

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
October 12, 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: Come, People of the Risen King
Crown Him
Confession/assurance of pardon
Songs of response: Create in Me a Clean Heart
His Glory and My Good
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)
Prayer of God’s people
Offering for Vasya & Maranda Heytsi
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
* Song of preparation: Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor
Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30; 37-43
Message: BECOMING WHAT GOD WANTS US TO BE
* Song of application: Will You Come and Follow Me – LUYH 742 (1,2,5)
* Parting words
* Parting song: Shine, Jesus, Shine

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: Church of God, Elect and Glorious (1,2,4)
Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns – PsH 539 (1,2,4,5)
Responsive reading
Song of response: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus – PsH 559 (1,2,4)
Prayer
* Song of preparation: Onward Christian Soldiers – PsH 522 (1-3)
Scripture: Joshua 1:6-9
Message: WHY ARE YOU AFRAID?
* Song of response: God of Grace and God of Glory – LUYH 926 (1,2,4)
* God’s blessing to his people
* Closing song: God, the Father of Your People – PsH 322 (1-2)
(Your evening offering for Vasya & Maranda Heytsi can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

Offering Schedule:
October 12: Vasya & Maranda Heytsi
October 19: Denominational Ministry Shares
October 26: Growing Hope Globally
November 2: First Fruits for the General Fund

Church Family:

- We give thanks with the Mennings that Bob’s heart procedure went well this past week.

This Week’s Activities:

- MONDAY:
7:00 pm Women’s Bible Study..... Society Room
TUESDAY:
9:00 am Women’s Bible Study..... Society Room
WEDNESDAY:
9:30 am Coffee Break/Story Hour.....First CRC
7:00 pm YPS Small Groups..... Leaders’ Homes
NEXT SUNDAY:
8:30 am Prayer Meeting.....Prayer Room
9:30 am Morning Worship Service.....Bethel
10:45 am Sunday School for grades 2-8Classrooms
10:45 am Catechism for 9th/10th Grade YPS Room
6:30 pm Evening Worship Service.....Bethel

STEPHEN MINISTRY:
This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. -1 John 3:16

Announcements:

CHURCH

Pastor Appreciation Month: October is a special time set aside to honor and celebrate our pastors and their families for their faithful service, spiritual leadership, and unwavering support. We invite you to share your gratitude with Pastor Marlin & Karen and Pastor Bill & Sandy—whether through a thoughtful card, a kind note, or any gesture that expresses your appreciation. Join us for a special time of recognition following the morning service on Sunday, October 19. Let’s come together to bless and uplift those who bless us all year long!

From the Search Committee: Pastor Steve Bussis, currently serving at Bethel CRC in Churchill/Manhattan, Montana, will be preaching our morning and evening services on November 2. We will be having a congregational potluck following the morning service in the fellowship hall with a question and answer session by Steve and his wife Julie. Many volunteers will be involved throughout the weekend with various items, visits, meal preps/meals, breakfasts etc....we want to thank everyone for their willingness to participate and help out. Please pray for Pastor Steve and his wife Julie as they consider the Lord's will for their future ministry. Pray also for the search committee and the council as we discern God's will for Bethel's next pastor.

Youth Group – 2026 Serve Sites are now on the ThereforeGo ministries website: www.thereforego.com. The “Save Your Spot” date is November 3. Please look at the sites with your parents and plan ahead if you would like to attend serve next summer.

Notes from the October Council meeting:

- The council participated in a time of scripture reading, singing and prayer.
- To further their understanding of CRCNA Church Order, articles 13-14 were read and discussed.
- Plans were reviewed for the upcoming visit by a prospective pastor.
- Cadet counselors were approved for the upcoming year.
- The deacons, elders, and pastors reported on ministry work from this past month.
- This past month, the elders read and discussed a chapter titled “Lead Without Lording” from the book Church Elders. This chapter encouraged the elders to humbly lead Christ’s church as His servants.

Thank you to everyone who offered prayers, thoughts, cards, food, and expressions of sympathy in the loss of our dear mother and grandmother, Anna Marie Hunter. Your kindness is appreciated and will always be remembered.

Love, Sue Prins, Eric & Dionne Prins, and grandchildren

SCHOOL

The Southwest MN Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual Fall Soup and Dessert Supper on Tuesday, November 4 at Southwest Christian High School. Serving time is 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Menu choices include chili, cheesy vegetable, pea and chicken rice soups, BBQ and desserts. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted.

SWC DATES to REMEMBER:

- Saturday, November 15: Donation Sale
- Monday, December 8: 9-12 Christmas Concert
- Monday, December 15: K-8 Christmas Concert

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

MIK+ Post High Young Adult (18-30 year old singles):

- Saturday, Oct 18 (6pm) Bible Study at Inwood Iowa Christian Reformed Church (Ephesians: Your Place in God's Plan by Richard Coekin). NO PREP WORK NECESSARY. We will eat Super Nachos together and then dig into "Ephesians 1:15-23 Praying Bigger Prayers".
- Saturday, Nov 1 (6pm) We will be enjoying a meal together and then "shopping" for our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Location TBD.
- Saturday, Nov 15 (6pm) Bible Study at Inwood Christian Reformed Church (Ephesians: Your Place in God's Plan by Richard Coekin). NO PREP WORK NECESSARY. We will be sharing a Thanksgiving Meal together and then dig into "Ephesians 2 New Life, New People."
- Saturday, Dec 6 (3pm)- Caroling around Edgerton MN. After caroling we will enjoy soup, rolls, and hot chocolate. We will finish our night with a white elephant gift exchange. Updated info will be shared as we get closer to the event.
- For more info and to RSVP for any of these events, contact Lee at 712-470-4244.

