Bethel Christian Reformed Church
October 18, 2026

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 Steve Bussis

Prelude
Welcome
* **Call to worship**
* **God's greeting**
* **We greet each other**
* **Opening songs:** *God, the Uncreated One*
Living Hope
Baptism of Lainey Scholten
Ministry of Music: *Fear Not* ~ Julie Bussis
(Children's sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)
Prayer of God's people
Offering: for Cornerstone Prison Church
(Children's church (ages 3-5) and children's worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
* **Song of preparation:** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
Scripture: Joshua 10:1-15
Message: A MIRACULOUS VICTORY
* **Song of response:** *The Power of the Cross* (1-3)
* **Parting words**
* **Parting song:** *The Power of the Cross* (4)

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Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.
Led by: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

Prelude
Welcome
* **Call to worship**
* **God's greeting**
* **Opening songs:** *O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good* – PsH 187
Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine – PsH 490
Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 54
Song of response: *Church of God, Elect and Glorious*
Prayer
* **Song of preparation:** *I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew* – PsH 498
Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-2
Message: GRACE AND PEACE IN ABUNDANCE
* **Song of response:** *Count Your Blessings*
* **God's blessing to His people**
* **Closing song:** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* – PsH 638
(Your evening offering for Cornerstone Prison Church
can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

Offering Schedule:
October 18: Cornerstone Prison Church
October 25: Growing Hope Globally
November 1: First Fruits for the General Fund

Church Family:

- This Sunday morning we are privileged to witness the baptism of **Lainey Scholten**, daughter of Zach and Shayla Scholten.
- We welcome **Paige Kreun** (and daughter **Layla**) to our congregation as she has transferred her membership to Bethel from Luverne CRC. May the Lord bless **Jacob, Paige, and Layla** as they worship and fellowship with us here at Bethel. They have been put in care group 5.
- Give thanks with **Bob and Stella Menning** that Bob was able to return home without needing any procedure on his heart. The Lord cleared out any blockage that was there! Pray for the Lord's strength as Bob continues to receive physical therapy.
- We wish a very Happy 96th Birthday to **Fran Bouma** on Saturday, October 17, as we praise God for his faithful care for her!

This Week's Activities:

MONDAY:
7:00 pm **Elders Meeting** ..... Council Room
7:00 pm **Deacons Meeting** ..... Deacons Room
7:00 pm **Women's Bible Study** ..... Society Room
TUESDAY:
6:00-7:00am **Men's Bible Study** ..... Society Room
9:00 am **Women's Bible Study** ..... Society Room
SATURDAY:
? am **YPS Rake & Run** ..... meet at church
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

Advance dates:

October 24: YPS Rake & Run (Notice date changed to Saturday)
October 29: Union Gospel Mission Chapel Service, Care Group #7
November 19: Congregational Meeting

Announcements:

CHURCH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Join us as we celebrate and honor Pastor Steve & Julie and Pastor Marlin & Karen for their faithful service, spiritual leadership, and heart for our congregation. You can express your gratitude throughout the month with a thoughtful card, kind note, or token of appreciation. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 25, when we will have a special time of recognition during fellowship time. Baskets will be available for cards and notes. Let's come together to bless those who faithfully shepherd us all year long!

Potluck opportunities: the Bussis family would like to invite families or individuals to join them for potluck meals to be held in the church fellowship hall at approximately 12:00 pm on two Sundays per month. The potlucks are intentionally limited to seven families or individuals so that the Bussis can get to know the congregation in smaller groups. There is a sign-up sheet at the welcome table, and please only sign up for one date to allow everyone to participate.

The Youth Group Rake & Run has been moved to Saturday, October 24. Congregation: If you have been on the list in the past, you will automatically be included again this year. If you haven't had the young people rake for you before and would like to be added to their list, please contact the church office by Thursday, October 22.

The Youth Group will be deciding on Serve and Convention in the next few weeks. The Serve sites are listed on the www.thereforego.com website. Convention is July 12-16 in Spokane, WA. Pastor Steve and Julie are planning on going to Convention. You can see more information at www.reformedyouthservices.org/convention. You can also talk to Pastor Steve or Julie if you have questions about Convention. The youth have been encouraged to attend at least one Serve and one Convention while they are in high school.

