Bethel Christian Reformed Church
November 15, 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:** *Oh How Good It Is*
Christus Victor
Baptism of Penelope Anne Pfeifle
Song of response: *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*
(Children's sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)
Prayer of God's people
Offerings: 1st is for Resonate Global Mission;
2nd is a communion thank offering for the Edgerton Food Shelf
(Children's church (ages 3-5) and children's worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
* **Song of preparation:** *God is Our Refuge and Our Strength* – PsH 46:1,2,3,5
Scripture: Joshua 20
Message: CITIES OF REFUGE
Communion
Passing of Bread: *Keep the Feast* – Ministry of Music
Passing of Juice: *Turn Your Eyes*
* **Song of application:** *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death* (1-2)
* **Parting words**
* **Doxology:** *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death* (3)

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

Prelude
Welcome
* **Call to worship**
* **God's greeting**
* **Opening songs:** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* – PsH 249:1,3,4
Grace Greater Than Our Sin – Praise 297:1,2,4
Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 18 & 19
Song of response: *Jesus Loves Me* – PsH 571
Prayer
* **Song of preparation***: Just As I Am, Without One Plea* – PsH 263
Scripture: Micah 1
Message: CUTTING TO THE CHASE
* **Song of response:** *One Day!* – Praise 167:1,2,4
* **God's blessing to His people**
* **Doxology:** *One Day!* – Praise 167:5
(Your evening offering for Resonate Global Mission
can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

Offering Schedule:
November 15: Resonate Global Mission; Communion Thank Offering: Food Shelf
November 22: Life Wise Academy
Thanksgiving Day: Union Gospel Mission

Church Family:

- This Sunday morning we are privileged to witness the baptism of **Penelope Pfeifle**, daughter of **Nate and Emma Pfeifle.**
- Give thanks for successful hip replacement surgery for **Todd Jasper** this past Wednesday, and pray for the Lord to give Todd healing in recovery.

This Week's Activities:

MONDAY:
7:00 pm **Women's Bible Study** ..... Society Room
7:00 pm **Deacons Meeting** ..... Deacons Room
TUESDAY:
6:00-7:00am **Men's Bible Study** ..... Society Room
9:00 am **Women's Bible Study** ..... Society Room
WEDNESDAY:
9:30 am **Coffee Break/Story Hour** ..... First CRC
THURSDAY:
7:00 pm **Congregational Meeting** ..... Sanctuary
8:?? pm **Elders Meeting** ..... Council Room
NEXT SUNDAY:
8:30 am **Prayer Meeting** ..... Prayer Room
9:30 am **Morning Worship Service** ..... Bethel
10:45 am **Christmas Program Practice** ..... Sanctuary
6:30 pm **Evening Worship Service** ..... Bethel

Advance dates:

November 26: Thanksgiving Day Service (9:30am)
December 2: Youth Group Spaghetti Supper
December 6: Christmas Program (AM Service)

Announcements:

CHURCH

This morning we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Holly Raak will be giving a brief presentation about Life Wise Academy immediately after the morning worship service today before we receive an offering for that organization next Sunday, November 22.

Next Sunday evening (Nov. 22) Young Couples will meet at 7:30 pm to watch and discuss the next section of The Necessary Nine. Books are available for you to take at the welcome table. Also, if you would like childcare during the meeting, please let Pastor Steve or Julie know as some congregation members have offered to provide such care. If you did not attend last session, you are welcome to join us for this meeting.

The Youth Group is looking for a few more prayer warriors. If you would like to be a prayer warrior for one of our high schoolers, please talk to Jonathan or Darci.

All are welcome to our Thanksgiving worship service on Thursday, November 26 at 9:30 am. You are welcome to share things for which you are thankful by writing on Thanksgiving banners that are on the wall in the fellowship hall. The banners will be up this Sunday and stay there until Thanksgiving.

College Care Packages: The Enfolding Ministry is again providing care packages for our 40 (yes, 40!) college age single young adults! We encourage you to check out the table in the narthex, and drop off items, as well as fill out a personal card or two for them! Some ideas: candy bars, snacks, gum, microwave Mac and cheese or popcorn, gift cards for coffee, dried fruit, etc. Deadline for items is Sunday, Nov 22. Questions? Contact Michelle Moosey (351-9562) or Lisa Vander Maten (227-0270).

