

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
September 7, 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 song: *My God Is All I Need*

Church Ed Commissioning

Song of response: *Cry of My Heart*
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)

Prayer of God’s people

Offering: First Fruits for the General Fund
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)

* Song of preparation: *The Potter’s Hand*

Scripture: Matthew 12:22-37

Message: TONGUE CONTROL

* Song of application: *Lying Lips*

* Parting words

* Parting song: *Change My Heart, O God*

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: *Sing Praise to Our Creator* – PsH 147 (1,2,5)
All Creatures of Our God and King – PsH 431 (1,2,3,5)

Responsive reading from Psalm 1

Song of response: *How Blest Are They Who, Fearing God* – PsH 1 (1-3)

Prayer

* Song of preparation: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Scripture: 3 John 1-14

Message: THE IMPORTANCE OF INFLUENCE


* Song of response: *Turn Your Eyes*

* God’s blessing to his people

* Closing song: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* – PsH 601 (1,4)
(Your evening offering for the General Fund
can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

Offering Schedule:
September 7: First Fruits for the General Fund
September 14: Children of the Promise – Haiti
September 21: Cornerstone Prison Church
Communion Thank Offering: Bible League International
September 28: Pastor Gideon Wamala

This Week’s Activities:
MONDAY:
7:00 pm Council Meeting.....Council Room
WEDNESDAY:
6:30-8:15pm GEMS Theme Night.....First CRC
6:30 pm Cadet Orientation for New Cadets and a parent.....Bethel
7:30 pm Cadet Counselor Planning Meeting.....Bethel
SATURDAY:
9:00 am IF:Table.....Fellowship Hall
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
6:30 pm Evening Worship Service.....Bethel




STEPHEN MINISTRY:

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.
-Ephesians 4:2

Announcements:
CHURCH
It is 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 this Sunday, September 7th.

Sunday School classes begin today! Classes will generally meet from 10:45-11:30am. Room assignments are: Grade 2 – Classroom C; Grade 3 – Classroom H; Grade 4A- Classroom E; Grade 4B – Classroom D; Grade 5A – Balcony A; Grade 5B – Balcony B; Grade 6 – Council Room; Grade 7 – Society Room; Grade 8 – Library

High School Catechism will meet after morning services twice per month. Meeting dates for the next couple of months are September 21 & 28, and October 12 & 26.

 **You're invited to our Church Picnic this 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! Extra paper plates and utensils will be available for those who forgot.

Attention Cadets - Wednesday, Sept 10:
6:30 New Cadet Orientation Meeting for 4th grade Cadets and a parent at Bethel CRC Edgerton in the Fellowship Hall.
7:30 Edgerton Cadet Counselor Planning meeting at Bethel CRC Edgerton Fellowship Hall.

We had so much fun last time that we’re bringing it back—by popular demand! **Men’s Choir** will kick off on Sunday, September 14. All men and high school–age boys are invited to join in the fun. Don’t miss out on the fellowship, laughter, and joy of singing together—come add your voice!

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 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
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 the All-circles meeting. We hope to see you there!

Choir Fundraiser: SWC Choir members in 11th/12th grade, with the help of their parents are beginning to fundraise for a once in a lifetime performance opportunity! The Lord willing, the students and chaperones, led by Mrs. Brittney Forness will be traveling to NYC during spring break '26. Their second fundraiser will be held on Sept 17 from 3-7pm on Maple Street during Edgerton's Fall Festival. Students and parents will be serving up a variety of snacks and supper items. For your entertainment, the Sioux Falls Pairs and Spares Club will be demonstrating their square-dancing skills. Calling and singing will be done by Elaine Peacock and Robert Schelhaas. All ages are invited to come on out for a fun evening of food, fellowship and entertainment, while supporting the choir kids!

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
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 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 or call/text: 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 or call: Tim L. 507-530-6379 or Jean 507-220-0668

Justice for All is having their Annual Meeting and Auction October 9; 2025 at the South building of their ministry campus in Rock Valley. Every year there is an opportunity to hear about the highlights of the past fiscal year, trips and financial report along with a catered meal. After a short meeting there will be an auction with items donated to help provide support for JFA. From homemade items, to gift cards, meat bundles and more will be up for bidding. Join us to hear a ministry update and stay for the entertainment of Zomer Auctioneering. If you’d like to donate an item contact Joel De Wit – joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org or 712.739.0055, Meal starts at 5p, Auction starting at 645p.

The ATLAS for Life Christmas Rummage and Boutique will be held on Saturday, November 15. Please mark your calendar, and if you have a few Christmas items to donate to our fundraiser, please drop off donations at the ATLAS office (101 2nd St. NE - Pipestone) on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Another item that is helpful is large planter pots. With these requests, knowing your prayer support is the greatest gift of all!