All are invited to the 15th annual Gospel Jubilee featuring The Benson Family Singers on Sunday, October 26, 3 PM, at American Reformed Church, Luverne, MN. The Benson Family Singers are a talented family music group from Faribault, Minnesota, known for their unique blend of barbershop, bluegrass, and gospel music featuring a mix of humor and heartfelt messages, aiming to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through their music. Invite your friends and family! Freewill offering will be received.

Hospice of Murray County will hold a bereavement group for adults at the Hospice of Murray County office in Slayton. It is 6 sessions, on Tuesdays from 4 pm-5:30pm. The Winter group will begin on Tuesday, November 11th and continue through Tuesday, December 16th, 2025. There is no cost for the support group as it is sponsored by Hospice of Murray County. Pre-registration is appreciated so materials can be put together. You can pre-register by calling the Hospice office at 507-836-8114 by Friday, November 7. This bereavement group is not just for family members served by hospice, but all adults who have lost a loved one.

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!

As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, World Renew’s Gift Catalog is a meaningful way to share Christ’s love with those in need. From a goat to disaster recovery supplies, each gift brings hope and makes a lasting difference for families around the world. Explore the catalog at www.worldrenew.net/gift-catalog.

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: Clergy Appreciation Month - Ask your family or friends to name one way in which God has deepened your faith through a pastor or ministry leader. Then write a short note or draw a picture for that pastor as a way to say thank-you for their role in your life. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Groundwork: God's Faithfulness from Generation to Generation - Celebrate Groundwork's 15th anniversary and study God's Word together! Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 15, Matthew 26:26-29, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Deuteronomy 8:10-18, Joshua 4:1-9, and John 3:3-8 to explore the biblical foundation for legacies of faith and reflect on how God has remained faithful from generation to generation. 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.

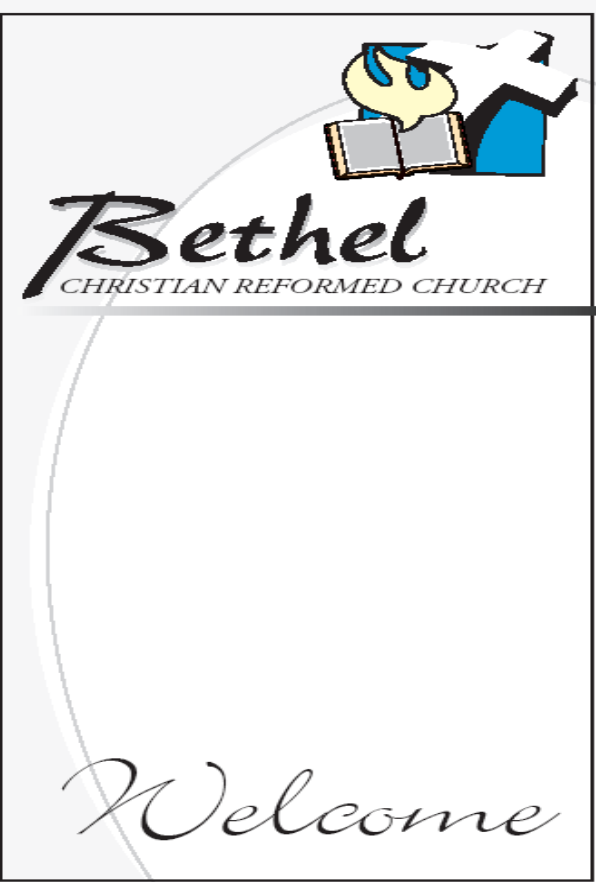
Helpful Information

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
ELDERS:
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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: Kendra Van Hill PM: Linda Vanderaa
Next Week: AM: Koni De Kam PM: Kendra Van Hill
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Wendy Krosschell Next Week: Todd Jasper
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Larissa Caspersen Next Week: Kristi De Boer
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Julie Vander Pol & Sophie/Shelby Van Essen
NURSERY Today: 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
Next Week AM Infant: Abbie Fey, Maggie Caspersen, Amelia Van't Hof
Toddler: LuAnn Spronk, Mason Tinklenberg, Lincoln Van Hill, Jaelyn Krosschell, Maybri Prins
PM: Brevan & Brenna Jasper
USHERS Today: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Ryan Bos
Next Week: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefoort, Mason Van Essen
HOST/HOSTESS Today: : Kendra Kuipers Next Week: Donna Hanenburg
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Seth/Huck Next Week: Derek/Denny
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Walt Next Week: Cal
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Krista Next Week: Kyle
REFRESHMENTS Today: Rose Kroll, Lorna Post, Dionne Prins, Chris & Michelle Moosey
Next Week: Tricia Prins, Heidi Remme, Heather Rieck, Randy & Lisa Pfeifle

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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.