will be a special time of praise. The choir will sing, and we all will rejoice in song. The message is direct and personal. If you have a family member, friend, or co-worker who seldom goes to church, invite and take them to our festive Easter service.

The Better Man group will meet next week Sunday at the normal time and place. Not this Sunday.

Cadet Pancake Supper is Wednesday night (April 23) at SWC Elementary School, serving Pancakes and Sausage from 5 till 7. Free will donation.

Next Sunday is GEMS Sunday and there will be a combined evening service at First CRC.

Attention High School Students: 11th/12th catechism- will meet 4/27, 5/4, 5/18. 9th/10th catechism- will meet 4/27, 5/4, 5/18.

Highlights from the April council meeting:

Council heard an update from the Pastoral Search Committee. •

- To grow in their understanding of church order, CRCNA Church Order Articles 85-86 were read and discussed.
- Bethel's delegates gave a report on the recent Classis Minnkota meeting. ٠
- The elders reported on discussions they have been having on how to better • engage our young adults into the life of the church.
- Potential pastors for upcoming pulpit supply were discussed. ٠
- Reports were given to the full council by the deacons, elders, Pastor Jack • and Pastor Marlin.

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!

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. 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 at Southwest Christian Elementary School for the K-4 Spring Musical, "The Greatest Hymn on Earth" on Friday, May 2 at 9:30AM. This is a heartfelt and uplifting musical that celebrates the power of faith, community, and music through the legacy of beloved hymns. Perhaps you'll hear your favorite! Follow along as the musical explores what it means to believe, to belong, and to sing from the heart! This program will also be live streamed. The live stream link is located at the very top of our school website at www.swcschools.org.

Thank you from SWC Circle 12 to all those who attended and those who participated in the Palm Sunday Music Festival!

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!

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.

Sister's Tea – Important Update: We regret to share that there will be no Sister's Tea this year due to scheduling conflicts. While we're disappointed to miss this special spring tradition, we remain grateful for the love and support that surrounds our mission. As you consider your gifts for Royal Family Kids Camp, please keep this change in mind. Your continued generosity means so much and directly impacts the lives of the campers served. Thank you for your understanding and for being such a cherished part of this community.

Pulpit Supply Update: Next Sunday, April 27, is Pastor Jack's last Sunday leading our services. We are deeply grateful for the time that he and Wanda have been with us! Rev. Gideon Wamala, former pastor of Calvin CRC in Rock Valley, IA, who lives in Humboldt, SD, will lead our services in May and June.

SCHOOL

Black and Gold Banquet - We are thrilled to share that the Black and Gold Banquet raised nearly \$45,000! It was a wonderful evening filled with delicious food, lots of laughter, and incredible fellowship. Thank you to everyone who came out to support SWC — your generosity and encouragement help continue the mission of Christ-centered education at Southwest Minnesota Christian.

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

-SWMN Royal Family Kids Camp Team

Edgebrook is looking for Country Store donations for the residents. The Country Store is used as an alternative for bingo candy. Listed are some ideas as to what can be donated: Lip balm, hand lotion, slippers, non-skid socks, puzzle books (word search, crossword, Sudoku, large print), adult coloring books/colored pencils, playing cards/card games, calendars, notepads/pens and pretty Kleenex boxes. Items can be brought either to the Business Office or to Ashley Jimenez, our Activities Director.

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.

Please plan to attend Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends on Monday, May 5 at Rock Valley First Christian Reformed Church (1401 16th Street, Rock Valley IA). Please bring one salad for <u>every four peopl</u> in your group. The Luncheon begins at 11:30 AM; featured speaker is Gayle Walhof who will tell of her 4-year journey in publishing her book "Songs of Naamah – A Novel of King David's Harem". Updates from BLI will be given, and a freewill donation will be received. Join us for this FUN event!

