

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
May 5, 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 song: *Forever Jesus***
- Ministry of music: *Hymn of Heaven***
 sung by Tori Van Peursem and Koni De Kam
- The sacrament of baptism: Gideon Kooiker**
- Song of response: *I Am Not My Own***
 (Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room)
- Prayer of God’s people**
- Offering for First Fruits (General Fund)**
- * **Song of preparation: *Crown Him***
 (Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
- Scripture: Acts 1:1-11**
- Message: THE ASCENSION DIMENSION**
- * **Song of application: *Rejoice, the Lord is King* – PsH 408 (1-4)**
- * **Parting words**
- * **Parting song: *He Is Lord* – PsH 633**

Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.
 Led by: Pastor Rich Loerop

- Prelude**
- Welcome**
- * **God’s greeting to his people**
- * **Opening songs: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* – PsH 486 (1-3)
Sing Praise to the Lord God Almighty – PsH 135 (1,2,4,9)**
- Responsive reading: Psalm 119:81-96**
- Song of response: *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* – PsH 280 (1-3)**
- Prayer**
- * **Song of preparation: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* – PsH 481 (1-3)**
- Scripture: Mark 9:2-29**
- Message: THE GOSPEL OF MARK: OUR NEED FOR RE-EDUCATION**
- * **Song of response: *Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God* – PsH 547 (1-3)**
- * **God’s blessing to His people**
- * **Closing song: *Sing Praise to the Lord God Almighty* – PsH 135 (3,7)**
 (Your evening offering for the General Fund can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors.)

- Offering Schedule:**
- 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, May 5, we have the joy of witnessing the baptism of **Gideon Micheal**, son of **Jesse and Maddie Kooiker**.
- Please pray for **Al and Rose Vanden Bosch** as Al suffered a fall a couple weeks ago in their apartment and is slowly recovering.
- We extend our sympathy to **Vonnie, Hiene & Karen, and Dan Walhof and Art & Mayme Spronk** in the passing of **Al Walhof**, their husband, father, grandfather and brother-in-law.
- We give thanks for successful surgery for **Garrett DeJongh**.

This Week’s Activities:

- MONDAY:**
 7:00 pm **Council Meeting** Council Room
- SATURDAY:**
 9:00 am **IF:Table**Fellowship Hall
- 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:
 My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding.
 -Colossians 2:2a

Advance Dates:

- May 12: Graduate Recognition
- May 26: Combined Evening Service at First CRC

Announcements:

CHURCH

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. 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 Dorcht, moved to MI and met Pastor Joel while he was in seminary.

Farewell: This 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.

Attention men: Join us for a men's choir practice today after the congregational meeting. High school guys, we would love to have you join us!

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.

Graduate Recognition: We will be recognizing Bethel graduates on Sunday, May 12th. If you have a high school graduate, we would like to know what his/her future plans are. If your child is graduating from college/university, we would like to know where they are graduating from and what they studied/majored in. Please send your information to the church office (bethelcrcedgerton@yahoo.com) by Wednesday, May 8.

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. Please get signed up by May 26! (No walk-ins this year.) **Helpers:** We are also in need of more adult helpers for the week. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet at the registration table or talk to one of your church VBS Directors!

Cadets would like to thank everyone who supported them at the recently held Pancake Supper. The profit was \$2225.50!

Offering report:

3/24 CRC Cuba	\$3,201.25
3/31 Volunteers In Mercy	\$3,730.76
4/7 First Fruits (General Fund)	\$39,004.91
4/14 Children of the Promise	\$5,492.83
4/21 New Life Treatment Center	\$6,413.60

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!

You won’t want to miss this! SWC Schools presents: **Whimsical Tunes: A 5-12 Bands and Choirs Variety Show**”. This is an evening filled with a vast variety of music such as folk tunes, marches, sacred and worship music, movie themes, pop tunes, and even some novelty numbers that you won’t want to miss! The concert will be held at the SWC High School Gymnasium on May 13, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Circle #11 would like to invite you to their annual **Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast** on May 27 from 7:30-10:00 in the high school cafeteria. They will be serving pancakes (new this year there will also be an option of gluten free pancakes), sausages, and juice, milk, or coffee. Freewill donation for SWC.

SWC Upcoming events:

- Monday, May 13: 5-12 Spring Concert @ 7:00pm @ the high school campus
- Friday, May 24: Graduation @ 7:15pm
- Monday, May 27: Memorial Day Pancake breakfast @ 7:30
- Wednesday, June 12: Society Meeting & Building Update

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

Volunteers in Mercy Thrift Store in Pipestone welcomes donations of nice clean clothing, furniture and household items. **We are also in need of more volunteers to serve in this mission.** Choose what you like to do and when you'd like to come! We welcome helpers of all ages on any day to sort and price items, clean, paint, create window and merchandise displays, and more. Bring a friend or two and choose something that sounds fun. There are also many odd fix-it jobs available if you're handy. What a great way to spend your time serving others! Have you considered "treasure hunting" for bargains there? Check out the VIM store sometime!

