

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
July 13, 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**
- * **God’s greeting**
- * **We greet each other**
- * **Opening song:** *Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)*
- Serve Commissioning**
- Song of response:** *We Are Called*
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)
- Preparatory for the Celebration of the Lord’s Supper** - PsH 976
- Prayer of God’s people**
- Offering:** for Kylee in Central Asia
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
- * **Song of preparation:** *Lift High the Name of Jesus*
- Scripture:** James 3:1-12
- Message:** T.H.I.N.K.
- * **Song of application:** *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* – PsH 528 (1,3,4)
- * **Parting words**
- * **Parting song:** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* – PsH 603 (1,4)

Dutch Festival Worship Service: Join us on Sunday evening, July 13, 6:30 pm for our annual Dutch Festival worship service at First Reformed. This year’s theme is “To All Generations,” drawn from Psalm 146. We will gather to sing a variety of Psalms and give praise to the Lord who reigns forever. A time of fellowship will follow the service.

- Offering Schedule:**
- July 13: Kylee – Central Asia
 - July 20: Union Gospel Mission; Communion Thank Offering: Gideons
 - July 27: ATLAS for Life
 - August 3: First Fruits for the General Fund



STEPHEN MINISTRY:

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
-John 10:10b

Church Family:

- On Friday, July 18, **Camdyn Rozeboom and Carter Kracht** will be united in marriage. May God bless the promises they make and the faithfulness with which they keep them.
- Please pray for the following people who will be on a SERVE trip to Lethbridge, Alberta from July 19-26: **Gavin Rieck, Caden Sas, Cameron Fenske, Trevin Prins, Jordan Uilk, Joshua Groen, Madyson Fey, Hannah Caspersen, Keira De Boer, Abigail Mosey, Avery Fey, Heidi Uilk, and Mike Fenske.**
- At the last council meeting, **Jonah Uilk** made his profession of faith. We praise God for working in Jonah's life to bring him to this point! The date for Jonah's public profession of faith will be announced at a later time.

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	Bethel

Announcements:

CHURCH

Hello ladies of Bethel! We will not be meeting for IF:Table in the month of July, but we will resume in August.

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. If you are interested in either of these opportunities contact Tom Bouma soon.

- Pulpit Supply:**
- 7/20 AM: Rev. Dave Smit PM: Rev. Harrison Newhouse
 - 7/27 AM: Pastor Marlin PM: Rev. Carl Gearhart

Notes from July’s Council meeting:

- Council members spent time in prayer and Bible reading, discussing topics such as fasting and earthly/heavenly treasures.
- The council welcomed Jonah Uilk to membership at Bethel after he made his profession of faith to the council members.
- Council received an update from the Pastoral Search Committee.
- To increase their understanding of CRCNA Church Order, articles 6-7 were read and discussed. These articles give information on the process for ministers being admitted in the CRC.
- Council members discussed the CRC’s publication, *The Banner*. Specifically they noted that its mandate was changed at Synod 2025. In the past, *The Banner* was a publication for the purpose of sharing diverse viewpoints in order to foster dialogue. The new mandate focuses on representing the CRC publicly, speaking from a distinctly Reformed perspective, and upholding the denomination's confessions and synodical decisions.
- The deacons, elders and Pastor Marlin gave reports on their ministry work from the past month.

SCHOOL

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In the church year we are in “Ordinary Time,” a season named not because it is less significant than other church seasons but because it’s a time to focus on faithfulness in our ordinary, day-to-day lives. This week, ponder how you can “take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering” (Romans 12:1-2, MSG). Choose one daily activity that you can write a simple prayer about, and say that prayer each day. Small practices like this can make us mindful of God's presence in the ordinary. Brought to you by Thrive: crna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: God's Grand Story: Isaac: God's Promise - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “God's Grand Story: Isaac: God's Promise” at www.kidscorner.net. Get ready for an exciting journey with Abraham and Isaac as they discover how God always comes through, even when things feel uncertain! This powerful story will remind your family that you can trust God's promises no matter what. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner eBook Collection: Faith Practices.

Groundwork: The Victory of God - In story after story in Luke, we witness Jesus extending his healing and victory to rejected, isolated individuals—outsiders. Join Groundwork as we study the recurring theme of the victory of God for us and for all who are marginalized or far off in Luke 5:12-16; Luke 17:11-19; Luke 8:1-10, 41-56; and Luke 13:10-17, and together we’ll think about what this means for how we live our faith today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) Volunteer Opportunities - When a community experiences a natural disaster, recovery is often complex and seems out of reach. You can change stories of disaster into stories of hope by volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS)! This fall, join a DRS reconstruction team in Sarasota, Florida, or Windsor, North Carolina, to repair disaster-impacted homes for families in need. With construction supervision on site, generous volunteer reimbursements, and ministry opportunities, what are you waiting for? Team dates and contact information to sign up are available at worldrenew.net/volunteer

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 crna.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 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 bethelcrccdgeron@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
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 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 Gideon Wamala PM: Community Service
 Next Week: AM: Rev. Dave Smit PM: Rev. Harrison Newhouse
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Rachel Prins PM:
 Next Week: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Lisa Vander Maten
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Amber Vos Next Week: Leland Vanderaa
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Becca Van Schepen Next Week: Karen Dyk
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Cal Spronk & De Jongh Kids
NURSERY Today: AM Infant: MaryAnn Spronk, Mara Prins, Jack De Jongh
 Toddler: Kayla Vande Kamp, JR Van Stelten, Livia Fey,
 Miles Prins, Tayton Kooiker
 Next Week AM Infant: Kathy Vander Lugt, Levi Van Essen, Amelia Van't Hof
 Toddler: Maddie Van Essen, Mason Tinklenberg, Micah Sas,
 Sierra Van Dyke, Lacy Odland
 PM: Vern & Mina Vander Pol
USHERS Today: Wyatt Vos, Randy Pfeifle, Ben Hanenburg
 Next Week: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Ryan Bos
HOST/HOUSTESS Today: Mary Kreun Next Week: Vern & Mina Vander Pol
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Seth Next Week: Derek/Denny
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Brent Next Week: Arlin
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Dan Next Week: Kyle
REFRESHMENTS Today: Tricia Veldkamp, Coleen Ver Hey,
 Amber Vos, Jill Talsma
 Next Week: Connie Vreeman, Jolene Walhof,
 Janet Walhof, Trevor & Abbie Fey



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Assistant Pastor
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 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.

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