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: Good News at Easter - Check out this week's kids' devotion "Good News at Easter" at www.kidscorner.net. Just like we know the voice of someone we love, Mary Magdalene knew it was Jesus when he called her name outside the empty tomb on Easter morning. That special moment changed everything for her! It reminds us to share the amazing news that Jesus is alive and loves us so much. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: Easter: Jesus is Risen! - Christians around the world celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study the story of Jesus' resurrection in Mark 16:1-8, Matthew 28:1-10, Luke 24:1-12, and John 20:1-10 to grow in faith by remembering and celebrating Christ's victory over death, and to see how we're invited to participate in telling the gospel story again. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Easter Greetings from Resonate - He is risen! When we follow Jesus, we have an opportunity to live into that truth a little more every day. We also step into a calling to work toward the kingdom transformation Jesus brought to earth. Resonate Global Mission, your mission agency, walks alongside you and your church as you join God on mission. Thank you for your prayer, care, and support for your missionaries and church planters! This Easter season we have a special opportunity for you to double your impact—see details at www.resonateglobalmission.org/double

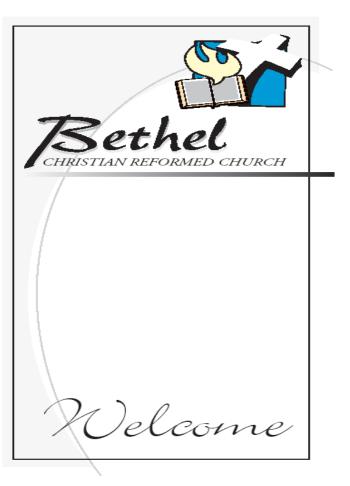
Helpful Information

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. JANITOR: Marv 507-215-7464; Kendra 507-227-0488; mkuipers0809@gmail.com **INTERIM PASTOR:** Jack Gray, 605-261-8102; jwgray6691@gmail.com ASSISTANT PASTOR: Marlin, cell: 507-920-5977 mkvanschepen@hotmail.com WEATHER RELATED SERVICE INFORMATION: KDWC (99.3FM), K101 (101.1FM), KLOH (1050AM), KNWC (96.5FM), KELOLAND TV **ELDERS: DEACONS:** Ross Fey, President of Deacons Leland Vanderaa, President Isaac Odland (CG #2) Tim Van Dyke, Vice President (CG #1) Brent Van Schepen, Clerk (CG #7) Ryan Bridgewater (CG #1) Kyle Fey, Secretary of Deacons (CG #4) Doug Eisma (CG #6) Greg Hanenburg (CG #4) Dylan Walhof (CG 6) Dennis Kroll (CG #2) Mike Fenske (CG #5) Mark Van Dam (CG #5) Matt Tinklenberg (CG #3) Rob Van Hill (CG #3) Josh Van Essen (CG #7)

Our Helpers

Ron Vander Lugt

PREACHING Today: AM: Pastor Jack Gray PM: Pastor Jack Gray Next Week: AM: Pastor Jack Gray PM: at First CRC ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Kendra Van Hill PM: Rachel Prins Next Week: AM: Michelle Moosey PM: CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Cal Spronk Next Week: Denise Nerem CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Larissa Caspersen Next Week: Carissa Odland CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Bonnie De Boer & Sierra Van Dyke NURSERY Today: AM Infant: Shayla Scholten, Levi Van Essen, Kathryn Moosey Toddler: Mary Brands, Megan Rylaarsdam, Gentre Kuipers, Brystol Kooiker, Jaelyn Krosschell PM: Vern & Mina Vander Pol Next Week AM Infant: Lori Fey, Alexa De Boer, Dylan Brands Toddler: Brianna Bridgewater, Mason Tinklenberg, Eva De Jongh, Chapter Meksavanh, Opal Spronk **USHERS** Today: Wyatt Vos, Randy Pfeifle, Ben Hanenburg Next Week: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Ryan Bos HOST/HOSTESS Today: Mary Kreun Next Week: Kendra Kuipers **SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Derek/Denny Next Week: Justin VIDEO CAMERA Today: Walt Next Week: Cal MULTI-MEDIA Today: Krista Next Week: Kyle **REFRESHMENTS** Today: Lorna Post, Dionne Prins, Tricia Prins, Karen Walhof Next Week: Heidi Remme, Heather Rieck, Chanda Rozeboom, Chris & Michelle Moosey



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Missionaries

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.