Bethel CRC's annual congregational meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7:00pm. The following men have been nominated for the office of Elder: Elliot De Jongh, Eric Sas, Huck Tinklenberg, Terry Tinklenberg, Jarrod Uilk, Arlin Van't Hof, and Jon Walhof. The following men have been nominated for the office of Deacon: Ben Hanenburg, Andy Kooiker, Justin Prins, Travis Rieck, Mason Van Essen, Damon Vander Maten, Levi Vander Woude, and Bryce Veldkamp. Absentee ballots are available from the church office.

Don't Spend Thanksgiving Alone! Bethel members are warmly invited to join Nick and Danielle Spronk and family for a Thanksgiving harvest feast at Spronk Bakkerij on Thanksgiving Day at 12:00 PM. Seating is limited. Please RSVP by Sunday, November 22. Drop a note in Nick & Danielle's church mailbox, stop by the bakkerij, or call 507-227-4643.

Friends at Bethel: Each Operation Christmas Child shoebox you pack helps a local church around the world tell a child about Jesus, God's Greatest Gift. Many of them will grow in their faith and learn to tell friends and family about Him, all because of a small shoebox they received from a stranger. Can you be part of the Samaritan's Purse initiative to "proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15)? Or, if you prefer to have someone else pack a box for you, their staff can help you out through their Build a Shoebox Online (samaritanpurse.org/buildonline). Please place packed shoeboxes on the shelf by the east door on by next Sunday, November 22. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, and food following Del's knee replacement surgery, as well as the expressions of sympathy in the passing of Del's sister, Karon Blom. Special thanks to Pastors Steve and Marlin for their care and concern.
— Del & Faye Hulstein

SCHOOL

Piano Showcase Recital: Southwest MN Christian Schools is rejoicing in our gift of a new grand piano for our music department and have been anxiously waiting for an opportunity to show it off! Join local musicians of all ages to celebrate our new piano on Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 PM in the High School Music Room for a recital in thanksgiving of our new gift! The recital will feature piano solos, duets, and instrumental collaborations including violin solos and a brass quintet. Come rejoice in thanksgiving with us through a special evening of instrumental music!

THE CHRISTMAS CUT OUT COOKIES ARE ALMOST HERE! By popular demand, again offered for sale by Circle #14: Frozen Christmas cookie cutouts, ready for you to bake and decorate! Please note: these will be first come, first serve, and you must pay when you pick up the cookies! $15/2 dozen, $25/4 dozen. Ready for pay and pickup at the SWC high school cafeteria on these dates: Saturday, November 21 from 9:00-11:00 am, and Thursday, December 3 from 4:00-6:00 pm. We will also have our homemade vanilla out for sale at these times for $20! Questions: Michelle Moosey 507-351-9562

IMPORTANT DATES at SWC:
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

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Fall Rally will be held Monday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Pipestone, Mn. (108 W. Main St.). Cathy Blaeser, co-executive director of MCCL, from St. Paul, will share about what the November 3rd election results will mean for Minnesota & how to move forward, plus other important issues.

There will be a **Red Cross blood drive** at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, November 16 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Every 2 seconds someone/somewhere in the U.S.A. needs blood. Only 2% of Americans donate blood. If you are 16 years (with parental consent) or older and in good health, you are able to donate.

MIK+ POST HIGH YOUNG ADULTS (SINGLES 18-30 YEARS): We will be meeting for our next Bible Study on Saturday, November 21 (6pm) at the Inwood IA CRC. Use the middle door in front of the church (it's a single door). We will continue our study from the book James. We have the books and there is no prep work needed to attend. We will also be sharing a "Friendsgiving Meal" together. Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, and drinks will be provided. Each of the Young Adults are

asked to bring a side dish, dessert, or bread/rolls to share...the challenge is to bring something that begins with the first letter of your first name. However, any yummy thanksgiving side dish will be welcome! In order for everyone to know how much food to bring we need to have your RSVP TO PASTOR DOUG & LEE @ 712 470 4244 BY NOVEMBER 18 at 6pm. Bring a friend to our Friendsgiving!

