

Bethel Christian Reformed Church  
June 22, 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 Gideon Wamala

- Prelude
- Welcome and announcements
- \* Call to worship: Psalm 99:1-3
- \* Prayer
- \* God’s greeting
- \* We greet each other
- \* Opening songs: *By Faith*  
*The Lord is By My Side*
- Confession/assurance of pardon
- Song of response: *Jesus, Thank You*  
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)
- Prayer of God’s people
- Offering: for Edgerton Food Shelf  
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
- \* Song of preparation: *Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor*
- Scripture: Ephesians 6:16
- Message: SHIELD OF FAITH
- \* Song of application: *Christ is Mine Forevermore*
- \* Parting words
- \* Parting song: *Step by Step*

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Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.  
Led by: Pastor Gideon Wamala

- Prelude
- Welcome
- \* Call to Worship: Psalm 117
- \* Silent Prayer
- \* God’s greeting to his people
- \* Opening songs: *Rejoice in the Lord Always* – PsH 228 (2x)  
*Blessed Assurance* – PsH 490 (1-3)
- \* Apostles’ Creed
- Song of response: *In Sweet Communion, Lord, with You* – PsH 554 (1-3)
- Prayer
- \* Song of preparation: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* – PsH 420 (1-3)
- Scripture: Ezra 7:1-28
- Message: EZRA RETURNS
- \* Song of response: *Oh, For a Closer Walk With God* – PsH 551 (1,4,5)
- \* God’s blessing to His people
- \* Closing song: *In Sweet Communion, Lord, with You* – PsH 554 (4-5)  
(Your evening offering for the Edgerton Food Shelf can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

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Offering Schedule:

- June 22: Edgerton Food Shelf
- June 29: Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund
- July 6: First Fruits for the General Fund
- July 13: Kylee – Central Asia
- July 20: Union Gospel Mission; Communion Thank Offering; Gideons


Church Family:

- Congratulations to **Tyler & Ella (Veldkamp) Wieringa**, who were united in marriage on Friday, June 20, and to **Jacob & Trystin (Heinold) Uilk**, who were united in marriage on Saturday, June 21. May God richly bless both couples as they begin this new chapter together—and may He be glorified in their marriages.

This Week’s Activities:

NEXT SUNDAY:

- 8:30 am Prayer Meeting.....Prayer Room
- 9:30 am Morning Worship Service.....Bethel
- 6:30 pm Evening Worship Service.....First CRC



**STEPHEN MINISTRY:**  
Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing,  
but let us encourage one another. -Hebrews 10:25a

Announcements:

CHURCH

The worship ministry is looking for a few ladies who would like to be part of our praise teams. Come be part of leading worship at Bethel where you will bless and be blessed. We are also looking for a volunteer to run media during our services once every five weeks. If you can navigate a computer fairly well, you are invited to become part of the media team. If you are interested in either of these opportunities contact Tom Bouma soon.

**Be a Host or Hostess!** We are still looking for friendly and welcoming volunteers to serve as hosts and hostesses prior to our morning services. This is a wonderful opportunity to greet guests, answer questions, and create a warm and inviting atmosphere for everyone who walks through our doors. If you have a heart for hospitality and would like to serve in this way, we would love to have you on the team! Please contact Janet Walhof if you are interested.

**Pulpit Supply:** Pastor Gideon Wamala will lead our services through the end of June. July’s schedule is as follows:

- 7/6 AM: Pastor Marlin PM: Mr. Patrick De Groot
- 7/13 AM: Pastor Gideon Wamala PM: Community Worship Service
- 7/20 AM: Rev. Dave Smit PM: Rev. Harrison Newhouse
- 7/27 AM: Pastor Marlin PM: Rev. Carl Gearhart

August services will be led primarily by Rev. Roger Sparks. Pastor Bill & Sandy Vis will return to Bethel as our interim pastor beginning on August 31<sup>st</sup> and will stay into the Spring if needed.

**Royal Family Kids Camp 2025 is in the books** and what a week we had with 37 amazing campers, our most ever. It was truly a joy to serve with 125 volunteers from 27 different churches, all with the same mission – to make moments that matter and bring Jesus’ love and hope to these kids. Words cannot begin to express our gratitude to this community for your generosity. Thank you so very much for your outpouring of monetary gifts, donations of all kinds, food, encouragement and most of all for your prayers. It takes a huge team to make this mission a success and we have YOU to thank for that! We are humbled by your gifts and appreciate your generous spirit for these kids and the mission of RFK. Thank you! - SWMN Royal Family Kids Camp Team

**ATLAS for Life would like to extend our sincere gratitude** for coming alongside us with your financial gift! We also covet your prayer support as we diligently strive to follow God’s leading each day. We consider it pure joy, truly,

for the opportunity to witness His wonder working power displayed as lives and hearts are transformed. We are humbled at the generosity of your church family and can’t thank you enough for being a part of what God is doing through this ministry. -ATLAS for Life

SCHOOL

**Bethel Family, the Dutch Festival Food Stand says a big 'Thank You!'** to those who gave graciously to help us get the food stand going this year. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of SWC Schools.

