

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
October 19, 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: Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)
Confession/assurance of pardon
Men’s Chorus: Victory In Jesus
I Sing the Mighty Power of God
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)
Prayer of God’s people
Offering for Denominational Ministry Shares
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
* Song of preparation: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
Scripture: Matthew 13:31-35
Message: THE DIFFERENCE A GOOD DECISION MAKES
* Song of application: Let This Be My Desire – LUYH 729 (1-4)
* Parting words
* Parting song: Holy, Holy, Holy – Men’s Chorus and congregation

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

- Prelude
Welcome
* Call to Worship
* God’s greeting to his people
* Opening songs: When Morning Gilds the Sky – PsH 438 (1,2,4,5)
This Is My Father’s World – PsH 436 (1-3)
Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 27 & 18
Song of response: Children of the Heavenly Father – PsH 440 (1,2,4)
Prayer
* Song of preparation: God Moves in a Mysterious Way – PsH 434 (1,2,4,5)
Scripture: Acts 17:24-28; Romans 8:38-39
Message: LIVING IN THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD
* Song of response: If You But Trust in God to Guide You – PsH 446 (1-3)
* God’s blessing to his people
* Closing song: All Praise to You, My God, This Night – PsH 441 (1,2,4)
(Your evening offering for Denominational Ministry Shares can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

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

Church Family:

- Elaine Prins began a course of radiation treatment for some cancer spots discovered on her brain. We pray that God will guide the treatment to be effective and bring healing and remission.
Fran Bouma celebrated her 95th birthday on October 17! We thank God for His continued faithfulness and grace in Fran’s life.

This Week’s Activities:

- MONDAY:
7:00 pm Women’s Bible Study Society Room
7:00 pm Elders’ Meeting Council Room
7:00 pm Deacons’ Meeting Deacons’ Room
TUESDAY:
9:00 am Women’s Bible Study Society 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 First 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 Catechism for 9th/10th Grade YPS Room
10:45 am Catechism for 11th/12th Grade Parsonage Basement
6:30 pm Evening Worship Service..... Bethel

STEPHEN MINISTRY:
If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. -James 2:8

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 this Sunday, October 19. Let’s come together to bless and uplift those who bless us all year long!

High School Catechism: 9/10 meet Oct. 19; both 9/10 & 11/12 meet Oct. 26.

Attention K-6th Grade Sunday Schoolers:

- Christmas program practice starts today following the morning service! Please have your children go directly to the front of the sanctuary and sit in the front pews (do not play on the stage).
We will be practicing for our upcoming Christmas program, "The Joy of Christmas" which will be on Sunday, December 7th during the morning service.
Practices will be every Sunday morning with Sunday school to follow. (kids will have time to grab juice/cookie before heading to Sunday school)
If you have any questions, please reach out to Tricia Prins, Kendra Van Hill, or Lisa Van Dyke. Thank you!

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.

Notice the Change of Date! 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, November 1 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 Promises of God based on Deuteronomy 7:9. 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.

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.

Thank you to those who took care of me the afternoon of my incident (especially Renee Krosschell) until the EMTs arrived. Thank you to Pastor Bill and Sandy for your visits. Thank you all for your concern and prayers. I am so thankful to be doing well again! -Audrey Stael

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.

Please join us November 7 & 8 at 7:00 p.m. for the SWC Fall Play: Return of the Script and Fine Arts Night! There are two evenings celebrating creativity and performance. There are no advanced tickets for sale. Tickets will be available at the door the night of the event. Adults \$7 and Students \$5.

- Friday, November 7 – The evening features the production of Return of the Script.
Saturday, November 8 – Enjoy the Den Ouden Readings, student art displays, dessert, the production of Return of the Script, and additional special presentations.

About the Play: Return of the Script --Miss Walters’s orderly life unravels after she makes a simple but serious mistake: forgetting to return a perusal script. Now pursued across planes, trains, and automobiles by two determined agents of the international conglomerate Musical Theater Global—one of whom has the curious ability to converse with birds—Miss Walters must locate and return the script before time runs out. This fast-paced, madcap comedy delivers an unexpected reminder: always read the fine print.

SWC DONATION SALE will be Saturday, November 15. Mark your calendars for a night of food, fellowship, and fun, all while supporting Southwest Christian Schools! Even though we are changing things up a little this year with an online auction and a live auction, we still need your donations just the same as we always have! We are accepting donations for the sale NOW! Please bring your donations to the elementary office by November 5 or contact the school office by November 5 to reserve an auction slot for your item! We look forward to receiving the wonderful variety of auction items you bless us with each year and thank you for your generosity and support! Together in Faith, Together in Purpose.

