Bethel Christian Reformed Church June 29, 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 93:1-3
- * Prayer
- * God's greeting
- * We greet each other
- * **Opening songs:** Shout to the Lord

Good and Gracious King

The Law: Responsive reading from the Psalms – PsH 1015

Song of response: *Mighty to Save*

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

Prayer of God's people

Offering: for Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund

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

* Song of preparation: Crown Him Scripture: Ephesians 6:17a

Message: THE HELMET OF SALVATION

* Song of application: And Can It Be – PsH 267 (1-4)

* Parting words

* Parting song: He Is Exalted

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Prelude

Welcome

- * Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-3
- * Silent Prayer
- * God's greeting to his people
- * **Opening songs:** The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear PsH 542 (1,2,4) Christ Shall Have Dominion PsH 541 (1-3)
- * Nicene Creed

Song of response: Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds – PsH 585 (1-2)

* Song of preparation: Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart – PsH 419 (1,3,4) Scripture: Ezra 8:15-36

Message: THE JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

- * Song of response: Lead On, O King Eternal PsH 555 (1-3)
- * God's blessing to His people
- * Closing song: Christ Shall Have Dominion PsH 541 (4)

(Your evening offering for the Tuition Assistance Fund can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

Offering Schedule:

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

July 27: ATLAS for Life

Church Family:

• As a congregation we express our sympathy to **Elvira Corbin** in the passing of her brother-in-law, Glenn DeGroot.

This Week's Activities:

THURSDAY:



STEPHEN MINISTRY:

We love because he first loved us. -1 John 4:19

Announcements:

CHURCH

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for cupcakes and beverages after the morning service as we say farewell and thank you to Pastor Gideon.

Thursday, July 3, is Bethel's workday at the Legacy Thrift Store in Worthington. Please join us for the day if you are able! Those who want to carpool meet at Bethel at 8:15am, or feel free to meet us at the store.

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: July's schedule is as follows:

7/6 AM: Pastor MarlinPM: Mr. Patrick De Groot7/13 AM: Pastor Gideon WamalaPM: Community Worship Service7/20 AM: Rev. Dave SmitPM: Rev. Harrison Newhouse7/27 AM: Pastor MarlinPM: 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 31st and will stay into the Spring if needed.

Offering report:

 5/25 Cornerstone Prison Church
 \$2,918.00

 6/1 First Fruits (General Fund)
 \$31,643.85

 6/8 Benevolent Fund
 \$4,425.00

 6/15 Vasya & Maranda Heytsi
 \$7,318.00

Bethel members: Thank you so much for giving to Children of the Promise! Your generosity is helping to keep families together in northern Haiti. Thank you for giving, praying, and standing with us. We're so grateful to have you in the COTP family! With gratitude, Jenna Thorson for COTP

Vacation Bible School: What an incredible week at VBS! We had a fantastic turnout with 203 kids and over 75 volunteers joining us for our "True North" adventure. A huge thank-you to everyone who helped make this week a success! We are also excited to share that we raised \$1,700 for Lost Timber Bible Camp in Chandler, MN, through our mission offering. God moved mountains this week, and we're so grateful for our local church families that help point kids to Jesus!

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 - As you celebrate the birthday of your country this week (Canada, July 1; United States, July 4), spend some time praying for your country's leaders. Pray that they will lead with wisdom and act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly (Micah 6:8). Go for a walk this week, near a civic space or building if you're able, praying that your country will walk humbly with God. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner: Never Alone - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Never Alone" at www.kidscorner.net. Discover how God helps us bounce back from challenges by surrounding us with caring helpers and giving us special strengths to share! Dive into the story of Moses and Aaron to see how teamwork, courage, and God's love can make a big difference. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Kids Corner Activity Book Collection.

