

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
October 5, 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: *Only A Holy God*
Jesus, Thank You

Nicene Creed

Song of response: *The God We Love* sung by Erin Krosschell and Jonathan Pap
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)

Prayer of God’s people

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

* Song of preparation: *Ancient Words*
Scripture: Matthew 13:1-23
Message: THE POWER OF GOD’S WORD

* Song of application: *A Sower’s Seed Fell on a Path* – LUYH 124 (1-4)

* Parting words

* Parting song: *Thy Word*

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: *We Praise You, O God* – PsH 237 (1-3)
Sing To the Lord, Sing His Praise – PsH 96 (1,2,4,6)

Responsive reading

Song of response: *Here I Am, Lord*

Prayer

* Song of preparation: *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer* – PsH 543 (1-2)
Scripture: Joshua 1:1-5
Message: MAKING A MOVE

* Song of response: *Lead Me, Guide Me* – PsH 544 (1-3)

* God’s blessing to his people

* Closing song: *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer* – PsH 543 (3)
(Your evening offering for the General Fund
can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

- Offering Schedule:**
- 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:

- Congratulations to **Jacob and Paige Kreun**, who were united in marriage on Saturday, October 4. May God richly bless them as they begin this new chapter, and may He be glorified in their marriage.
- We extend our condolences to the family of **Rob Vanden Bosch**, who passed away on Tuesday. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 2:00 to 5:00 this afternoon. The service will be tomorrow at 10:30 here at church.
- We rejoice with **Matt and Kayla Vande Kamp**, who welcomed twin blessings into their family this week. **Aubrey Joan** and **Maddox James** were born on September 29—a precious daughter and son to love and cherish. May God grant them health, joy, and a lifetime of grace.
- **Bob Menning** is scheduled for heart valve repair surgery this Tuesday. We pray for God to guide the surgeons and to guard Bob's life.

This Week’s Activities:

- MONDAY:**
7:00 pm **Council Meeting**..... Council Room
- WEDNESDAY:**
9:30 am **Coffee Break/Story Hour**..... First CRC
6:30-8:15pm **GEMS**..... First CRC
6:30-8:30pm **Cadets**..... Bethel
- THURSDAY:**
7:00 pm **Friendship Class**..... First CRC
- SATURDAY:**
9:00am **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
10:45 am **Catechism** for 11th/12th Grade Parsonage Basement
6:30 pm **Evening Worship Service**..... Bethel



STEPHEN MINISTRY:

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. -1 Peter 3:8

Announcements:

CHURCH

No Sunday School classes this Sunday, October 5

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, October 11 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 Loving Others based on John 13:34. 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.

SCHOOL

Come enjoy an evening of music with the SWC Choir and Band at their Fall Concert on Friday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m. This will be held at the high school gymnasium. All are invited!

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

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 – joel dw@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” worshipping 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@calvinseminary.edu.

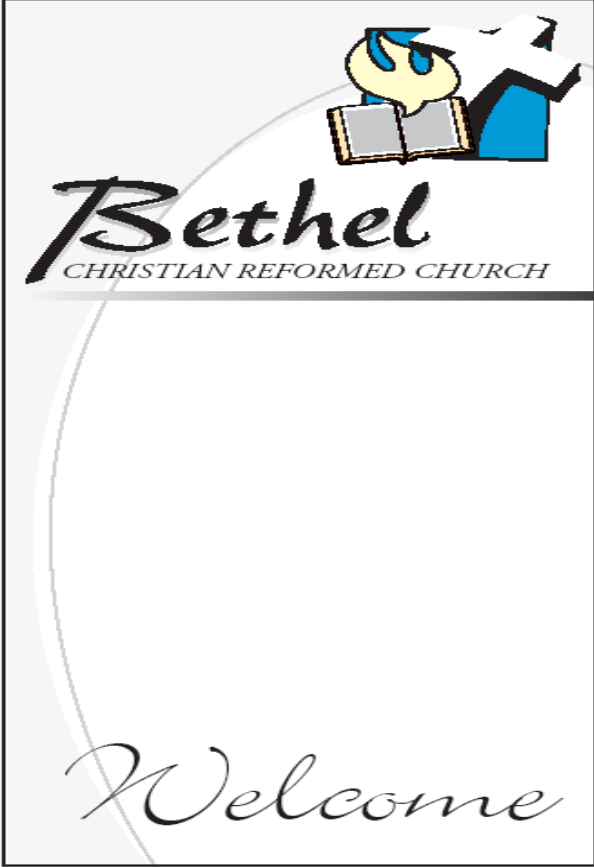
Helpful Information

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 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
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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: Michelle Moosey PM: Michelle Moosey
Next Week: AM: Kendra Van Hill PM: Kendra Van Hill
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Today: Denise Nerem Next Week: Wendy Krosschell
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Today: Carissa Odland Next Week: Larissa Caspersen
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP Today: Julie Vander Pol & Sophie/Shelby Van Essen
NURSERY Today: 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
Next Week AM Infant: Tricia Veldkamp, Megan Rylaarsdam, Opal Spronk
Toddler: Maddie Van Essen, Carson Rozeboom, Hannah Van Schepen, Jayden Brands, Ellie Van’t Hof
PM: Bonnie De Boer, Dena Pap
USHERS Today: Wyatt Vos, Randy Pfeifle, Ben Hanenburg
Next Week: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Ryan Bos
HOST/HOSTESS Today:: Karen Van Schepen Next Week: Kendra Kuipers
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Jonathan Next Week: Seth/Huck
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Jon Next Week: Walt
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Willem Next Week: Krista
REFRESHMENTS Today: Denise Nerem, Carissa Odland, Rose Kroll, Karen Walhof
Next Week: Darci Pap, Lorna Post, Dionne Prins, Chris & Michelle Moosey

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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.