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - A new school season has begun. The rhythms and activities of a new school year can make it challenging to include space for God in your everyday family life. One way you can do that is by reviewing the “highs and lows” of your day, giving thanks for God’s many blessings and asking for God’s presence in the midst of hard situations. See Everyday Family Faith (FaithAliveResources.org) for more ways to make time for God with your family. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: Praying for Our Enemies - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Praying for Our Enemies” at www.kidscorner.net. In Matthew 5, Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount. He wanted people to know how to treat one another and show love the way he loves. He even wants us to show love and kindness to those we think of as our enemies because God cares about and provides for everyone. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the classic “Liz and Friends” podcast!

Groundwork: Living as Citizens of God's Kingdom Now - We’ve learned that Jesus brought God’s kingdom near -- so near, in fact, it’s within us. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, Romans 14:17, Micah 4:1-5, Matthew 25:35-40, Philippians 2:5-8, Acts 2:42-47, Revelation 11:15, and 1 Corinthians 15:58 to learn what it means and looks like for us to live in God’s kingdom here and now, even when we can’t fully see it. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Happy Grandparents Day! - Today we celebrate grandparents! On this special day, consider how you might extend your legacy—whether by setting up a trust or including a charitable gift in your will. If you haven’t taken that step yet, the CRC offers resources to guide you. Learn more about planned giving at crcna.org/foundation.

Help Families Affected by the Afghanistan Earthquake - On August 31, a magnitude 6.0 earthquake struck Afghanistan, killing more than 1,400 people and injuring more than 3,000 people. World Renew is planning a response to bring emergency assistance to vulnerable families affected by this disaster. Please join us in prayer for Afghanistan and give generously to help earthquake survivors at worldrenew.net/afghanistan-earthquake, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "Afghanistan Earthquake 2025" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

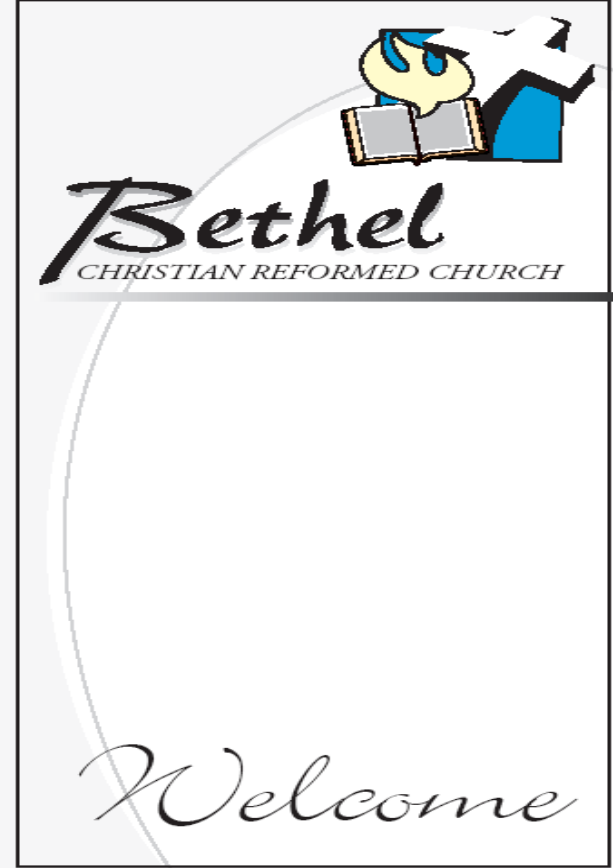
Helpful Information

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.
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WEATHER RELATED SERVICE INFORMATION: KDWC (99.3FM), K101 (101.1FM), KLOH (1050AM), KNWC (96.5FM), KELOLAND TV
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Our Helpers

PREACHING Today: AM: Pastor Bill Vis PM: Pastor Bill Vis
Next Week: AM: Rev. Paul M’Pindi PM: Rev. Paul M’Pindi
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Koni De Kam PM: Linda Vanderaa
Next Week: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Lisa Vander Maten
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Today: Denise Nerem Next Week: Cal Spronk
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Today: Becca Van Schepen Next Week: Carissa Odland
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP Today: Carissa Odland & Maya/Sienna Krosschell
NURSERY Today: 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
Next Week AM Infant: Abby Galvin, Elliot Vander Pol, Sadie Fenske
Toddler: Erin Krosschell, Parker Fey, Eva De Jongh, Dena Pap, Jayden Brands
PM: Jonathan & Darci Pap
USHERS Today: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefoort, Mason Van Essen
Next Week: Arlin Van’t Hof, Greg Dyk, Nick Spronk
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Kendra Kuipers Next Week: Donna Hanenburg
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Jonathan Next Week: Seth/Huck
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Walt Next Week: Cal
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Krista Next Week: Kyle
REFRESHMENTS Today: Sue Jasper, Melissa Kooiker, Ruth Kooiker, Jill Talsma
Next Week: Mary Kreun, Rose Kroll, Erin Krosschell, Trevor & Abbie Fey

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Worship Guide
and Weekly News

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.