Groundwork: Prayer and Dependence on God - Prayer and dependence on God are the heartbeat of the Gospel of Luke. Join Groundwork as we study Luke 3:21-22, Luke 5:16, Luke 6:12-13, Luke 9:18-36, Luke 11:1-13, Luke 22:39-46, Luke 18:1, and Luke 10:21 to learn how following Jesus draws us into deeper intimacy with the Father, why prayer is key to a resilient faith, and what it means to be people of prayer. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Ride to Renew: Cycle for Change - Join World Renew for the ride of a lifetime from November 1–9, 2025. 100 riders will cycle through beautiful Florida and help raise funds to equip 1,500 farmers worldwide with sustainable farming practices. Each rider commits to raising \$3,000, directly supporting 15 global farmers in achieving food security for their families and communities. Let's ride together for a more food-secure future! For more information and to register, visit worldrenew.net/ridetorenew

Job Opening! Director of North American Regional Teams - Resonate - USA or Canada Remote - The Director of North American Regional Teams oversees the implementation of Resonate's Core Initiatives—Global Mission, Local Mission, and Church Planting—in Canada and the USA. This full-time, remote role focuses on managing the Local Mission Core Initiative and developing resources to empower missional leaders and faith communities within the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) and beyond. The Director also collaborates with other Core Initiative Leaders to support Resonate's initiatives. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

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 **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. **JANITOR:** Mary 507-215-7464; Kendra 507-227-0488; mkuipers0809@gmail.com **INTERIM PASTOR:** ASSISTANT PASTOR: Marlin, cell: 507-920-5977 mkvanschepen@hotmail.com WEATHER RELATED SERVICE INFORMATION: KDWC (99.3FM), K101 (101.1FM), KLOH (1050AM), KNWC (96.5FM), KELOLAND TV **ELDERS: DEACONS:** Ross Fey, President of Deacons Leland Vanderaa, President Tim Van Dyke, Vice President (CG #1) Isaac Odland (CG #2) Brent Van Schepen, Clerk (CG #7) Ryan Bridgewater (CG #1) Kyle Fey, Secretary of Deacons (CG #4) Doug Eisma (CG #6) Greg Hanenburg (CG #4) Dylan Walhof (CG 6) Dennis Kroll (CG #2) Mike Fenske (CG #5) Matt Tinklenberg (CG #3) Mark Van Dam (CG #5)

Our Helpers

Josh Van Essen (CG #7)

PREACHING Today: AM & PM: Pastor Gideon Wamala

Rob Van Hill (CG #3)

Ron Vander Lugt

Next Week: AM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen PM: Pastor Patrick De Groot

ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Michelle Moosey PM: Rachel Prins

Next Week: AM: Amy Mulder

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Denise Nerem
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Kristi De Boer

Next Week: Rose Kroll
Next Week: Carissa Odland

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Carissa Odland & Dena/Josiah Pap

NURSERY Today: 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

Next Week AM Infant: John Talsma, Megan Rylaarsdam, Dena Pap Toddler: LuAnn Spronk, Selah Kuipers, Noah Veldkamp,

Asher Meksavanh, Brystol Kooiker

PM: Becca Van Schepen

USHERS Today: Connor Van Hill, Jesse Kooiker, Dan Hanson

Next Week: Jon Kroll, Justin Prins, Lloyd Prins

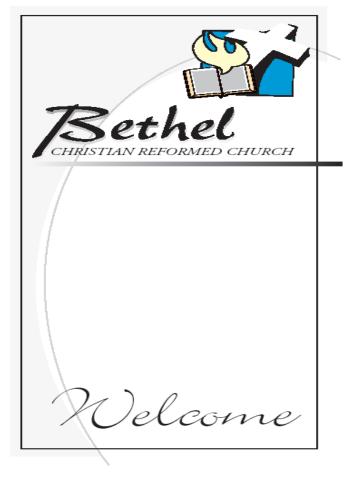
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Karen Van Schepen Next Week: Donna Hanenburg

SOUND SYSTEM Today: Huck
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Walt
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Krista
REFRESHMENTS Today: Julie Vander Pol, Jackie Van Nieuwenhuyzen
Becca Van Schepen, Randy & Lisa Pfeifle

Next Week: Karen Van Schepen, Renae Van Stelten, Lin Van't Hof, Rob & Kendra Van Hill

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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.