

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
September 21, 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: *Good and Gracious King*
Confession/assurance of pardon
Song of response: *Mercy*
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)
Prayer of God’s people
Offering: First for Cornerstone Prison Church, followed by a communion thank offering for Bible League International
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
 - * Song of preparation: *All I Once Held Dear*
Scripture: Matthew 12:38-50
Message: MISSED CHANCES
 - * Song of application: *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* – Praise 398 (1-3)
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
During the passing of the elements: *Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)*
Remembering with Love and Hope
 - * Parting words
 - * Parting song: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* – PsH 638

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: *Rejoice, O Pure in Heart* – PsH 561 (1,2,3,5)
Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet – PsH 569 (1-2)
Apostles’ Creed
Song of response: *In Sweet Communion, Lord With You* – PsH 554 (1,2,3,5)
Prayer
 - * Song of preparation: *Nearer, Still Nearer*
Scripture: Jude 1-25
Message: THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY
 - * Song of response: *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (1-3)
 - * God’s blessing to his people
 - * Closing song: *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (4)
(Your evening offering for Cornerstone Prison Church can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)


Offering Schedule:
September 28: Pastor Gideon Wamala
October 5: First Fruits for the General Fund

Church Family:

- We rejoice with **Luke and Breanna Drooger** as they welcomed a baby girl, **Miller Kate**, into their family on September 11. We also celebrate with **AJ and Mary Brands**, who welcomed a baby boy, **Tyson Henry**, on September 14. May God bless these families with strength, joy, and wisdom.
- As a congregation we express our sympathy to the family of **Sandy Beckering** who passed away last Sunday, September 14.
- Next Sunday, September 28, we anticipate hearing the professions of faith of **Silas Van Essen** and **Addison Van Hill**.

This Week’s Activities:

- MONDAY:
7:00 pm Elders Meeting.....Council Room
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting.....Deacons Room
WEDNESDAY:
9:30 am Coffee Break/Story Hour.....First CRC
6:00 pm Cadet Kick Off.....Rock River Park
6:30-8:15pm GEMSFirst CRC
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
10:45 am High School CatechismYPS Room & Parsonage Basement
6:30 pm Evening Worship Service.....Bethel



STEPHEN MINISTRY:
Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.
-1 Peter 1:22

Announcements:

CHURCH

Cadet Kick-Off: Cadets and their families are invited to hot-dog roast and games Wednesday evening, Sept 24, at Rock River Park. Bring roasting sticks, everything else is provided. Cadets need not wear Cadet shirts. We will begin at 6 with Cadet Assembly and devotions, followed with supper for parents and siblings while the cadets play some games. The Cadets will eat after they are finished with games.

High School Catechism: Grades 9 & 10 will meet in the YPS Room after the morning services beginning September 28. Classes will be held mostly on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. Grades 11 & 12 will meet in the parsonage basement September 21, 28, October 12, 26. More dates TBD.

On Sunday, September 28, we will be taking a **special offering to support Pastor Gideon Wamala and his family**, who lost nearly all of their possessions in the devastating Rock Valley flood last year. As a church family, we have the opportunity to extend Christ’s love and compassion by helping the Wamala family rebuild and restore.

We have been back for a month now and are thankful for the kindness with which we have been received. So many of you have welcomed us back with words of appreciation, meals, and gifts of produce and eggs and baked goods. It’s great to be part of this community.
-Pastor Bill and Sandy

SCHOOL

Southwest MN Christian Schools Groundbreaking Ceremony: You are warmly invited to join the SWC School community as we celebrate the beginning of our building project! Join us on Wednesday, September 24, at 8:30AM at the High School Campus. Together, we give thanks for God’s faithfulness and look forward with joy as we move “Forward On A Firm Foundation.”

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 24 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!

Grandparents Day at SWC – Wednesday, October 1

We are so thankful for the blessing of grandparents and the special role you play in the lives of your grandchildren! On **Wednesday, October 1**, we warmly invite you to join us at Southwest Christian for a morning set aside just for YOU. Together, we will celebrate the love, encouragement, and faith you pour into your families and into our school community.

You’ll find the full schedule and details of Grandparents Day on our website: www.swcschools.org. The morning will conclude with our K–12 Grandparents Day program—a highlight of the day! If you are unable to attend in person, we invite you to join us through the live stream at christensenbroadcastnetwork.com/sports or by using the link on our school website.

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

Friendship Picnic on Thursday, Sept. 25 @ 5:30pm at the Rock River Park shelter.

