

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
August 17, 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 Marlin Van Schepen

- Prelude**
- Welcome and announcements**
- * **Call to worship**
- * **God’s greeting**
- * **We greet each other**
- * **Opening songs:** *Above All*
The Lord Is My Salvation
- Confession/assurance of pardon**
- Song of response:** *Change My Heart, O God*
 (Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)
- Prayer of God’s people**
- Offering:** for Volunteers In Mercy
 (Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
- * **Song of preparation:** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*
- Scripture:** Matthew 25:14-30
- Message:** WELL DONE
- * **Song of application:** *We Are An Offering*
- * **Parting words**
- * **Parting song:** *We Receive Your Blessing*

Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.
 Led by: Pastor Roger Sparks

- Prelude**
- Welcome**
- Call to Worship**
- * **God’s greeting to his people**
- * **Opening songs:** *Amid the Thronging Worshipers* – PsH 239 (1-3)
Sing Praise to the Lord God Almighty – PsH 135 (1,2,3,7,9)
- Nicene Creed**
- Song of response:** *Lead On, O King Eternal* – PsH 555 (1-3)
- Prayer**
- * **Song of preparation:** *This Is The Day* – PsH 241 (1-3)
- Scripture:** Mark 2:18-28
- Message:** LORD OF THE SABBATH
- * **Song of response:** *Beautiful Savior* – PsH 461 (1-3)
- * **God’s blessing to his people**
- * **Closing song:** *Beautiful Savior* – PsH 461 (4)
 (Your evening offering for Volunteers In Mercy can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

- Offering Schedule:**
- August 17: Volunteers In Mercy
 - August 24: Bethel’s Radio Ministry on KDWC
 - August 31: Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund
 - September 7: First Fruits for the General Fund

Church Family:

- Congratulations to **Dawson & Ellie Rieck** who were united in marriage on Friday, August 15. We rejoice with them as they begin this new chapter and pray that God richly blesses the promises they make, guiding them to remain faithful and steadfast in His love.
- **Coleen Ver Hey's** mother, Elsie Ver Hey, is now in hospice care at Edgebrook Care Center. Pray for peace for Coleen and Mike & Brandi Fenske and their family as they anticipate Elsie's transition into eternity.
- **Vern Vis's** health has gradually improved over the last couple of weeks. Pray for Vern and Rose as they make decisions regarding his future care.
- We look forward to the baptism of **James Jasper**, son of **Brevan & Brenna Jasper**, next Sunday morning, August 24.

This Week’s Activities:

- MONDAY:**
- 7:00 pm **Elders Meeting**..... Council Room
 - 7:00 pm **Deacons Meeting**.....Deacons Room
- 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:
 Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
 - John 13:34b

Announcements:

CHURCH

The church education season will begin soon, and we are still in need of a few teachers. If you are asked to fill one of the positions, please give this prayerful consideration. We need teachers for 4th & 5th grades. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mary Ann Spronk (507-227-6236), Nicole Fey (507-290-0838) or Amber Vos (507-227-5565).

Interim Pastor Update: Pastor Bill Vis will be returning to Bethel CRC as an interim pastor beginning with the August 31 services. We are grateful for Pastor Bill and Sandy’s willingness to serve our congregation once again! They hope to arrive in Edgerton on August 23, Lord willing.

Cadet Advance Dates:

- Sept 10 6:30 Orientation Meeting for new 4th grade Cadets and a parent at Bethel CRC Edgerton.
- Sept 10 7:30 Edgerton Cadet Counselor Planning meeting at Bethel.
- Sept 24 6:00 Cadet Hot-dog and Games night at Rock River Park
- Oct 8 6:30 First regular Cadet meeting at Bethel CRC

SCHOOL

Southwest Minnesota Christian Schools will begin the 2025–2026 school year on **Thursday, August 21**, with the first day of classes for both the high school and elementary campuses. We will begin the day together with chapel at **8:30 a.m. in the elementary gym**, and **everyone is warmly invited to attend!** Preschool 3’s begin on **Tuesday, September 2**, and Preschool 4’s on **Wednesday, September 3**. This year’s theme is “**Abide in the Vine**” from **John 15:4–5**. SWC is both grateful and excited for the opportunity to walk alongside PK–12 students as they fix their eyes on Jesus and are guided by His Word! Thank you for your prayerful

support as we encourage students to be **rooted in Christ, grow in wisdom, and bear fruit for God’s glory.**

Below are a few key dates to note. For more details and updates, visit the Calendar and News & Announcements at www.swcschools.org.

