

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
November 16, 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 Marlin Van Schepen

- Prelude
Welcome and announcements
* Call to worship
* God’s greeting
* We greet each other
* Opening song: Behold Our God
Baptism of Maddox and Aubrey Vande Kamp
Song of response: The God We Love
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)
Prayer of God’s people
Offering: 1st is for the Edgerton Food Shelf,
2nd is a communion thank offering for the Benevolent Fund
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
* Song of preparation: My Worth is Not in What I Own
Scripture: Mark 10:35-45
Message: WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?
* Song of application: Take My Life
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
During the passing of the bread – Blessed Redeemer sung by Danielle Spronk
During the passing of the juice – Man of Sorrows – PsH 482 (1-4)
* Parting words
* Parting song: Man of Sorrows – PsH 482 (5)

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: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet – PsH 569 (1-2)
My God, How Wonderful You Are – PsH 499 (1-4)
Responsive reading from Psalm 145
Song of response: We Will Extol You, God and King – LUYH 562 (1,2,4)
Prayer
* Song of preparation: Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds – PsH 585 (1-2)
Scripture: Joshua 4:1-5:15
Message: SEEING THE FUTURE IN THE PAST
* Song of response: Tell Your Children – PsH 588 (1-3)
* God’s blessing to his people
* Closing song: My God, How Wonderful You Are – PsH 499 (5)
(Your evening offering for the Edgerton Food Shelf can be put in the offering bags at the sanctuary doors.)

Offering Schedule:
November 23: Hope Haven International
November 30: Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund

Church Family:

- This Sunday morning, we have the joy of witnessing the baptism of Maddox and Aubrey Vande Kamp, twins of Matt & Kayla Vande Kamp. Next Sunday, Lord willing, Tyson Brands, son of AJ & Mary Brands will be baptized. We give thanks to God for the gift of these new lives and for the promise of His grace.

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
5:30-7:00pm YPS Spaghetti Supper.....Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Friendship First CRC
THURSDAY:
7:00 pm Congregational Meeting Sanctuary
Elders Meeting..... Council Room
NEXT SUNDAY:
8:30 am Prayer Meeting Prayer Room
9:30 am Morning Worship Service..... Bethel
10:45 am 9th/10th & 11th/12th Grade Catechism YPS Room/Parsonage
6:30 pm Evening Worship Service..... Bethel

Advance Dates:

November 27: Thanksgiving Day Service
December 8: Christmas Program, 9:30AM
December 21: YPS Candlelight Service, 6:30PM

STEPHEN MINISTRY:
Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
-1 John 4:7

Announcements:

CHURCH

Luke Russell, Director of Hope Haven International, will be speaking to our congregation during the offering this Sunday morning.
9th & 10th grade catechism meets today in the YPS Room.
Choir will practice about 11:15 (after the kids are done with program practice).
Christmas Program Practice & Schedule: Grades 2–8 will not have Sunday School November 16, 23, and 30 due to Christmas Program practice during Sunday School time. The Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 7, during the morning service. Sunday School classes will pause for the holiday season and resume on January 4.
Upon the recommendation of the search committee, council is presenting Pastor Steve Bussis for consideration of a call to be pastor of Bethel CRC. The congregational vote will take place after the morning service on Sunday, November 23. Absentee ballots are available from the church office and should be returned in a signed and sealed envelope.
Join us for the Youth Group’s Annual Spaghetti Supper on Wednesday, November 19, served from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Enjoy a delicious meal of spaghetti, lettuce salad, dinner rolls, and beverages—followed by ice cream with toppings! This event is a freewill donation fundraiser, with all proceeds supporting upcoming SERVE mission trips. Next summer, 36 of our young people plan on going on SERVE trips! Your support is greatly appreciated!

College Care Packages: The Enfolding Ministry invites the congregation to help fill care packages for our 34 college-age single adults. Help us show them love and support by donating snacks, small gifts (no liquids), or personal notes. Donated items are welcomed through November 21. Please keep these young adults in your prayers. Any questions, call Lisa Vander Maten (227-0270) or Jill Talsma (227-7618).

Bethel CRC’s annual congregational meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20, at 7:00pm. At the congregational meeting, we will vote on the proposed budget and new elders and deacons will be selected. All professing members are given the opportunity to vote on the names presented. Professing members will vote in favor of all names they believe are qualified to serve. If you believe all nominees are qualified, you may vote for all of the names on the list. Names must receive more than 50% congregational approval to be eligible for the final selection, which is done by lot. This year, two (2) deacons and three (3) elders will be selected to replace the outgoing council members. Those nominated for the office of Elder: Jeff De Boer, Marv Kuipers, Todd Jasper, Huck Tinklenberg, Jarrod Uilk, and Jess Van Dyke. Those nominated for the office of Deacon: Elliot De Jongh, Spencer Mesman, Nate Pfeifle, Travis Rieck, Dustin Schuld, Mason Van Essen, Devin Van’t Hof, and Dan Walhof. Absentee ballots are available from the church office.

Notes from the November council meeting:

- The council participated in a time of scripture reading, prayer and singing.
- The deacons presented a proposed church budget for 2026.
- To increase their knowledge of church order, the council discussed articles 15-17 of the CRCNA church order.
- Agenda items for the upcoming congregational meeting were reviewed.
- The council discussed the benefits of having some congregational members, namely ushers, participate in a form of intruder training.
- Ministry reports were given by the deacons, elders, Pastor Bill and Pastor Marlin.
- To oversee the doctrine of our youth, the elders have begun visiting church education programs such as Sunday school.