Young Couples: all couples engaged or married up to 10 years are welcome to meet at church on Sunday evening, October 25, at 7:30 pm to watch and discuss the first video of a series on marriage. Pastor Steve and Julie will lead the group, and we would love to see you there.

Children of the Promise School Supply Drive: Back in August, a challenge was put before our congregation to help students at Children of the Promise kick off the school year with a goal of sponsoring 40 students with uniforms, books, and supplies. You rose to the challenge in an incredible way! Not only did we meet our goal—**we doubled it!** Thanks to your wonderful generosity, we were able to provide supplies for **80 students**. Thank you for your continued heart for giving and supporting these children!

SCHOOL

You're invited to the All Circles **Fall Soup Supper at Southwest MN Christian High School**! Please join us for warm soups and delicious desserts on November 3 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Circle #11 is launching a brand-new fundraiser, and it's all about Eagle pride. Introducing **Eagle Merch Swap**—your chance to give gently used SWC gear a second life and help support our school at the same time. Clean out those closets and send your Eagle Merch flying our way! We're looking for **SWC merchandise only**—no yearly class shirts, no names on the back, and no holes, tears, or stains. If it's still looking sharp, we'll take it. Donation boxes will be perched in both the elementary and high school offices, ready to collect your pre-loved gear- no later than October 28. Then get excited: you can **shop the refreshed collection** at the **Fall Soup Supper on November 3**. Scoop up some gently used Eagle Merch, show your school spirit, and support Circle 11—all in one swoop.

✨SWC DONATION AUCTION — NOVEMBER 14! ✨
Mark your calendars for a night of **food, fellowship, fun, and supporting Southwest Christian Schools!**
Shine: Together in Faith, Together in Purpose!
We plan to run the auction much like last year, with an **online auction and a combined live auction**. While the format may be the same, **we still need your donations just as much as ever! We are accepting donations NOW!** Please bring your donations to the **Elementary Office by November 4**, or contact the school office by November 4 to **reserve an auction slot for your item**.

We look forward to seeing the wonderful variety of auction items our SWC families and supporters bless us with each year! Your generosity and support make this event possible, and we are so thankful for each of you. We hope you'll mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special night. **We can't wait to see you there!**

IMPORTANT DATES at SWC:
November 3 - Soup Supper - 5:30pm - 7:00pm @ SWC High School gym
November 14 - Annual Fall Auction "Shine Your Light" - Supper starting at 4:30 @ SWC Elementary
December 7 - 9-12 Christmas Concert - 7:00 pm at Bethel CRC
December 14 - K-8 Christmas Concert - 7:00 pm at Elementary gym

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

MIK+ POST HIGH YOUNG ADULTS: All Young Adults (18-30) that are through high school and not married are invited to join this regional group for BIble Study, community service, game nights, meals, and fun nights away. Check us out on the Minnikota Youth (MIK+) Facebook page. We will be starting this school years BIBLE STUDY on Saturday Oct 24 at 6pm in the Inwood IA Christian Reformed Church. We will begin our night with a meal followed by the study of James using the books "Listening For God Through James" Lectio Divina and "James The Relationship Between Faith and Works". We will end our night together with some social time/games. We look forward to seeing you there. Please, RSVP to Pastor Doug & Lee at 712 470 4244 by Oct 21st so we know how much roast/chicken and potatoes/gravy to make.

All are welcome to the **16th Annual Gospel Jubilee** on Sunday, October 25, 3:00 PM at American Reformed Church, 304 N Fairview Drive, Luverne. This year will feature The Garms Family's "Night of Encouragement" blending great music, family banter, honest stories, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Freewill donation will be received.

Prof. Brian Huizinga of the Protestant Reformed Seminary will give the following lecture, '"We Feel it in our Hearts": The Reformed Faith as Experiential,' on Friday October 30, at the Edgerton Protestant Reformed Church beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Ekklesia Prayer Coalition: Everyone is invited to come and take their place in prayer-contending against darkness, standing in truth, praying for righteous leadership and declaring that America will come into alignment with the purposes of God. Come and join 100's of others on Friday night, Oct. 30 from 6:00-8:30 pm at Woodstock Community Church. Questions? Call 507-227-0905.