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

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.

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

- 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.

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 - Disability Awareness Sunday - As you celebrate disability awareness this week, take time to thank God for people with disabilities who are a part of your life and your church family. Praise God for the gifts that each person can share. Pray that everyone in the church and community will notice people with disabilities and work to reduce barriers to their participation. Brainstorm ways in which you can participate in making your church a more inclusive space. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: Following God Fully - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Following God Fully” at www.kidscorner.net. Do you have the courage to stand up for what’s right, even when others don’t? Discover how trusting God like Caleb (Numbers 14:24) can help you follow Him fully—even when it’s hard! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like our video Bible study “God’s Big Story”.

Groundwork: Living Our Faith Legacy - We are part of a communal, generational faith. Join Groundwork as we continue our celebration of Groundwork’s 15th anniversary by studying Hebrews 12:1-2, 2 Timothy 2:1-2, Philippians 2:14-16, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Micah 6:8, Psalm 78:4, and 3 John 4 to explore what that means for how we live now and how we can participate in passing that faith to the next generation. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Job Opening! Missionary Support Specialist - Resonate Global Mission - The successful candidate will coordinate and support the fundraising activities of Resonate missionaries so that missionary support networks are stewarded for effective support raising and ministry impact. This is a binational, full-time, hybrid role, and is designed to fill a Maternity Leave vacancy until November 2026. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

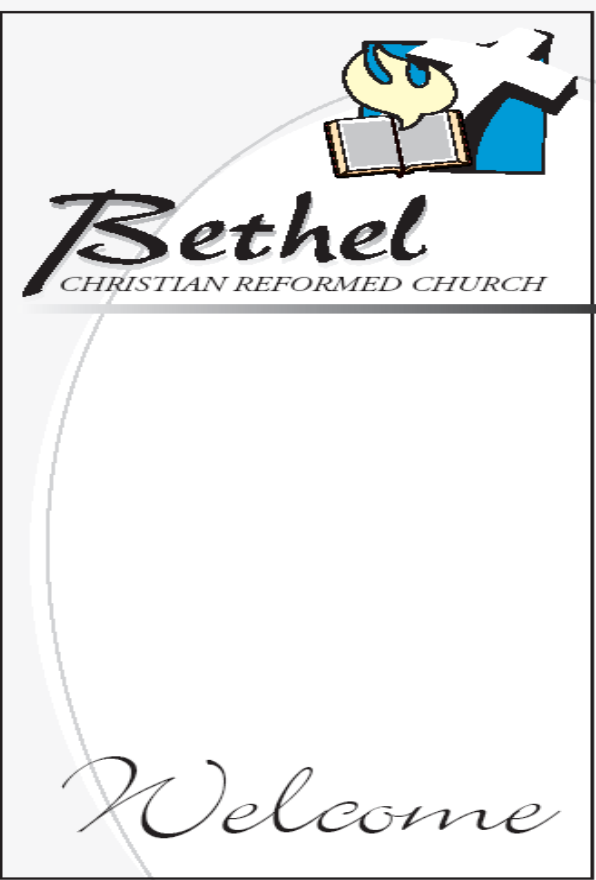
Helpful Information

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 ph: 442-3063 bethelcrccdgerton@yahoo.com
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
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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 Marlin Van Schepen
Next Week: AM: Pastor Bill Vis PM: Pastor Bill Vis
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Koni De Kam PM: Kendra Van Hill
Next Week: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Rachel Prins
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Today: Todd Jasper Next Week: Luke Drooger
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Today: Kristi De Boer Next Week: Janet Walhof
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP Today: Julie Vander Pol & Sophie/Shelby Van Essen
NURSERY Today: 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
Next Week AM Infant: Shayla Scholten, Emam Rylaarsdam, Reuben Vander Pol
Toddler: Lori Fey, Micah Sas, Emma Odland, Sophie Van Essen, Hudson Van Dyke
PM: Vern & Mina Vander Pol
USHERS Today: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefoort, Mason Van Essen
Next Week: Arly Van’t Hof, Greg Dyk, Nick Spronk
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Donna Hanenburg Next Week: Mary Kreun
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Derek/Denny Next Week: Justin/Denny
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Cal Next Week: Brent
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Kyle Next Week: Dan
REFRESHMENTS Today: Tricia Prins, Heidi Remme, Heather Rieck, Randy & Lisa Pfeifle
Next Week: Chanda Rozeboom, Melissa Rylaarsdam, Audrey Stoel, Rob & Kendra Van Hill

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**Worship Guide
and Weekly News**

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