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

**Registration is open for the Beginning Experience "Coping With Life Alone".** This series runs for ten weeks beginning July 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church on Church and “A” Street in Marshall, MN. It is designed for those who are wishing to work through the grieving process following the loss of a loved one through divorce or death. The support group is open to people of all denominations. Registration will be taken for the first 2 weeks. There is a \$75 fee to cover the cost of materials. If you wish to pre-register or have other questions, contact us at: swmnbe@gmail.com or call: Tim 507-530-6379 or Jean 507-220-0668

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Today is Indigenous Ministry Sunday, set aside to celebrate the gifts and richness that Indigenous people bring to life in Canada and the United States. Storytelling is an important part of Indigenous cultures. It is one way they pass on the story of their people and their history. The Bible is the story of God and God’s people. Telling Bible stories is a way we pass along God’s story from one generation to the next. These stories help us to know who God is and what God has done. What is your favorite Bible story? Why do you like it? What does it tell you about God? How does it affect the way you live today? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

**Kids Corner:** Trust God in Hard Times - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Trust in God in Hard Times” at www.kidscorner.net. Even when life feels super hard, God is always with you! Just like Elijah, Job, David, and even Jesus faced tough times, God’s love and comfort never left them—and He’ll never leave you either! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Kids Corner Activity Book Collection.

**Groundwork:** Justice and Jesus the Prophet - In Luke, we see Jesus the prophet preaching and teaching about justice, specifically economic justice, in the tradition of the Old Testament prophets. Join Groundwork as we dig into Luke 1:46-55, Luke 6:20-26, Luke 16:19-31, Luke 9:28-31, Luke 4:16-30, and Luke 24:13-49 to discover what he teaches us about how and when we should care for justice as Christians in the world today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Global Leadership Summit Simulcast** - August 7–8, 2025 | Calvin University - Join leaders from around the world for a live simulcast of the Global Leadership Summit Simulcast, hosted locally at Calvin University’s Covenant Fine Arts Center. Hear from top global speakers on leadership, purpose, and innovation. Open to professionals, students, educators, and community members. Early Bird tickets available through July 16. More info & registration at <https://brushfire.com/582107>

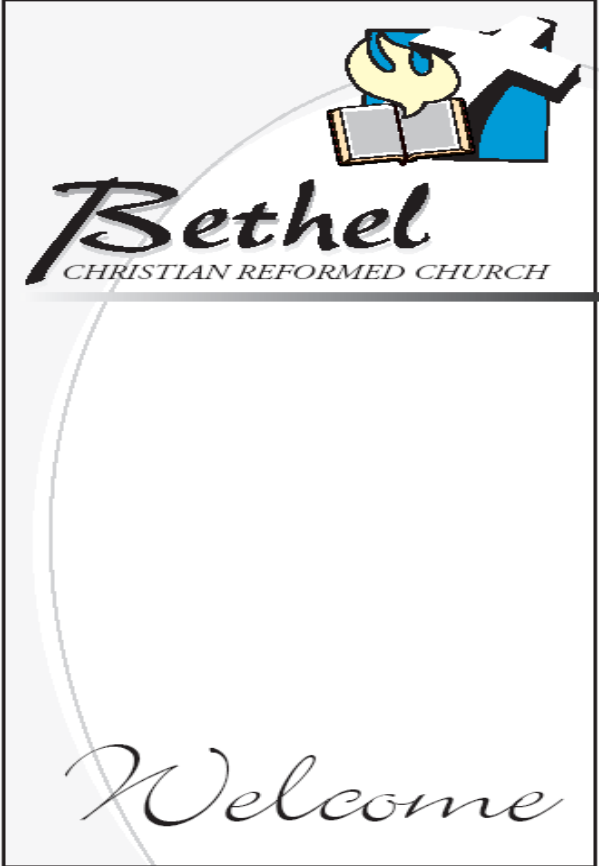
Helpful Information

**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.  
Secretary ph: 442-3063 [bethelcrccdgerton@yahoo.com](mailto:bethelcrccdgerton@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  
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Dylan Walhof (CG 6)  
Mike Fenske (CG #5)  
Matt Tinklenberg (CG #3)  
Josh Van Essen (CG #7)

Our Helpers

**PREACHING** Today: AM & PM: Pastor Gideon Wamala  
Next Week: AM & PM: Pastor Gideon Wamala  
**ACCOMPANIST** Today: AM: Julie Vis PM: Linda Vanderaa  
Next Week: AM: Kendra Van Hill PM: Kendra Van Hill  
**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Today: Cal Spronk Next Week: Denise Nerem  
**CHILDREN’S CHURCH** Today: Bonnie De Boer Next Week: Kristi De Boer  
**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP** Today: Carissa Odland & Dena/Josiah Pap  
**NURSERY** Today: AM Infant: Erin Krosschell, Elliot Vander Pol, Lacy Odland  
Toddler: Tiffany Meksavanh, Jayven Kooiker, Lincoln Van Hill, Sadie Fenske, Joel Hanson  
PM: Jon & Janet Walhof  
Next Week AM Infant: Emily Hanenburg, Leah Veldkamp, Sienna Krosschell  
Toddler: Coleen Ver Hey, Xavier Meksavanh, Noah Veldkamp, Sierra Van Dyke, Amelia Van’t Hof  
PM: Jess & Darci Van Dyke  
**USHERS** Today: Arly Van’t Hof, Greg Dyk, Nick Spronk  
Next Week: Connor Van Hill, Jesse Kooiker, Dan Hanson  
**HOST/HOSTESS** Today: Next Week: Karen Van Schepen  
**SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Justin/Denny Next Week: Huck  
**VIDEO CAMERA** Today: Jon Next Week: Walt  
**MULTI-MEDIA** Today: Willem Next Week: Krista  
**REFRESHMENTS** Today: Fay Van Essen, Kimber Van Essen, Maddie Van Essen, Chris & Michelle Moosey  
Next Week: Julie Vander Pol, Jackie Van Nieuwenhuyzen  
Becca Van Schepen, Randy & Lisa Pfeifle

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**Interim Pastor**  
Pastor Gideon Wamala  
**Assistant Pastor**  
Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

**Missionaries**  
Emily Nerem – Dominican Republic  
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.