

## Bethel Christian Reformed Church

April 28, 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 Rich Loerop

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and announcements

#### Call to worship

\* God's greeting to His people

\* We greet each other

\* Opening songs: *Amid the Thronging Worshipers* – PsH 239 (1-3)

*Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)*

**Profession of Faith:** Vivian Dyk, Morgan Kooiker, Peyton Van Essen, and Regan Walhof

**Song of response:** *Goodness of God* sung by Vivian, Morgan, Peyton & Regan  
(Children's sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room)

#### Prayer of God's people

#### Offering for GEMS

\* Song of preparation: *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

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

**Scripture:** Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

**Message:** LAUGHING WITH SARAH

\* Song of application: *Great is Thy Faithfulness* – PsH 556 (1-3)

\* Parting words

\* Parting song: *My Song Forever Shall Record* – PsH 593 (1-2)

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

Led by: Pastor Rich Loerop

#### Prelude

#### Welcome

\* God's greeting to his people

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

*O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer*

#### GEMS Presentation

#### Prayer

\* Song of preparation: *We Are Called*

**Scripture:** Isaiah 40:21-31

**Message:** SOARING ON WINGS

\* Song of response: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* – PsH 446

\* God's blessing to His people

\* Closing song: *We Receive Your Blessing*

(Your evening offering for GEMS can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors.)

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#### Offering Schedule:

April 28: GEMS

May 5: First Fruits (General Fund)

May 12: Edgerton Food Shelf

May 19: Bethel's Radio Ministry on KDWC

Communion Thank Offering: The Gideons

May 26: Talking Bibles

### Church Family:

- This Sunday morning, April 28, we have the joy of witnessing the public professions of faith of **Vivian Dyk, Morgan Kooiker, Peyton Van Essen, and Regan Walhof**. Praise God for his work in their lives.
- Next week Sunday, May 5, we anticipate witnessing the baptism of **Gideon Micheal**, son of **Jesse and Maddie Kooiker**.
- Give thanks for successful back surgery for **Ron Krosschell** this past Tuesday.

### This Week's Activities:

#### WEDNESDAY:

6:45 pm Youth Group (final meeting).....Rock River Park

#### 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

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



#### STEPHEN MINISTRY:

We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints. -Colossians 1:4

### Advance Dates:

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

May 26: Combined Evening Service at First CRC

### Announcements:

#### CHURCH

#### Representatives from Children of the Promise will be in Edgerton next week.

Our congregation is invited to join a chapel/presentation held at Southwest Christian Elementary School on Wednesday, May 1 at 1:30pm. Bethel has been a longtime supporter of COTP, and this will be a great opportunity to hear how God has been at work in Haiti!

**Youth group's final meeting** will be May 1st. We will meet at Rock River Park at 6:45 pm. Wear clothes you can be active in.

**Classis Minnkota will hold a special meeting** via Zoom on Thursday, May 2 at 7:00pm. The purpose of this special meeting is to address an overture dealing with Synod 2024. Delegates to this meeting are Leland Vanderaa (elder), Tom Bouma (elder), and Andy Kooiker (deacon). Alternates are Terry Tinklenberg (elder) and Ross Fey (deacon).

Thursday, May 2 is **Bethel's workday at the Legacy Thrift Store** in Worthington. Those who wish to carpool meet at Bethel at 8:15am. Or feel free to join us at the store for as long as you are able to help. Anyone may join us for this day of service.

After the morning service on Sunday, May 5, we will be holding a **congregational vote** to consider calling Pastor Joel Vande Werken to the position of pastor at Bethel CRC. Before voting on May 5, the council of Bethel CRC encourages members to listen to more sermons from Pastor Joel by going to his current church's YouTube channel - [www.youtube.com/@fairlawncrc642](https://www.youtube.com/@fairlawncrc642). Pastor Joel Vande Werken, his wife Brandie, and their 5 children currently reside in Whitinsville, MA where he has been the pastor at Fairlawn CRC since 2017. Prior to that he pastored for ten years at Sussex CRC, a more rural church in New Jersey. Pastor Joel grew up in Highland, Indiana, attended Christian grade school and high school at Illiana Christian. After working for several years in the Highland area, he had a number of opportunities to get involved in his home church and began to feel a pull towards pastoral ministry.

