

**Bethel Christian Reformed Church**

**April 26, 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**

\* **Call to worship**

\* **God’s greeting**

\* **We greet each other**

\* **Opening songs:** *Only a Holy God*

*Holy, Holy, Holy* – PsH 249 (1-4)

*We Exalt Thee*

**Confession/assurance of pardon**

**Song of response:** *He Will Hold Me Fast* by Hannah & Becca Van Schepen

(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)

**Prayer of God’s people**

**Offering:** for GEMS

(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)

\* **Song of preparation:** *By Faith*

**Scripture:** John 21:15-21

**Message:** STAYING FOCUSED

\* **Song of application:** *Lift High the Cross* – PsH 373 (1,3,5,7)

\* **Parting words**

\* **Parting song:** *For All the Saints* – PsH 505 (1,7)

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**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:** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* – PsH 486 (1-3)

*Turn Your Eyes*

**GEMS Presentation**

**Prayer**

\* **Song of preparation:** *Christian, Do You Struggle* – PsH 575 (1-3)

**Scripture:** James 5:13-20

**Message:** THE POWER OF PRAYER

\* **Song of response:** *When Peace Like a River* – PsH 489 (1-4)

\* **God’s blessing to his people**

\* **Closing song:** *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* – LUYH 944 (1-2)

(Your evening offering for GEMS

can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

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**Offering Schedule:**

April 26: GEMS

May 3: First Fruits for the General Fund

**Church Family:**

- Next Sunday morning we look forward to witnessing the baptism of **Berkley Walhof**, daughter of **Dylan and Cassandra Walhof**.

**This Week’s Activities:**

**MONDAY:**

7:00 pm **Deacons Meeting** .....Deacons Room

**TUESDAY:**

6:00-7:00am **Men’s Bible Study** .....Society Room

**WEDNESDAY:**

7:00 pm **YPS Final Event**

**THURSDAY:**

5:30 pm **Friendship Pizza Party** .....Pipestone Pizza Ranch

5:35 pm **Carpool to Union Gospel Mission** ..... meet at Bethel

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

8:30 am **Prayer Meeting**..... Prayer Room

9:30 am **Morning Worship Service**.....Bethel

6:30 pm **Evening Worship Service**.....Bethel

**Advance Dates:**

May 7: Community Prayer Service at Bethel, 7:00pm

**Announcements:**

**CHURCH**

**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism meets this Sunday, April 26.**

**Farewell Appreciation:** Pastor Bill & Sandy’s last Sunday with us this Sunday, April 26. We invite you to join us after the morning service 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, chips, and ice cream will be served after Sunday School is done.

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

**Friendship Pizza Party:** Thursday, April 30 at the Pipestone Pizza Ranch at 5:30pm See you there!!

**Pastor Marlin plans to begin a pre-profession of faith class on May 3.** Please contact him if you wish to be included: 507-920-5977,

[mkvanschepen@hotmail.com](mailto: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. Refreshments will be served after the service.

**Royal Family Kids Camp NEEDS YOU:** Camp details are coming together quickly! Our camper enrollment is full, but for each camper to attend, we still need a few more volunteers. We need 10 male guides and 3 female guides. If you are 16 or older and available June 1-4 to spend the day and overnight with a camper, please fill out the online application on Facebook/Instagram, or contact our leadership team. Thank you for your support and continued prayers!

**Pulpit Supply:**

5/3 AM: Pastor Marlin

PM: Rev. Mark Groen

5/10 AM: Dr. Kyle Dieleman, Dordt

PM: Rev. Steve Zwart

5/17 AM: Mr. Thomas Soodsma

PM: Mr. Thomas Soodsma

5/24 AM: Rev. Randy Raak

PM: Combined at First CRC

5/31 AM: Mr. Thomas Soodsma

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**A Note from Pastor Bill and Sandy:**

Sandy and I are very grateful for the love and support the members of Bethel Church have shown us throughout our time living here in Edgerton, but especially during the past four months. When I came back the first of the year with a broken leg, your prayers, cards, meals and support were overwhelming. Strong men carried me and my wheelchair up and down steps, the deacons installed a ramp at the parsonage and got use of a wheelchair van, which made it easier for me to get to church and to physical therapy. You accepted my efforts to serve you despite my limitations.

Then when my dad died on February 1 and Sandy lost a brother one week later and a sister exactly a month after that, your love sustained us. We don’t know how we would have managed these past four months without your amazing support. We walked through a long valley of the shadow of death and were not alone, as God and his people walked with us.

The time has come to say goodbye. But we will never forget the joy of being part of this community. May God continue to be a blessing, both to and through Bethel Christian Reformed Church.

Join us for a **National Day of Prayer service** on Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 PM at Bethel CRC in Edgerton. This will be a time to come together in prayer for our nation, communities, leaders, and families. All are welcome—please invite others to join us for this meaningful evening of prayer and unity.

**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!

**Thank you to the ladies of Bethel and the Bridal Shower Committee** for the fun morning and delicious brunch! Thank you for the generous pantry gifts, and for your prayers and well-wishes as we approach our wedding days.

