

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
August 31, 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 Bill Vis

- Prelude
Welcome and announcements
\* Call to worship
\* God’s greeting
\* We greet each other
\* Opening songs: Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer
Confession/assurance of pardon
Song of response: His Mercy Is More
(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: Grace
Scripture: Matthew 12:1-21
Message: RULES DON’T RULE
\* Song of application: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
\* Parting words
\* Parting song: Grace Alone

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Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.
Led by: Pastor Bill Vis

- Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship
\* God’s greeting to his people
\* Opening songs: Congregational Favorites
Responsive reading from 1 Corinthians 13
Song of response: Christian Hearts in Love United – PsH 513 (1-2)
Prayer
\* Song of preparation: We Are Called
Scripture: 2 John 1-13
Message: THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVE
\* Song of response: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace – PsH 545 (1-3)
\* God’s blessing to his people
\* Closing song: Christian Hearts in Love United – PsH 513 (3)
(Your evening offering for the Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

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Offering Schedule:
August 31: Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund
September 7: First Fruits for the General Fund

Church Family:

- Vern Vis is now residing at Edgebrook Care Center for a period of rehabilitation.

This Week’s Activities:

WEDNESDAY:
7:00 pm Youth Group Kickoff..... City Park
THURSDAY:
8:15 am Legacy Thrift Store Workday ..... carpool from Bethel
NEXT SUNDAY:
8:30 am Prayer Meeting ..... Prayer Room
9:30 am Morning Worship Service..... Bethel
10:45 am Sunday School for grades 2-8..... Classrooms
12:00 pm Church Picnic ..... City Park South Shelter
6:30 pm Evening Worship Service..... Bethel

STEPHEN MINISTRY:
Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another.
-Romans 13:8a

Announcements:

CHURCH

Youth Group Kickoff: 7:00pm Wednesday, September 3 at the City Park
Bethel’s Workday at Legacy Thrift Store: Join us on Thursday, September 4 for a day of volunteering at the Legacy Thrift Store in Worthington! Whether you’re available for the full day or just a few hours, your help is warmly welcomed. Interested in carpooling? Meet at Bethel at 8:15am. Coming on your own? Stop by the store at 419 10th Street anytime you’re able. It’s a great opportunity to serve together, make connections, and have fun. We hope to see you there!

Summer has flown by, and it is almost time for a new year of Children’s Worship! If your child started kindergarten this Fall, we would love to have them join the 1st graders for Children’s Worship during morning worship starting next Sunday, September 7th.

You're invited to our Church Picnic on Sunday, September 7th at noon at the south shelter of the city park. Come enjoy fellowship, food, and fun! Hot seasoned pork buns, hot dogs, lemonade, water, and coffee will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share, along with your own plates and utensils. Everyone is welcome!

At their September meeting, council will begin making nominations for elder and deacon. If any congregational members wish to nominate a qualified member, please pass the name along to a current elder or deacon.

Attention Sunday School Teachers: Your teaching materials are ready for pickup in the Society Room. Classes begin next Sunday, September 7.

Youth Group Prayer Warriors: We are making plans for the youth group prayer warriors for this coming year. Our hope is that those of you who have participated in the past, will continue with your same youth group member. If it doesn’t work for you this year, please notify Jonathan or Darci Pap. If you had a senior last year, we plan to assign you to an incoming freshman, unless you let us know otherwise. Thank you to all the prayer warriors. Your love, support and prayers are much appreciated!

Women of Bethel, would you like to be refreshed by some intentional conversation? IF:Table is an opportunity to grow in authentic community. Please join us for a time of fellowship and conversation on Saturday, Sept. 13 at

9:00 am in the church fellowship hall. Come to share, come to listen, or come to do both! The conversations will center around the theme Discipleship based on Matthew 28:19-20. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't come before! Brunch and coffee are provided. If you have questions, please contact Darci Van Dyke, Becca Van Schepen, or Katie Van't Hof.

- 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

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.

The SWC annual All-circles meeting is coming up! If you have a child at SWC high school, we encourage you to come to the All-circles meeting on September 15 at 7:00pm in the music room. Men and Women are encouraged to attend as we will review financials, teacher requests and collect dues (\$10). This meeting will be prompt! Each individual circle will have their own meeting to follow after the All-circles meeting. We hope to see you there!

SWC DATES to REMEMBER:
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

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

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.

The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents an organ recital by Marco Den Toom organist, composer, and conductor from Kampen, The Netherlands on September 5, 7:00pm, at the BJ Haan Auditorium at Dordt University.

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.

There will be a **Red Cross blood drive** at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, September 15 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or [fbhuisken@gmail.com](mailto:fbhuisken@gmail.com) to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Every 2 second someone/somewhere needs blood. Anyone 16 yrs. or older and in good health is able to donate.