The Pipestone ATLAS for Life annual Christmas Rummage and Boutique will be held on Saturday, November 14. Please mark your calendars for this day of fun and fundraising!

We need your help! Volunteers In Mercy will be hosting a sit-down Thanksgiving Day dinner starting at 11 AM (November 26) at the Pipestone Christian Reformed Church. Our goal is to bless others in the name of Christ by offering community, friendship, and a welcoming place for anyone who does not have somewhere to go on Thanksgiving. We are looking for volunteers to help in several areas: setting up, food prep, serving, cleanup, etc. Come at whatever time works for you. If you are able to help, please call or text Shelli DeRuyter at 507-820-1425.

Groundwork: The Pain and Struggle of Unanswered Prayer - A listener wrote to us about childlessness and asked us to talk more about unanswered prayer. Join our Groundwork conversation as we honor his request and study Galatians 6:2, Isaiah 55:8-9, Hebrews 2:17-18, and Hebrews 4:15 to bring compassion, awareness, and biblical insight to the tender, often painful experiences and unanswered prayers in our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip: From Psalm 65:8: "The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy." Make this passage your morning and evening prayer this week. During the day, look for God's "wonders" and point them out to the people you share life with. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 2 - 12, 2027) - 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.
Secretary: 442-3063 bethelcrcedgerton@yahoo.com
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WEATHER RELATED SERVICE INFORMATION: KDWC (99.3FM), K101 (101.1FM), KLOH (1050AM), KNWC (96.5FM), KELOLAND TV

ELDERS:
Doug Eisma, VP (CG #6)
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Dennis Kroll (CG #2)
Mark Van Dam, President (Post High)
Rob Van Hill (CG #3)
Ron Vander Lugt (Extended Grief Care)
Jeff De Boer (CG #5)
Todd Jasper (CG #1)
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DEACONS:
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Dylan Walhof (CG #6)
Mike Fenske, Sec. of Deacons (CG #5)
Matt Tinklenberg (CG #3)
Josh Van Essen (CG #7)
Spencer Mesman (CG #4)
Nathan Pfeifle (CG #2)

Our Helpers

PREACHING Today: AM: Pastor Steve Bussis PM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen
Next Week: AM: Pastor Steve Bussis PM: Pastor Steve Bussis
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Lisa Vander Maten
Next Week: AM: Kendra Van Hill PM: Kendra Van Hill
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Wendy Krosschell Next Week: Todd Jasper
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Kristi De Boer Next Week: Katie Van't Hof
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Julie Vander Pol & Sophie/Shelby Van Essen
NURSERY Today:AM Infant: Amy Hanson, Allison Fenske, Malcolm Vander Pol
Toddler: Emily Hanenburg, Jayven Kooiker, Sophie Van Essen, Reuben Vander Pol, Nevaeh Ossefoort
PM: Bonnie De Boer, Amelia Van't Hof
Next Week AM Infant: Lori Fey, Livia Fey, Malcolm Vander Pol
Toddler: Brianna Bridgewater, Xavier Meksavanh, Sadie Fenske, Job Masselink, Remington Hanenburg
PM: Larissa & Maggie Caspersen
USHERS Today: Wyatt Vos, Randy Pfeifle, Ben Hanenburg
Next Week: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Ryan Bos
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Mary Kreun Next Week: Beth Van Dyke
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Derek/Denny Next Week: Justin/Denny
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Arlin Next Week: Jon
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Spencer Next Week: Willem
REFRESHMENTS Today: MaryAnn Spronk, Barb Spronk, Jackie Tinklenberg, Kyle & Lori Fey
Next Week: Tricia Tinklenberg, Marlene Top, Linda Vanderaa, Gene & LouAnn Kuipers

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Children of the Promise – Haiti
Vasya & Maranda Heytsi – Ukraine
B&K – West Asia

Worship Guide and Weekly News

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