DATES to REMEMBER:

- Monday, August 18: Junior High Fall Athletic Practices begin
- Monday, August 18: Freshmen Orientation (freshmen at 5:30 with parents joining at 6:15)
- Tuesday, August 19: Elementary Open House (5:45-7:45pm)
- Thursday, August 21: First Day of School (Elementary and High School) and Opening Chapel @ 8:30am.
- Wednesday, October 1: K-12 Grandparents Day; 12:00 Dismissal
- Friday, October 10: HS Fall Concert
- Saturday, November 15: Donation Sale
- Monday, December 8: 9-12 Christmas Concert
- Monday, December 15: K-8 Christmas Concert

SWC Circle #2 invites you to their **Labor Day Pancake Breakfast!** Come and enjoy delicious, all you can eat, pancakes at the Southwest Christian High School Cafeteria on Labor Day, September 1, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Also included at the breakfast is sausage, juice, milk, and coffee. Freewill donation.

Saturday, Sept 13 will be the **8th annual Tractor/UTV Ride** taking off at 9:30 from SWC high school. The noon meal will also be served at SWC cafeteria. There will be tours offered at Spronk Seed and Diamond H Acres beginning around 1. For more information or to register, contact Kendra Kuipers at 507-227-0488.

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

The annual Pipestone County backpack program that we have supported for many years has a new look. After partnering with Volunteers In Mercy last year, First Presbyterian in Pipestone has taken over distribution of school supplies for Pipestone students this year. VIM is working through the Edgerton food shelf to provide backpacks and school supplies for local students in Edgerton and Chandler. If you would like to help with this need, contact Dennis Kroll at 507-220-4231.

Grief Share at ATLAS: The journey of grief is different for each individual, but there are useful insights to help & encourage you! ATLAS for Life in Pipestone (101 2nd St NE) is holding a Grief Share Support Group starting on Thursday, August 21st, for 13 weeks. There will be a meal at 5:00 p.m., followed by a video & discussion. Evenings should conclude by 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to join the group at any time during the 13-week timeframe. A monetary donation to help cover some of the costs is appreciated but not necessary to attend. Call (507) 562-5777 with questions or to sign up!

Legacy Thrift Store Volunteer Appreciation: The leadership team of the Legacy Thrift Store invites all volunteers and their spouses to an appreciation dinner to be held on August 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the American Reformed Church at 1720 N Burlington Avenue, Worthington, MN. To register, sign up at the store or call the store (507-376-3766) or Jennifer (712-260-6170) by August 18.

Come support Luverne Christian School Society and enjoy a delicious meal of smoked pork loin, baked beans, chips, potato salad, cucumber salad and ice cream on Wednesday, September 3. Serving from 5:30-7:30 at Luverne CRC, free will donation.

The annual golf fundraiser for Luverne Christian School Society is Saturday, Sept 6. As in years past, it is an 18-hole 4-person scramble with door and pin prizes! If you would like to register a team of 4, please call the Luverne Country Club at 507-283-4383. If you would like to participate, but don’t have a full team of four, or if you have any other questions, please reach out to Austin Spronk at 507-227-5988

Mark your calendars for the Bible League International Conference – September 8 & 9, 2025 at Bethel CRC in Sioux Center, IA. Conference will feature keynote speaker Jason Van Ruler, one of the most sought-after therapists. With a biblical foundation, he has spoken on stages to thousands and specializes in topics like trauma, integrity, burnout, and connection. Jennifer Frens and friends will lead meaningful worship. This is hosted by Bible League Volunteer Ambassadors to strengthen the body of Christ and raise funds for providing Scripture to children worldwide. Register at bibleleague.org/tickets or by calling 708-367-8921.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In his book Just Mercy, Bryan Stevenson writes, “The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned. We are all implicated when we allow other people to be mistreated.” These words speak directly to the heart of Micah 6:8. As you go through this week, focus on aligning your actions with those of the one who seeks justice in all spaces. Note down your observations at the end of the week, and consider what your daily practice can become moving forward. Brought to you by Thrive: cncna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: God's Grand Story: The Boy with the Supersized Supper - Check out this week's kids' devotion, “God's Grand Story: The Boy with the Supersized Supper,” at www.kidscorner.net. In today's Bible story, a boy thought that what he had was not enough. But like him, you will be surprised by what God can do with our "not-enoughs". Thank God for being the God of abundance. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