**Divorced, Separated, Widowed - Beginning Experience of SW MN**, a peer ministry support group, is offering a Weekend Retreat that provides an opportunity to help close the door gently on the past and move on with renewed hope and purpose. It will be held at Shetek Lutheran Ministries on October 3rd-5th. Deadline to register is September 26th. Email [swmnbe@gmail.com](mailto:swmnbe@gmail.com) or call/text: Tim L.: 507-530-6379 or Jean: 507-220-0668

**The "Rebuilding" Series is also open for registration.** This series runs for ten weeks beginning October 6th 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 past the initial pain of losing a partner and are working to put their lives back together. 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](mailto:swmnbe@gmail.com) or call: Tim L. 507-530-6379 or Jean 507-220-0668

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - When asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus replied, ““Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself”” (Matt. 22:37-39, NIV). How can you show love to God through loving your neighbors this week? Whether it be in helping someone in your building carry groceries, bringing flowers to someone on your street, or buying a special treat for someone in your broader community, find a way to extend an act of love to one of your neighbors. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**Kids Corner Devotions:** Praying for Someone Else - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Praying for Someone Else” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Prayer is a special way to show love to others. When you pray for someone, you're helping them and growing closer to God at the same time! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the classic “Liz and Friends” podcast!

**Groundwork: Jesus' Kingdom Parables** - Jesus often used parables to teach his followers about the kingdom of God. Join Groundwork as we dig into Matthew 13, Matthew 20:1-16, Matthew 22:1-14, Luke 17:20-21, and Matthew 25:1-13 to learn from Jesus what God’s kingdom looks like, what its values are, and how the people of his kingdom behave. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://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. One hundred riders will cycle through beautiful Florida and raise funds to equip 1,500 farmers 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](http://worldrenew.net/ridetorenew).

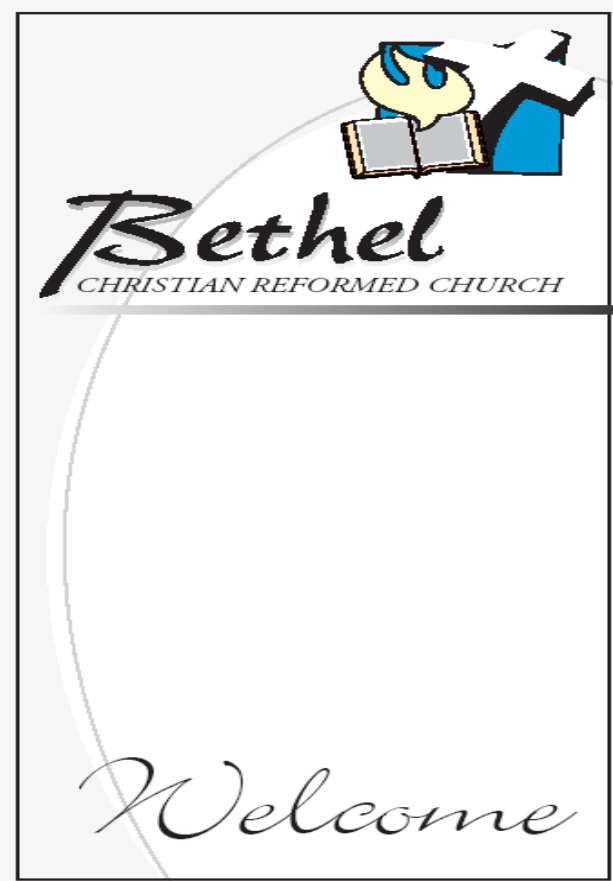
Helpful Information

**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 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](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  
Tim Van Dyke, Vice President (CG #1)  
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Doug Eisma (CG #6)  
Greg Hanenburg (CG #4)  
Dennis Kroll (CG #2)  
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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: Pastor Bill Vis PM: Pastor Bill Vis  
Next Week: AM: Pastor Bill Vis PM: Pastor Bill Vis  
**ACCOMPANIST** Today: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Kendra Van Hill  
Next Week: AM: PM:  
**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Today: Greg Dyk Next Week: Denise Nerem  
**CHILDREN’S CHURCH** Today: Katie Van’t Hof Next Week: Bonnie De Boer  
**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP** Today: Rob Van Hill & Allison/Sadie Fenske  
**NURSERY** Today: AM Infant: Brandi Fenske, Lauren Van Stelten, Lincoln Fey  
Toddler: Abbie Fey, Willem Dyk, Hannah Van Schepen, JD Vos, Jaelyn Krosschell  
PM: Greg & Karen Dyk  
Next Week AM Infant: Melissa Kooiker, Leah Veldkamp, Dylan Brands  
Toddler: Nicole Fey, Xavier Meksavanh, Maya Krosschell, Jack De Jongh, Kathryn Moosey  
PM: Arlin & Lin Van’t Hof  
**USHERS** Today: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Ryan Bos  
Next Week: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefoort, Mason Van Essen  
**HOST/HOSTESS** Today: Karen Van Schepen Next Week: Kendra Kuipers  
**SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Huck Next Week: Jonathan  
**VIDEO CAMERA** Today: Jon Next Week: Walt  
**MULTI-MEDIA** Today: Willem Next Week: Krista  
**REFRESHMENTS** Today: Emily Hanenburg, Joyce Hanenburg, Narla Hulstein, Rob & Kendra Van Hill  
Next Week: Sue Jasper, Melissa Kooiker, Ruth Kooiker, Jill Talsma

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**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.