Edgerton Food Shelf: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" Philippians 4:4 - The Edgerton Food Shelf continues to bless around 100–140 individuals each month, serving families on the third Saturday morning at First Reformed Church. Along with our regular distribution of canned goods, peanut butter, jelly, applesauce, hamburger, cereal, milk, bread, margarine, mac & cheese, and toilet paper, we will also be providing turkeys on Saturday, November 21, and hams on Saturday, December 19, to help families during the holiday season. If you know of someone who could benefit from this ministry, please contact Shar Miedema (507) 820-0225, Brenda Kooi (507) 227-5174 or Sandy Menning (507) 215-4030.

Update on the Volunteers In Mercy Community Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 26) dinner at the Pipestone Christian Reformed Church: If you are able to help, or have volunteered to help, here are the details: We will be serving from 11 AM to 1 PM. 9:00 AM – Food helpers should report, as well as pie cutters. 10:45 AM – Servers, hosts/hostesses, and table "refillers" should report. 12:30-1 PM: Clean-up crew should report. All volunteers should enter through the east side kitchen door as the glass entry doors will be locked until 11 AM. Look for a sign on the door. Please send a text message to Shelli DeRuyter at 507-820-1425 and let her know the time you can arrive and the position you would like to fill (for example: Jane Doe can serve mashed potatoes from 11-12:30). Thank you for your help!

Hospice of Murray County will be offering a six-session bereavement support group for adults at the Hospice of Murray County Office in Slayton. The group will meet on Thursdays beginning January 7, 2027 and continuing through February 11, 2027 from 4-5:30 p.m. There is no cost to participate. Pre-registration is appreciated so that materials can be prepared in advance. To register, please call the Hospice office at 507-836-8114 by Monday, January 4, 2027.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip: The Faith5 framework is a simple five-step faith formation practice that your family or household can do together. First, share your highs and lows of the day. Then read a Bible verse or story together. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows, pray for one another's highs and lows, and bless one another. Try this practice with your family, spouse, or roommates this week. Check out Faith5.org for more. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: What Does It Mean to be Holy? - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "What Does It Mean to be Holy?" at www.kidscorner.net. This week, we talk about how holiness is God's amazing gift to help us shine God's light wherever we go. We don't have to be perfect to be holy. We just have to keep trying, loving, and trusting God. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app

Groundwork: Prayer and Human Need - Jesus teaches and invites us to pray about our needs, to ask God for healing, protection, or provision. But what happens when an answer doesn't come? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Matthew 6:5-8; Matthew 7:7-12; Mark 11:22-25; 2 Kings 19:14-16, 19; and 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 to explore what Scripture teaches about praying for our human needs and why we can approach God with honesty, confidence, and trust. 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.
Secretary: 442-3063 bethelcrcedgerton@yahoo.com
Announcements need to be in by Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
JANITOR: Marv 507-215-7464; Kendra 507-227-0488; mkuipers0809@gmail.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)
Greg Hanenburg (CG #4)
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)
Jess Van Dyke, Clerk (CG #7)

DEACONS:
Ryan Bridgewater (CG #1)
Kyle Fey, President of Deacons
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 Steve Bussis
Next Week: AM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen PM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Linda Vanderaa
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: Carissa Odland Next Week: Karen Dyk
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Cal Spronk & Brystol Kooiker
NURSERY Today:AM Infant: Rose Kroll, Emma Rylaarsdam, Porter Van Dyke
Toddler: Nicole Fey, Levi Van Essen, Brystol Kooiker, Brooks Fey, Hudson Van Dyke
PM: Greg & Karen Dyk
Next Week AM Infant: Shayla Scholten, Shelby Van Essen, Creighton Rozeboom
Toddler: Chanda Rozeboom, Alexa DeBoer, Logan Van Dyke, Kylen Bos, Palmer Meksavanh
PM: Vern & Mina Vander Pol
USHERS Today: Connor Van Hill, Jesse Kooiker, Dan Hanson
Next Week: Jon Kroll, Justin Prins, Lloyd Prins
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Kendra Kuipers Next Week: Donna Hanenburg
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Derek/Denny Next Week: Justin/Denny
VIDEO CAMERA Today: AJ Next Week: Arlin
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Dan Next Week: Spencer
REFRESHMENTS Today: Beth Van Dyke, Darci Van Dyke, Lois Van Dyke, Chris & Michelle Moosey
Next Week: Michelle Van Essen, Fay Van Essen, Kimber Van Essen, Rob & Kendra Van Hill

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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.