

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
April 27, 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 songs: Come, Now is the Time to Worship
Glorious Things of You Are Spoken
Confession/assurance of pardon
God’s Law
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 GEMS
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
* Song of preparation: His Glory and My Good
Scripture: Genesis 50:22-26; text: Exodus 13:19
Message: THE BONES THAT SPOKE
* Song of application: Faith of Our Fathers – Praise 133 (1-3)
* Parting words
* Parting song: My Friends May You Grow in Grace

Today is Pastor Jack and Wanda’s last Sunday at Bethel. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for cupcakes and beverages after the morning service to say farewell and express our gratitude for their work and service to Bethel.

Today is GEMS Sunday!

There will be a combined evening service tonight at First CRC at 6:30 p.m. GEMS will serve juice and cookies following the service.

- Offering Schedule:
April 27: GEMS
May 4: First Fruits (General Fund)
May 11: Royal Family Kids Camp
May 18: KDWC; Communion Thank Offering: Gideons
May 25: Cornerstone Prison Church

Church Family:

- Give thanks for successful knee surgery for Linda Spronk on Tuesday. Pray for minimal discomfort and complete healing.
We warmly welcome Bryce & Lisa Veldkamp and their children, Zoey and Nathan into our church family. Their membership comes to us from Woodstock Community Church. We pray that we will be a blessing to one another!
At his request, the membership of Levi Kuipers has been transferred to Peace CRC of Menno, SD. May God bless Levi in his new church home.

This Week’s Activities:

- THURSDAY:
8:15 am Legacy Thrift Store Workday Carpool from Bethel
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 Evening Worship Service.....First CRC

STEPHEN MINISTRY:
God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
-Psalm 46:1

Advance Dates:

May 7 - Youth Group Final Event

Announcements:

CHURCH

The Better Man group will meet this Sunday, April 27, at 3:30 pm in the Society Room.

Attention High School Students: Catechism for grades 9-12 will meet today, April 27, as well as May 4 & 18.

Thursday, May 1, is Bethel’s workday at the Legacy Thrift Store in Worthington. Please join us! There is a carpool that leaves Bethel at 8:15am if you wish to ride along, or feel free to join us at the store.

Pulpit Supply Update: 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.

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!

The family of Mike & Gladi Vander Pol want to thank the people of Bethel for your outpouring of love shown in so many ways in the loss of our dear wife, mother and grandmother. We feel God’s love coming through you in this difficult time, and we thank God for you! And the cards, calls, food, and offers of help just keep on coming! God’s amazing grace is being shown through you, the people of Bethel. It is a blessing to be upheld by this community of faith.

Thank You, Bethel Congregation, for your prayers, visits, and other acts of kindness shown to our family with the passing of Art. Thanks to Pastor Jack & Wanda, Pastor Marlin & Karen, Elder Rob & Kendra for your recent visits. We are so blessed to be part of the Bethel Community.

-Mayme, Diane, Cal & Mary Ann Spronk

Thank you to everyone who supported our Youth Group supper and auction. It was a fun evening of fellowship! We raised a total of \$7,925 between the supper and the bake-off auction. Baked items from the congregation members raised \$2,880, while baked items from the youth group members raised \$2,250 in the bake-off auction.

A note from Pastor Jack and Wanda: We praise God for the privilege of serving Christ among you in the Bethel church family. You were a blessing to us, and we pray we were a blessing to you. May God provide you with the pastor of His choice soon!

Offering Report:
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3/23 Royal Family Kids Camp \$6,301.00
3/30 Christian Education Tuition Assistance \$6,279.75
4/6 First Fruits \$48,509.92
4/13 Children of the Promise \$7,011.00
4/20 Denominational Ministry Shares \$5,048.00

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. 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.

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

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.

The ATLAS Always Growing Greenhouse will officially open on Tuesday, April 29 on the grounds of Hubers Automotive - 805 8th Ave.! Come check out the flowers, plants..including some new varieties! Thank you, Lord, for the blessing of this fundraiser to support the many ministries of ATLAS!

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 every four peopl 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: Needed: Grand Friendships - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Needed: Grand Friendships,” at www.kidscorner.net. Spending time with mentors helps us grow in faith, share love, and remember that God is always with us. We can learn to see God’s goodness and share it with others, whatever their age. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC’s Earth Day Collection.

