Bethel Christian Reformed Church September 28, 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 song: Goodness of God

Profession of faith of Addison Van Hill and Silas Van Essen

Song of response: By Faith

(Children's sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)

Prayer of God's people

Offering for Pastor Gideon Wamala and family

(Children's church (ages 3-5) and children's worship (grades K-1) dismissed)

* Song of preparation: Oh, How Good It Is

Scripture: Mark 3:20-25

Message: WHO ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS?

* Song of application: The Family of God

* Parting words

* Parting song: Blest Be The Tie That Binds – PsH 315 (1)

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:** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* PsH 460 (1-3) *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* – PsH 465 (1,2,4)

Responsive reading

Song of response: Let It Be Said of Us

Praye

* Song of preparation: In Christ There Is No East or West – PsH 540 (1,2,4,5)

Scripture: Philemon 1-25

Message: THE IMPORTANCE OF RECONCILIATION

- * Song of response: Amazing Grace PsH 462 (1-4)
- * God's blessing to his people
- * Closing song: Amazing Grace PsH 462 (5)

(Your evening offering for Pastor Gideon Wamala and Family 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

October 12: Vasya & Maranda Heytsi

October 19: Denominational Ministry Shares

October 26: Growing Hope Globally

Church Family:

- As a congregation we express our sympathy to **Sue Prins** and **Eric & Dionne Prins** in the passing of their mother and grandmother, Anna Marie Hunter.
- This Sunday morning, we have the joy of witnessing the professions of faith of Silas Van Essen and Addison Van Hill. We praise God for his work in their lives.
- Jacob Kreun and Paige Van Dyke will be united in marriage on October 4. May God bless the promises they make and grant them the grace to remain faithful.

This Week's Activities:

WEDNESDAY:

9:30 am	Coffee Break/Story Hour	First CRC	
7:00 pm	YPS Small Groups	Leaders' Homes	
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	
6:30 pm	Evening Worship Service	Bethel	



STEPHEN MINISTRY:

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

-Hebrews 10:24

Announcements:

CHURCH

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.

High school catechism classes meet today: 9/10 in the parsonage basement; 11/12 in the YPS Room.

No Sunday School classes (all grades) next Sunday, October 5

Bethel's Workday at Legacy Thrift Store: Join us on Thursday, October 2, 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 maybe even find some treasures.

Offering Report:

8/24 Bethel's Radio Ministry	\$2,944.60
8/31 Christian Education Tuition Assistance	\$4,389.00
9/7 First Fruits for General Fund	\$71,535.81
9/14 Children of the Promise – Haiti	\$8,015.00
9/21 Cornerstone Prison Church	\$3,514.00
9/21 Bible League International	\$1,623.50

SCHOOL

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:

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

Community Open House at Helping Hand Pregnancy Center in Worthington, Tuesday, September 30th from 5 – 7 pm. There will be tours of the Center, fellowship and refreshments with staff and volunteers. Hear stories of hope and healing, affirming the dignity of every life and the power of compassionate care. The center is located at 910 3rd Avenue.

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.

October 11, 10:30-12:00 PM @ First CRC, Sioux Center. Singing in the Face of Death: How the Psalms model and shape our congregational singing. You are invited to join us as we consider how the ancient book of Psalms continues to shape and form the Church's worship, and ways that we may benefit from the historic practice of psalm singing. Hear from Dordt communication professor and organist Michael Kearney and guitarist Matthew David Montgomery as they share the ways that they've been able to incorporate the psalter in drastically differing stylistic church contexts.

October 11, 7:00-8:30pm @ B.J. Haan Auditorium "Singing the Psalms: How the Psalter Speaks to All Church Music Styles" featuring Dr. Michael Kearney & Matthew David Montgomery". Join us for an evening of instrumental and vocal music focusing on the psalter. Congregational singing will be accompanied by organist Michael Kearney and guitarist Matthew David Montgomery.

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 - God's family is beautifully diverse. Revelation 7:9 gives us a glimpse of heaven as a great multitude "from every nation, tribe, people, and language" worshiping together (Rev. 7:9). As you celebrate All Nations Heritage Week this week, ask a Christian from another nation or culture to share with you one meaningful way in which people in their tradition worship God. Or look online for stories about Christians in other cultures and how they worship God. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: Living God's Story - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Living God's Story" at www.kidscorner.net. Proverbs 13:20 encourages us to find wise friends. Who do you think is wise? Who can teach you about God and the Bible? Talk to your parents. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the classic "Liz and Friends" podcast!

Groundwork: When Discipleship Growth Stalls - Sometimes the things we do and say are out of sync with the faith we profess to believe. Study Acts 10:34-48, Galatians 2:11-16, James 1:22-27, 1 John 1:8-10, and Philippians 3:12-14 with Groundwork to understand what God does for us in these situations and what we need to continue growing again as Christ's disciples today. 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.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13. 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminarv.edu.

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

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 bethelcrcedgerton@yahoo.com Announcements need to be in by Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

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Our Helpers

PREACHING Today: AM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen PM: Pastor Bill Vis

Next Week: AM: Pastor Bill Vis PM: Pastor Bill Vis ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Rachel Prins

Next Week: AM: Michelle Moosey PM: Michelle Moosey CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Amber Vos

Next Week: Denise Nerem CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Karen Dyk Next Week: Kayla Vande Kamp CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Carissa Odland & Maya/Sienna Krosschell

NURSERY Today: 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

Next Week AM Infant: Dionne Prins, Selah Kuipers, Hannah De Jongh

Toddler: Michelle Van Essen, Graham Moosey, Allison Fenske,

Joel Hanson, Porter Van Dyke

PM: Becca Van Schepen

USHERS Today: Jon Kroll, Justin Prins, Lloyd Prins

Next Week: Wyatt Vos, Randy Pfeifle, Ben Hanenburg

HOST/HOSTESS Today: Vern & Mina Vander Pol Next Week: Karen Van Schepen

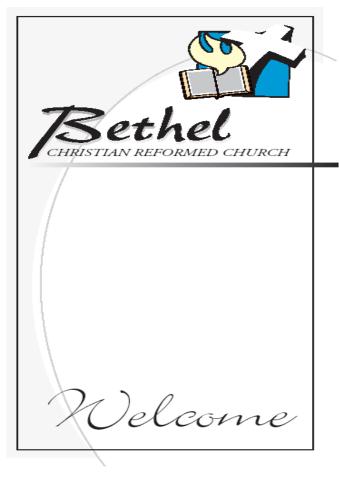
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Justin/Denny Next Week: Jonathan VIDEO CAMERA Today: Arlin Next Week: Jon MULTI-MEDIA Today: Spencer Next Week: Willem **REFRESHMENTS** Today: Glenda Masselink, Melissa Masselink,

Stell Menning, Karen Walhof

Next Week: Denise Nerem, Carissa Odland, Rose Kroll, Karen Walhof

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Worship Guide and Weekly News

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