He pursued ministerial training first at Mid-America Reformed Seminary and then later finished up at Calvin Seminary. Brandie grew up on a farm in Sutton, Nebraska and her family still row crop farms in that area. She graduated from Dordt, moved to MI and met Pastor Joel while he was in seminary.

**Farewell:** Next Sunday, May 5, is Pastor Rich and Evelyn's final Sunday with us. You are invited to the fellowship hall after the morning service for cake and refreshments as we say farewell and thank them for their service to Bethel.

**IF:Table.** 2 hours, 4 questions, 6 women per table. IF:Table offers a time of intentional conversation and an opportunity to grow in authentic community. Women of Bethel, please join us for a time of fellowship and conversation on **Saturday, May 11** at 9:00 am in the church fellowship hall. The conversations will center around the theme Because of Jesus based on Hebrews 2:17-18. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't come before! If you have questions, please contact Darci Van Dyke, Becca Van Schepen, or Katie Van't Hof.

**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!

I would like to **thank you** for your prayers and other acts of kindness shown to me as I recover from knee replacement surgery. Above all, thanks be to God for His healing mercies.

-Lorna Post

**Thank you** to all who have remembered me with prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, texts, and food after Lee's death and my fall. It's so good to know that people care and support me with prayers. I've felt God's peace and comfort through this tough time in my life! God bless each of you for caring!

-Harriet Hanenburg

**Thank you** for all your prayers, visits, cards, etc. I'm back home, thanking the Lord for every day. God bless

-Hendrene Van Wyhe

**Thank you** for all your thoughts and prayers as I've dealt with recent health concerns. I am thankful that I have been able to return to my home.

-Marcia Van Gelder

We would like to say **thank you** to all of those who donated, participated, and prayed for us at the bridal shower. We were blessed with so many gifts and supplies and were welcomed with such open arms. It was a great time! We love all the new recipes we have to try now too! Thank you all so much! God bless,

-Sage Lehman & AJ Vanderby

#### SCHOOL

#### Southwest Christian Schools is conducting their annual Spring Building Drive.

Money raised will help cover the expenses of summer projects. These projects include replacing asbestos tile in the high school hallway and a classroom, new carpet in the high school office, soccer field upgrade (1 of 2 parts), updating the bathrooms on the east end of the high school, and a small painting project on the stage at the elementary school. A detailed list of the projects and costs can be viewed by visiting <https://www.swcschools.org>. Donations can be submitted online through school's website, dropped off at either school office, or mailed to 550 W. Elizabeth St., Edgerton, MN 56128. Thank you for your continued support!

On your mark...get set...GO! Tie your shoestrings and begin your race with the **SWC K-4th grade musical: *The Amazing Grace Race on Friday, May 3rd at 9:30 a.m.*** Join us in the SWC elementary campus gymnasium to hear how these young racers are learning that the secret to running life's grace race is to follow in His steps but in their shoes.

When facing tough stretches through places like the Valley of Despair and Badlands Bog, these kids learn the value of love, forgiveness, perseverance, and the value of working as a team. Running with faith, they look to the great cloud of witnesses cheering them on and consider the signs they are leaving for those who will come behind. Most importantly, they run so as to cross the finish line and hear Jesus say, "**Well done!**"

**BAKE SALE:** With planting season in full swing, more beautiful weather in store and busy spring schedules or upcoming graduation parties to think about, SWC Circle #5 & Circle #12 are teaming up again for their **ANNUAL BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER** that will help feed your family's sweet tooth at a moment's notice! Let us do the work for you so you can sit back and enjoy the treats! On the morning of **Friday, May 3**, make plans to come at 9:30am to hear the kids singing their hearts out at the SWC Elementary School Spring K-4 program, and then enjoy browsing the tables of **Homemade Baked Goods** immediately **AFTER** the program is finished .... (the Bake Sale will begin around 10:30, or whenever the program is done). Thank you in advance for supporting this Bake Sale Fundraiser for SWC School!

**COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS**

**FREE SPEAKING EVENT with guest speaker Trenton Bass**, May 22 at 7:00pm at HBC High School (doors open at 6:15pm). Join us at the first public speaking event hosted in Trenton's home community since his tragic injury back in 2017. Have you ever wondered what it was like for Trenton in the first moments, days and weeks following his injury? How about the experiences of his friends, teammates, and football coach? Are you curious about Trenton's journey through therapy, finishing high school and earning his bachelor's degree? How about how he's doing today... and even how he feels about living in his home community through it all? These questions, and more, will be answered in this presentation. Please plan to join us as we come together to discuss and explore the power of faith, friendships, and community in confronting adversity.