Groundwork: Christian Civility: Defending Our Faith without Being Defensive - How do we disagree without being disagreeable, or handle conflicts when people slander or talk against us? Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 3:8-17 and Titus 3:1-11 to seek biblical wisdom for responding to and navigating a divisive culture in faithful and Christlike ways. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Abuse Awareness Sunday - Today is a day when the church acknowledges the sad reality of abuse in our world and in our communities. Abuse happens when one person treats another with cruelty and violence, hurting them physically, emotionally, and/or spiritually. Jesus came to put an end to such suffering and to the cruelty that causes it. Consider how the church can follow in Jesus’ footsteps. How can the church support people who are abused? How can the church help to put an end to abuse? If you’re looking for a helpful starting point, check out crcna.org/SafeChurch. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

CRC Leadership Training - Thriving Essentials is a valuable training course for elders, deacons, church staff, and any volunteer ministry leader. Right now, the CRCNA is offering this training for entire church leadership teams. We’re gauging interest from different regions to determine where we can set up events and send facilitators in the coming months and years. Learn more and register your church now at crcna.org/Essentials

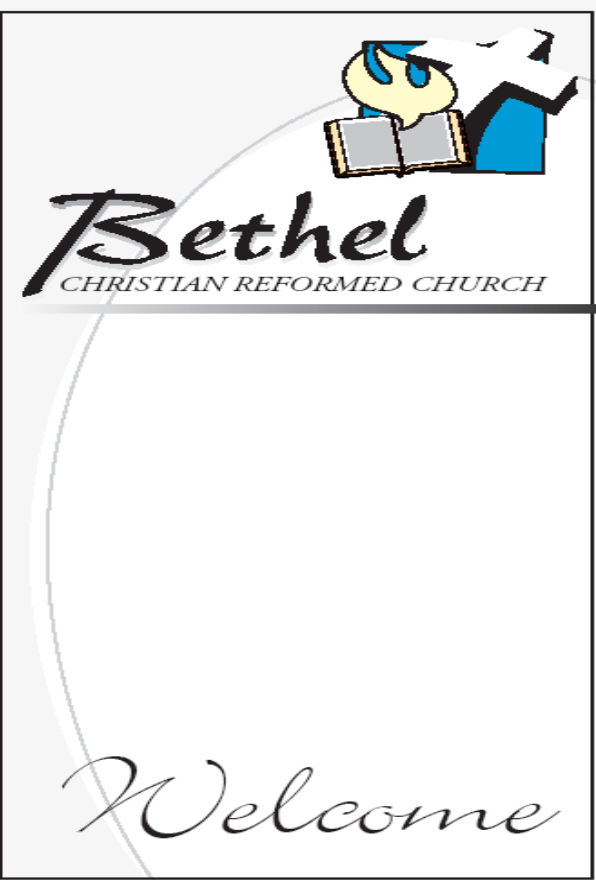
Finding Hope in Hospitality: A Faith-Based Conversation on Welcoming the Stranger - On May 15, from 7:30–9:00 PM EST, we invite you to a cross-border virtual gathering. In a time when refugee resettlement and immigration spark complex emotions and conversations across North America, Thrive, the Centre for Public Dialogue, Exodus World Service, and World Renew’s Canadian Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Team invite you to a different kind of gathering—one rooted in hope, hospitality, and faith. Learn more and register today! network.crcna.org/topic/justice-inclusion/biblical-justice/refugees/finding-hope-hospitality-faith-based-conversation

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
Tim Van Dyke, Vice President (CG #1)
Brent Van Schepen, Clerk (CG #7)
Doug Eisma (CG #6)
Greg Hanenburg (CG #4)
Dennis Kroll (CG #2)
Mark Van Dam (CG #5)
Rob Van Hill (CG #3)
Ron Vander Lugt
DEACONS:
Ross Fey, President of Deacons
Isaac Odland (CG #2)
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: at First CRC
Next Week: AM: Pastor Gideon Wamala PM: Pastor Gideon Wamala
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Michelle Moosey PM:
Next Week: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Lisa Vander Maten
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Today: Denise Nerem Next Week: Amber Vos
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Today: Carissa Odland Next Week: Becca Van Schepen
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP Today: Bonnie De Boer & Sierra Van Dyke
NURSERY Today: AM Infant: Lori Fey, Alexa De Boer, Dylan Brands
Toddler: Brianna Bridgewater, Mason Tinklenberg, Eva De Jongh, Chapter Meksavanh, Opal Spronk
Next Week AM Infant: Kendra Kuipers, Isaiah Fey, Dena Pap
Toddler: Amy Hanson, Jonah Uilk, Graham Moosey, Sierra Van Dyke, Kaylee Rylaarsdam
PM: Diane Spronk, Hannah Van Schepen
USHERS Today: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Ryan Bos
Next Week: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefoort, Mason Van Essen
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Kendra Kuipers Next Week: Vern & Mina Vander Pol
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Justin Next Week: Jonathan
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Cal Next Week: Brent
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Kyle Next Week: Dan
REFRESHMENTS Today: Heidi Remme, Heather Rieck, Chanda Rozeboom, Chris & Michelle Moosey
Next Week: Melissa Rylaarsdam, Audrey Stoel, Linda Spronk, Randy & Lisa Pfeifle



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Interim Pastor
Pastor Jack Gray
Assistant Pastor
Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

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.