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 - What do you think of when you hear the word “peace”? Let’s try this: Think of a person that you wouldn’t want to spend time with, and now try to think about them as an imagebearer of God rather than simply as someone who hurt you, is different from you, or whose perspective is different from yours. Pray for that person this week, and commit to sending them an encouraging message (see Rom. 12:14–21). This habit reflects the heart of God and makes you a peacemaker! Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: Telling God's Story - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Telling God’s Story” at www.kidscorner.net. Here’s a very important fact about the Bible that we need to learn: the Bible is one big story. Every Bible story points to the biggest story of all: God’s plan to save the world. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the classic “Liz and Friends” podcast!

Groundwork: Grow As A Disciple Of Jesus Christ - God provides his grace and the Holy Spirit for our discipleship journey. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 4:7-15, Colossians 2:6-22, and Hebrews 6:1-12 to find out what maturing disciples of Jesus understand and recognize the signs of dynamic discipleship in your own life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Register for a High School Experience of a Lifetime! - Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the First Presbyterian Church in Sibley, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is November 21-23, 2025. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

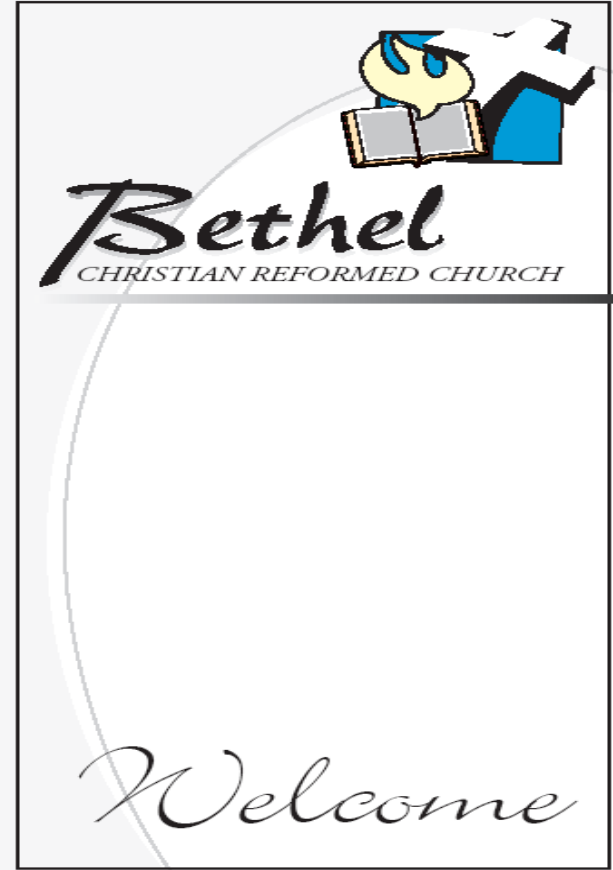
Helpful Information

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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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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Mark Van Dam (CG #5)
Rob Van Hill (CG #3)
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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 Bill Vis PM: Pastor Bill Vis
Next Week: AM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen PM: Pastor Bill Vis
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Julie Vis PM: Linda Vanderaa
Next Week: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Rachel Prins
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Today: Wendy Krosschell Next Week: Amber Vos
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Today: Bonnie De Boer Next Week: Karen Dyk
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP Today: Carissa Odland & Maya/Sienna Krosschell
NURSERY Today: AM Infant: Rose Kroll, Josiah Pap, Emma Odland
Toddler: Tiffany Meksavanh, Jayven Kooiker, Lincoln Van Hill, Sophie Van Essen, Jeremiah Hanson
PM: Jon & Janet Walhof
Next Week AM Infant: Coleen Ver Hey, Shelby Van Essen, Boden Rieck
Toddler: Chanda Rozeboom, Tylee Kooiker, Gentre Kuipers, Sienna Krosschell, Joel Hanson
PM: Jess & Darci Van Dyke
USHERS Today: Connor Van Hill, Jesse Kooiker, Dan Hanson
Next Week: Jon Kroll, Justin Prins, Lloyd Prins
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Donna Hanenburg 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: Renee Krosschell, Wendy Krosschell, Esther Masselink, Kyle & Lori Fey
Next Week: Glenda Masselink, Melissa Masselink, Stell Menning, Karen Walhof

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Children of the Promise – Haiti
Vasya & Maranda Heytsi – Ukraine
Kylee – Central Asia

Worship Guide
and Weekly News

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