

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
November 2, 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 Steve Bussis

- Prelude
Welcome and announcements
* Call to worship
* God’s greeting
* We greet each other
* Opening songs: Amid the Thronging Worshipers – PsH 239 (1-3)
I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)
Confession/assurance of pardon
Song of response: The Battle and the Blessing
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)
Prayer of God’s people
Offering: First Fruits for the General Fund
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
* Song of preparation: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty – PsH 249 (1-4)
Scripture: Exodus 3
Message: A DIVINE ENCOUNTER
* Song of application: How Great is Our God
* Parting words
* Parting song: How Great Thou Art – PsH 483 (1,4)

Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.
Led by: Pastor Steve Bussis

- Prelude
Welcome
* Call to Worship
* God’s greeting to his people
* Opening songs: Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah! – PsH 146 (1-4)
Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name – PsH 8 (1,2,4)
Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 116 & 117
Song of response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying – PsH 625 (2x)
Prayer
* Song of preparation: What a Friend We Have in Jesus – Praise 412 (1-3)
Scripture: Nehemiah 1
Message: THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER
* Song of response: Nearer, Still Nearer – LUYH 659 (1-3)
* God’s blessing to his people
* Closing song: Nearer, Still Nearer – LUYH 659 (4)
(Your evening offering for the General Fund
can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

- Offering Schedule:
November 2: First Fruits for the General Fund
November 9: Kylee – Central Asia
November 16: Edgerton Food Shelf
Communion Thank Offering: Benevolent Fund
November 23: Hope Haven International

Church Family:

- We extend our sympathy to Kevin & Larissa Caspersen and their family in the passing of Kevin’s mother, Jean Caspersen, this past Tuesday. We pray for comfort and peace during this time of loss.

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
3:30 pm YPS Rake and Run..... meet at Bethel
THURSDAY:
8:15 am Legacy Thrift Store Workday carpool from Bethel
7:00 pm Friendship ClassFirst CRC
NEXT SUNDAY:
8:30 am Prayer Meeting Prayer Room
9:30 am Morning Worship Service.....Bethel
10:45 am Sunday School for grades 2-8Classrooms
10:45 am 11th/12th Grade Catechism Parsonage Basement
6:30 pm Evening Worship Service.....Bethel

Advance Dates:

- November 19: YPS Spaghetti Supper
November 20: Congregational Meeting
November 27: Thanksgiving Day Service

STEPHEN MINISTRY:
Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. -1 John 3:18

Announcements:

CHURCH

This Sunday, November 2, Pastor Steve Bussis will lead our morning and evening services. Following the morning service, we invite the congregation to join us for a POTLUCK LUNCH AT NOON in the fellowship hall. Meat on buns, beverages, plates, and utensils will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. After lunch, there will be a Q&A session with Pastor Steve and his wife Julie. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know them better and hear their heart for ministry. We look forward to seeing you there!

Youth Group Parents: There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome center for Serve. Please sign up your child by November 2 if they plan to go on serve next summer.

YPS Rake & Run: The Youth Group will be doing their annual rake & run on Wednesday, November 5 (weather permitting). 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 November 3. Young People: Meet at church at 3:30 on Wednesday to begin the rake and run. Pizza will be served after.

Bethel’s Workday at Legacy Thrift Store: Join us on Thursday, November 6, 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, Worthington, anytime you’re able.

Don’t spend another Thanksgiving alone. Bethel members are invited to Spronk Bakkerij at noon on Thanksgiving Day to share in a harvest feast with their family. Limited seating. Please RSVP to Nick and Danielle Spronk’s church mailbox, stop in, or call the bakkerij at 507-227-4643. RSVP due by Sunday, November 23rd.

It’s that time of year again, Bethel friends: time to pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! Filling boxes is a great family activity (for grandparents too!) that teaches children about the joy of giving and the importance of sharing the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ with precious boys and girls around the world. You can even find the perfect items for your boxes right here in Edgerton! We have until November 23 to meet our goal of 75 boxes. Can you help with a box or two? Please remember to grab a flyer for each box you take: it has a label that identifies your intended child (boy, girl, age). Don’t worry about including the \$10 shipping fee – we’ll take care of that for you. Kindly place packed shoeboxes on the shelf by the east door. Thank you so much!

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. Freewill 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 Fall Auction is Coming Soon! We’re excited to invite you to a fun evening of fellowship, food, and support for SWC! Our goal this year is to raise \$175,000, and we can’t do it without our wonderful supporters. The online auction featuring a great variety of items to bid on opens on November 10 and concludes after the live auction. Then, join us in person on Friday, November 15:

- 4:00 PM – Online auction item viewing begins
- 4:30–6:15 PM – Enjoy a grilled bacon cheeseburger meal
- 6:30 PM – Live auction begins (combined men’s and women’s auction)
- Final Frenzy! After the live auction ends, you’ll have 10 minutes to check and finalize your online bids before everything closes.

Thank you for helping make this event a success — your generosity truly makes a difference for our school community!

- 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

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Fall Rally will be held on Monday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the party room at Pizza Ranch in Pipestone. Don Parker, co-executive director of MCCL, will be the guest speaker. Don will educate us about what is going on in the state of Minnesota concerning the fight against abortion. Please come to support what MCCL is doing to inform us about this very urgent issue, and please invite your friends.

Edgerton Food Shelf: The Edgerton Food Shelf is seeking donations to support local families. Food and/or personal care items can be put in the Food Shelf box in the east hallway at Bethel or dropped off at First Reformed Church. Items always needed: peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, canned vegetables or fruit, body wash, toilet paper, and detergent. They are also collecting

Thanksgiving items: boxed stuffing, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, and frozen pies by November 12. If you have any questions, please contact Art & Sandy Menning, Shar Miedema, Brenda Kooi, Mary Kreun, or Lisa Pfeifle.