Get Involved with Generation Spark - Generation Spark offers hands-on coaching, practical strategies, and extensive support to help all generations form meaningful relationships that result in sustained, lifelong faith. We invite you to learn more about what it might look like for your church to invest in intergeneration mentoring! Informational webinars are offered on August 21, 7:30pm ET or September 11, 11:30am ET. Register here: shorturl.at/d7DEO

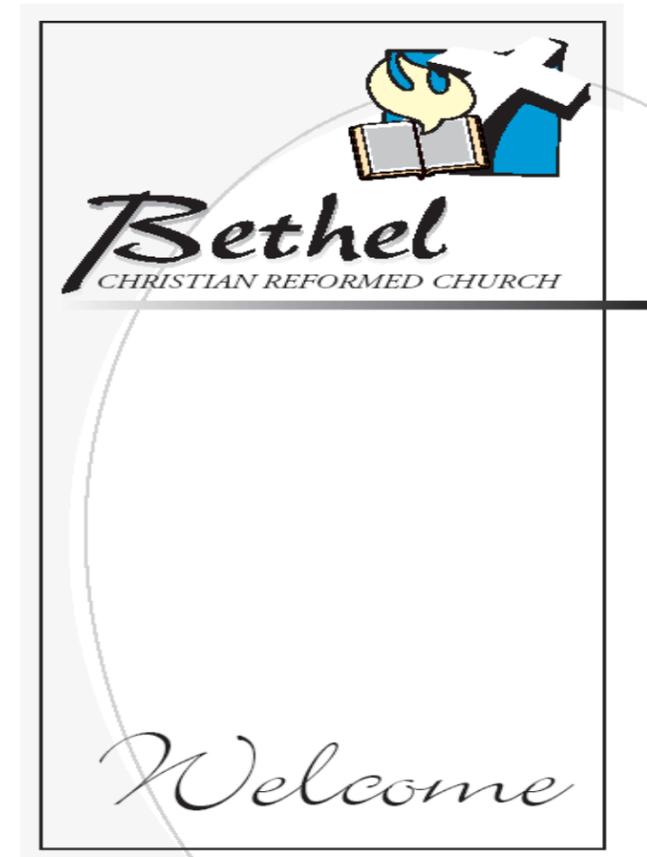
Helpful Information

NURSERY: available for infants and toddlers on lower level
CHILDREN'S CHURCH & WORSHIP (AM): ages 3-1st grade are dismissed to their classes downstairs during the offering
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
DEACONS:
 Ross Fey, President of Deacons
 Isaac Odland (CG #2)
 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 Marlin Van Schepen PM: Rev. Roger Sparks
 Next Week: AM: Rev. Roger Sparks PM: Rev. Roger Sparks
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Linda Vanderaa
 Next Week: AM: Kendra Van Hill PM: Linda Vanderaa
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Matt Vande Kamp Next Week: Linda Vanderaa
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Janet Walhof Next Week: Leah V, Brenna J
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Rob Van Hill & Allison/Sadie Fenske
NURSERY Today: AM Infant: Ruth Kooiker, Nyah Remme, Sophie Van Essen
 Toddler: Chanda Rozeboom, Tytus Vander Pol, Maggie Caspersen,
 Logan Van Dyke, Carsten Schuld
 PM: Devin & Katie Van't Hof
 Next Week AM Infant: Kristi De Boer, Mikah Tinklenberg, Hannah De Jongh
 Toddler: Liz De Jongh, Carson Rozeboom, Emma Rylaarsdam,
 Boden Rieck, Reuben Vander Pol
 PM: Larissa & Maggie Caspersen
USHERS Today: Jon Kroll, Justin Prins, Lloyd Prins
 Next Week: Wyatt Vos, Randy Pfeifle, Ben Hanenburg
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Mary Kreun Next Week: Vern & Mina Vander Pol
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Derek/Denny Next Week: Justin/Denny
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Brent Next Week: Arlin
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Dan Next Week: Spencer
REFRESHMENTS Today Karen Dyk, Liz De Jongh,
 Abby Galvin, Chris & Michelle Moosey
 Next Week: Cheri Groen, Luann Gunnink,
 Donna Hanenburg, Randy & Lisa Pfeifle

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 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.