What to Expect:

- A presentation and conversation by Trenton Bass.
- A hosted panel conversation featuring questions and answers by Trenton and his family, Coach Rex Metzger, Luke LaRock and Easton Harnack.
- A time for public questions and answers presented by neighbors and friends in attendance.

ALL ARE WELCOME! A freewill offering will be accepted for Game Plan 4 Hope. We ask that you kindly RSVP via the link below so we can accommodate seating accordingly! [https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MjA2MTM4](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MjA2MTM4)

**Thriving Essentials Overview Webinar - April 30** - Thriving Essentials is a training course for elders, deacons, church staff, and any volunteer ministry leader. This one-hour webinar will give you an overview of what the full 4-hour course involves, including discussions on key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Attend this preview on April 30 (11am EDT) to see if the full course is right for your church. Get more info at [crcna.org/essentials](http://crcna.org/essentials)

**Kids Corner: Push Pause** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Rest can take many forms. As long as we slow down, pay attention, and enjoy God's blessings, we receive the benefits of rest. Try it! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

**Groundwork: Our Hearts and God's Character in Nahum and Zephaniah** - Nahum and Zephaniah urge God's people to examine their hearts and act in ways that honor God and reflect his character. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Nahum 1-3 and Zephaniah 1-3 to remember that God longs for our repentant hearts and for us to live as his ambassadors bringing justice, transformation, and reconciliation to this world. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Pastor Darrell Delaney Answers Your Questions** - Pastor Darrell Delaney, co-host of Groundwork and author of the Today devotions for April 2024, will be answering your questions about how God's word addresses life's practical challenges in a live webinar on May 2, 2024 at 12:30 EDT. Post your question and sign up for the webinar at [connect.reframeministries.org/answers](http://connect.reframeministries.org/answers)

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Pastor Rich Villodas observed, "Prayer is not about throwing holy words at God to see what sticks; it is, rather, entrance to a new way of seeing reality, the opening of ourselves to God's presence, and an act that trains us in love." Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

**Please pray for Synod 2024!** - We need everyone to be involved. The theme for synod worship and prayer is God With Us. You can sign up to pray on your own, with your church or small group, or at Calvin University in June. Check out the many opportunities at [crcna.org/synod/prayer](http://crcna.org/synod/prayer) and join us in humble prayer for God's will to be done in the CRC. Email [SynodPrayer@crcna.org](mailto:SynodPrayer@crcna.org) with your questions or comments.

**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: Pastor Rich Loerop PM: Pastor Rich Loerop  
 Next Week: AM: Pastor Rich Loerop PM: Pastor Rich Loerop  
**ACCOMPANIST** Today: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Kendra Van Hill  
 Next Week: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Linda Vanderaa  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Today: Bonnie De Boer Next Week: Leland Vanderaa  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** Today: Larissa Caspersen Next Week: Kayla Vande Kamp  
**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** Today: Carissa Odland & Logan Van Dyke  
**NURSERY** Today AM: Infant: Brandi Fenske, Leah Veldkamp, Eva De Jongh  
 Toddler: Erin Krosschell, Silas Van Essen, Xavier Meksavanh, Boden Rieck, Sienna Krosschell  
 PM: Tricia Tinklenberg, Regan Walhof, Tytus Vander Pol  
 Next Week AM Infant: Chanda Rozeboom, Abby Moosey, Nyah Remme  
 Toddler: Brianna Bridgewater, Regan Walhof, Jayven Kooiker, Dylan Brands, Reuben Vander Pol  
 PM: Devin & Katie Van't Hof  
**USHERS** Today: Arly Van't Hof, Greg Dyk, Nick Spronk  
 Next Week: Ron Vander Lugt, Jesse Kooiker, Dan Hanson  
**HOST/HOSTESS** Today:  
 Next Week: Dean & Becky Van Hulzen  
**SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Justin/Denny Next Week: Jonathan  
**VIDEO CAMERA** Today: Jon Next Week: Walt  
**MULTI-MEDIA** Today: Willem Next Week: Krista  
**REFRESHMENTS** Today: Lorna Post, Dionne Prins, Denise Nerem, Trevor & Abbie Fey  
 Next Week: Tricia Prins, Theresa Raak, Heidi Remme, Kyle & Lori Fey



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 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.