Looking for a meaningful way to help others? United Community Action Partnership has another opportunity for you! Become a volunteer driver and get reimbursed for your miles. Volunteer drivers provide transportation services so people can live as independently as possible and stay active. If you might be interested, give Amanda a call 507-847-2632 ext. 1119 or email communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org.

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

- 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.

ATLAS for Life – Pipestone (101 2nd St. NE) invites you to join us for our annual **Christmas Rummage and Boutique** on Saturday, November 15 from 9:00am-3:00pm. Browse and shop the Christmas rummage items and the Christmas décor boutique, including the highly popular outdoor Christmas planters. Also available to purchase will be fresh caramel rolls (as long as they last) and coffee along with a hot sandwich noon lunch (for \$7.00) - serving starting at 11:30.

There will be a **Red Cross blood drive** at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, November 17 from 12:30 to 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fhuiskens@gmail.com to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. We would like to encourage our younger age people to donate as many of our donors are getting older and are no longer able to donate. Anyone 16 yrs.(with parental consent) or older and in good health is able to donate.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip-World Hunger Sunday-Find time this week to invite some friends and neighbors over for a simple meal. Afterward, donate what you would have spent on an evening out to World Renew’s efforts to help achieve food security around the world (worldrenew.net/world-hunger). Or commit to not eating out for a set number of days and donating the money you save to World Renew.

Kids Corner Devotions: Praying with Our Whole Selves - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Praying with Our Whole Selves” at www.kidscorner.net. There are so many fun and special ways to talk to God—like dancing, clapping, kneeling, or folding your hands. You can worship God with your whole body through quiet prayers, joyful songs, kind actions, and big movements! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC video series, “Kids in Action”, telling stories of kids who serve God right now!

Groundwork: Your Questions about God's Care and the Life of Faith - The life of faith is a journey, and it’s natural to have questions along the way. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 16, Psalm 146:6-9, John 15:1-17, Micah 6:8, John 16:1-4, Luke 13:1-5, and Isaiah 55:8-9 to discover the Bible’s answers to our questions about God’s care for us as individuals, discipleship, suffering, and God’s timing. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

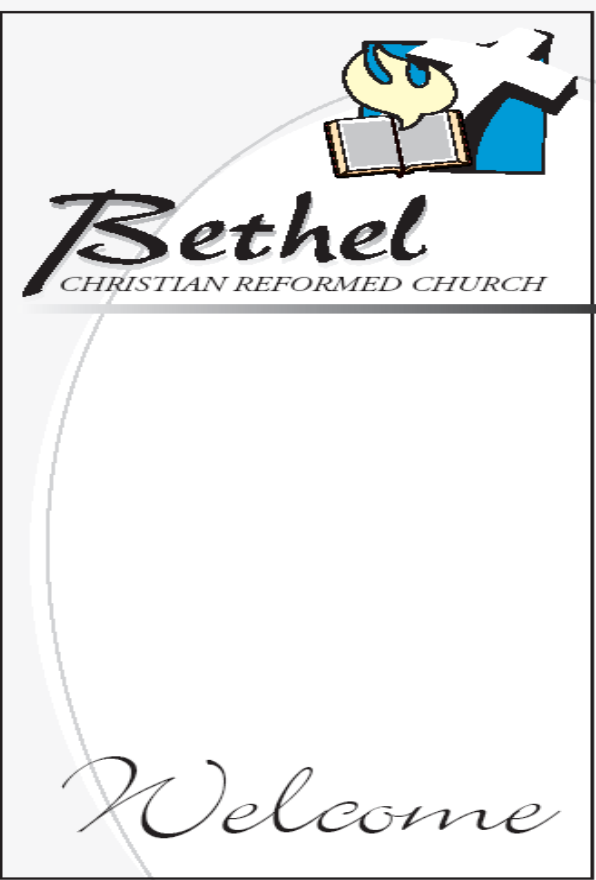
Helpful Information

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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Our Helpers

PREACHING Today: AM: Pastor Steve Bussis PM: Pastor Steve Bussis
Next Week: AM: Pastor Bill Vis PM: Pastor Bill Vis
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Michelle Moosey PM: Michelle Moosey
Next Week: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Lisa Vander Maten
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Today: Matt Vande Kamp Next Week: Linda Vanderaa
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Today: Kendra Kuipers Next Week: Katie Van’t Hof
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP Today: Cal Spronk & Brystol Kooiker
NURSERY Today: AM Infant: Emily Hanenburg, Livia Fey, Brystol Kooiker
Toddler: Amy Hanson, Jonah Uilk, Gentre Kuipers,
Josiah Van Schepen, Ellyse Van Dyke
PM: Shayla Scholten, Amelia Van’t Hof
Next Week AM Infant: Melissa Kooiker, Elliot Vander Pol, Sienne Krosschell
Toddler: Chanda Rozeboom, Silas Van Essen, Hudson Kooiker,
Logan Van Dyke, Kyli Van Stelten
PM: Tom & Arla Bouma
USHERS Today: Connor Van Hill, Jesse Kooiker, Dan Hanson
Next Week: Jon Kroll, Justin Prins, Lloyd Prins
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Vern & Mina Vander Pol Next Week: Karen Van Schepen
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Jonathan Next Week: Seth/Huck
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Arlin Next Week: Jon
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Spencer Next Week: Willem
REFRESHMENTS Today: Linda Spronk, LuAnn Spronk,
MaryAnn Spronk, Jill Talsma
Next Week: Barb Spronk, Jackie Tinklenberg,
Tricia Tinklenberg, 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.