ATLAS ALWAYS GROWING GREENHOUSE is open! This fundraiser will support the many ministries of ATLAS as we continue to encourage individuals to GROW in their relationship with our Lord and Savior. Please come check out the greenhouse flowers, patio pots, and garden plants for your homes, yards, and

Mother's Day gifts! The greenhouse is located at 105 8th Ave. SE – Pipestone (on Hubers Automotive parking lot) and open Monday through Saturday 9:00am-6:00pm.

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

Kids Corner: The Unhurried Jesus - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus knew that quiet time with God is special in a busy world. Sometimes, when all the activity stops and our bodies slow down, we feel bored. Instead of searching for a way to fill the quiet with extra activities, try this: Talk to God! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC Bible Story Podcasts.

Groundwork: Spiritual Priorities in Haggai and Zechariah - In good times and bad, life is full of struggles and challenges. Even when God answers our prayers, the way forward isn't always straight. Join Groundwork as we study Haggai 1-2 and Zechariah 1-14 to glean biblical wisdom for navigating and enduring our own spiritual and physical challenges today and find courage to continue trusting God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In Whistling in the Dark, Frederick Buechner writes, "Thy kingdom come . . . on earth" is what we are saying. . . . To speak those words is to invite the tiger out of the cage, to unleash a power that makes atomic power look like a warm breeze." What are we asking when we pray for God's kingdom to come on earth? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

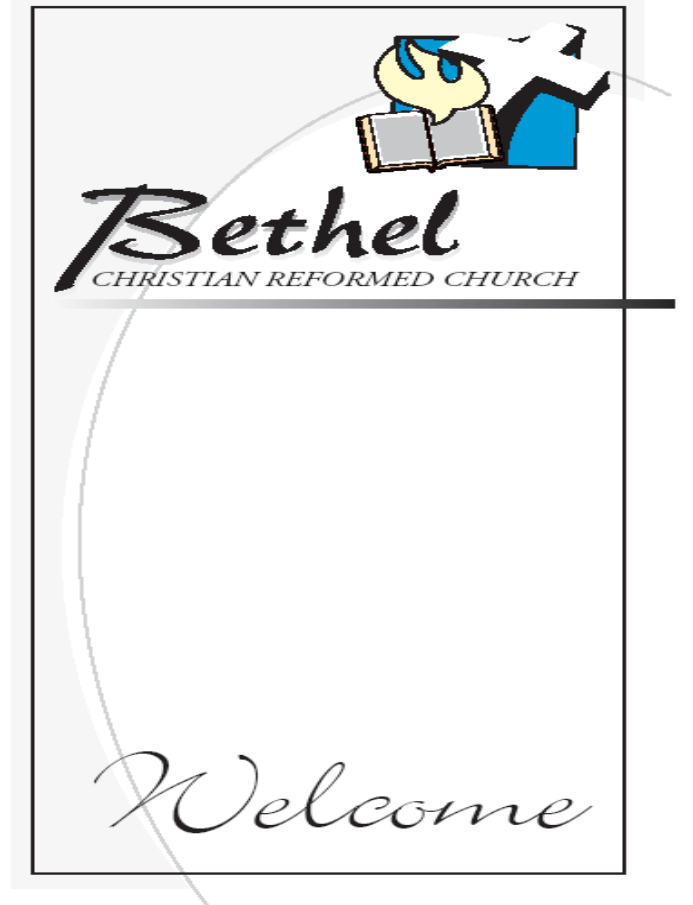
Please pray for Synod 2024! - We need everyone to be involved. The theme for synod worship and prayer is God With Us. You can sign up to pray on your own, with your church or small group, or at Calvin University in June. Check out the many opportunities at crcna.org/synod/prayer and join us in humble prayer for God's will to be done in the CRC. Email 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 3-1st 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 bethelcrdgedgerton@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

Our Helpers

PREACHING Today: AM & PM: Pastor Rich Loerop
Next Week: AM & PM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Linda Vanderaa
Next Week: AM: Kendra Van Hill PM: Kendra Van Hill
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Leland Vanderaa Next Week: Amber Vos
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Kayla Vande Kamp Next Week: Carissa Odland
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Rose Kroll & Lauren Van Stelten
NURSERY Today 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
Next Week AM Infant: Kayla Vande Kamp, Selah Kuipers, Tylee Kooiker
Toddler: Abigail Mulder, Jordan Uilk, Silas Van Essen, Josiah Pap, Brystol Kooiker
PM: Jess & Darci Van Dyke
USHERS Today: Ron Vander Lugt, Jesse Kooiker, Dan Hanson
Next Week: Jon Kroll, Justin Prins, Lloyd Prins
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Dean & Becky Van Hulzen
Next Week: Vern & Mina Vander Pol
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Jonathan Next Week: Seth/Huck
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Walt Next Week: Cal
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Krista Next Week: Kyle
REFRESHMENTS Today: Tricia Prins, Theresa Raak, Heidi Remme, Kyle & Lori Fey
Next Week: Heather Rieck, Chanda Rozeboom, Melissa Rylaarsdam, Gene & LouAnn Kuipers



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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.