— *Madi Schmidt & Josh Raak and Lauren Steenstra & Gordon Dyk*

**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!

**K–4 Spring Musical – Blast Off!** Friday, May 1 at 9:30 AM. Hop aboard spaceship J-316 and travel the galaxy with our K–4 crew! When the Intergalactic Bible Database is suddenly erased, it’s up to them to save Scripture before it’s gone forever. Will they succeed? Come find out in this fun and meaningful adventure about keeping God’s Word close to our hearts!

**Oh Yum! It’s a Bake Sale!** The annual SWC Circle Bake Sale will be held immediately following the K–4 Spring Program at the Elementary campus on May 1. SWC Circles #5 and #12 are excited to team up and fill the tables with delicious homemade treats! Be sure to stop by and support this tasty fundraiser—all proceeds benefit SWC!

**5-12 High School Spring Pops Concert on Monday, May 11 at 7:00 PM.** Join our 5th–12th grade students in the High School gym for a lively mix of music from stage, screen, and radio! Come and enjoy a wide range of songs as we celebrate God’s gift of music.

## SWC Calendar of Events

April 27 6th Grade Play 7:00pm  
May 1 K-4 Spring Program - Elem Gym 9:30am  
SWC Circles Bake Sale following program  
6-8 Field Day 12:30pm  
Jr Class DC Fundraiser - Afternoon Outdoor Spring Cleaning  
May 11 5-12 Spring Pops Concert - HS Gym 7:00pm  
May 21 Last Day Of School - Noon Dismissal  
May 22 Graduation 7:15pm  
May 25 Memorial Pancake Breakfast - HS cafeteria 7:30am -10:00am  
May 27 Annual Society Meeting - Elem Gym 7:00pm

### COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

**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!

**The ATLAS for Life Always Growing Greenhouse is open!** Come enjoy the beauty of God's beautiful handiwork as you look forward to filling those planters and gardens. A great gift idea – an Always Growing Greenhouse gift certificate! The greenhouse is located on the grounds of Hubers Automotive – 105 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. (next to 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Diner and across from Luann's Gas). Thank you for your support!

**Kids Corner Devotions: How Do We Care for God's World?** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "How Do We Care for God's World?" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Discover how amazing God's world is and why it matters how we treat it. Learn simple ways you can enjoy the outdoors, care for nature, and help keep our world clean and beautiful! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Earth Day collection.

**Groundwork: Understanding the Purpose of God's Law** - After emphatically teaching that salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, Paul explores the contrasting paths of legalism and freedom in faith. Join Groundwork as we study Galatians 3-4 to hear Paul's encouragement to stay focused on Christ, to embrace our identity as God's children, and to find our unity as believers in Christ. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Abuse often thrives in silence and secrecy. This week educate yourself on what healthy relationships and safe church practices look like. Share a resource with a friend or ministry leader. Awareness is one step toward healing, justice, and prevention. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**Writers Wanted** - The Banner is looking to expand its network of news correspondents - freelance writers paid per story to report on assignments from every corner of the Christian Reformed denomination. If you love stories, are curious to ask church leaders about how and why they do things, and are willing to train and learn, our news editor would love to hear from you: [news@thebanner.org](mailto:news@thebanner.org). (If you are an experienced writer, all the better! Just mention that in your email.)

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey and the Seven Churches of Revelation** - October 9-19, 2026, visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu)

## 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.bethelgederton.org](http://www.bethelgederton.org)  
**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday 1-5 pm & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Secretary: 442-3063 [bethelcrccdgederton@yahoo.com](mailto:bethelcrccdgederton@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)  
Mark Van Dam, President (Post High)  
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)  
Kyle Fey, President of Deacons  
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 Bill Vis  
Next Week: AM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen PM: Pastor Mark Groen  
**ACCOMPANIST** Today: AM: Kendra Van Hill PM: Rachel Prins  
Next Week: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Linda Vanderaa  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Today: Cal Spronk Next Week: Rose Kroll  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** Today: Karen Dyk Next Week: Kayla Vande Kamp  
**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** Today: Bonnie De Boer & Leah/Noah Veldkamp  
**NURSERY** Today: 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  
Next Week AM Infant: Lori Fey, Eva De Jongh, Henry Pap  
Toddler: Shayla Scholten, Jayven Kooiker, Kathryn Moosey,  
Sadie Fenske, Palmer Meksavanh  
PM: Larissa & Maggie Caspersen, Allison Fenske  
**USHERS** Today: Jon Kroll, Justin Prins, Lloyd Prins  
Next Week: Wyatt Vos, Randy Pfeifle, Ben Hanenburg  
**HOST/HOSTESS** Today: Beth Van Dyke Next Week: Karen Van Schepen  
**SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Justin/Denny Next Week: Jonathan  
**VIDEO CAMERA** Today: Arlin Next Week: Jon  
**MULTI-MEDIA** Today: Spencer Next Week: Willem  
**REFRESHMENTS** Today: Linda Spronk, LuAnn Spronk,  
MaryAnn Spronk, Trevor & Abbie Fey  
Next Week: Barb Spronk, Jackie Tinklenberg,  
Tricia Tinklenberg, Kyle & Lori Fey

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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.