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.

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 by next Sunday, November 23. Thank you!

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, December 13 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 Miracles of Jesus based on Isaiah 7:14. 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.

Thank you all for the prayers before, during and after Bob’s surgery. We are praising God that he is doing well and are thankful for the Bethel community.
-Bob & Stella Menning

Children of the Promise is excited to share the news of their latest initiative, Amplify: Haiti. Amplify: Haiti is a multi-phase initiative kicking off with a capital campaign raising funds to construct a new primary school, followed by campus renovations to build new partnerships. The completion of this campaign means more than just new and updated buildings, it's about creating sustainable solutions that lead

towards deeper investments in programs serving those most vulnerable to family separation, especially families of children with special needs. This vision is leading us into 2026 with anticipation, hope, and growth. To learn more, donate or watch the Vision Video go to: www.childrenofthepromise.org/amplifyhaiti or contact Jenna Thorson at jthorson@childrenofthepromise.org

SCHOOL

SWC DATES to REMEMBER:

Monday, December 8: 9-12 Christmas Concert
Monday, December 15: K-8 Christmas Concert

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

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.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip- Chaplaincy Sunday - Chaplains bring the presence of Christ into places where people are hurting, searching, or far from home—like hospitals, prisons, schools, and military bases. This week pray for chaplains who walk alongside others in difficult moments. Talk with your family or friends about how you can be a caring presence in your own daily spaces—just as a chaplain reflects God’s love wherever they are. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: Courage to Face the Giants - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Courage to Face the Giants” at www.kidscorner.net. Ever felt scared to try something new or face something big? You’re not alone—and just like David faced Goliath, you can be brave because God is with you! 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: Blessed are....the Poor in Spirit, those Who Mourn, the Meek, and those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness - The Beatitudes have provided generations of Christians comfort, guidance, and strength for their faith. Join Groundwork as we study the first four of Jesus’ Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-6 to gain a deeper understanding of each condition and discover how they exemplify ideal discipleship. GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Give to Your Church with a Donor Advised Fund - You can give cash and other non-cash assets into a single fund and then choose when and how to recommend grants to your church, CRC Ministries, and other causes you support with a Donor Advised Fund set up by your financial advisor or bank. Learn more at crcna.org/heritagefund or call Josh Remer, CRCNA Planned Giving Advisor at 616-223-5885.

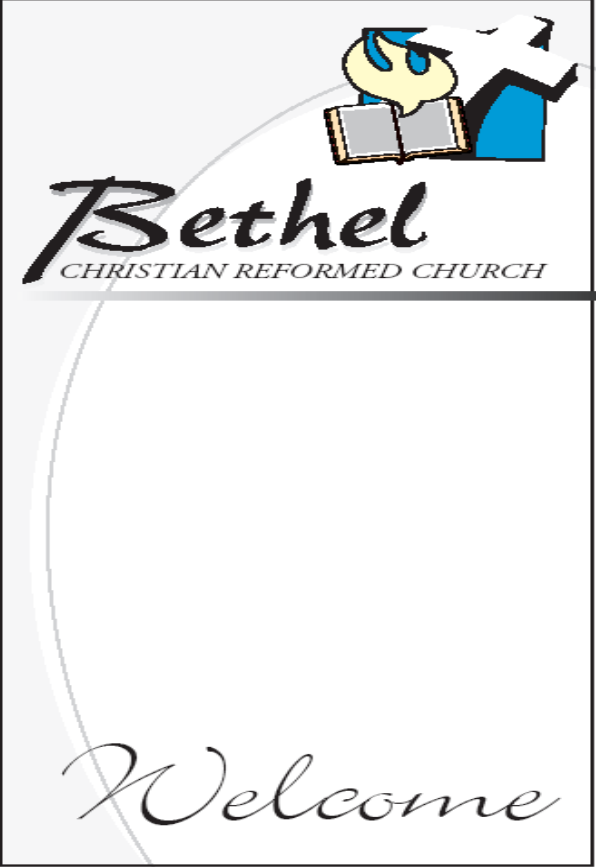
Helpful Information

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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WEATHER RELATED SERVICE INFORMATION: KDWC (99.3FM), K101 (101.1FM), KLOH (1050AM), KNWC (96.5FM), KELOLAND TV
ELDERS:
Leland Vanderaa, President
Tim Van Dyke, Vice President (CG #1)
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Ryan Bridgewater (CG #1)
Kyle Fey, Secretary of Deacons (CG #4)
Dylan Walhof (CG 6)
Mike Fenske (CG #5)
Matt Tinklenberg (CG #3)
Josh Van Essen (CG #7)

Our Helpers

PREACHING Today: AM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen PM: Pastor Bill Vis
Next Week: AM: Pastor Bill Vis PM: Pastor Bill Vis
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Kendra Van Hill PM: Kendra Van Hill
Next Week: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Linda Vanderaa
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Today: Greg Dyk Next Week: Cal Spronk
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Today: Bonnie De Boer Next Week: Carissa Odland
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP Today: Cal Spronk & Brystol Kooiker
NURSERY Today: AM Infant: Kristi De Boer, Nyah Remme, Sierra Van Dyke
Toddler: Liz De Jongh, Addison Van Hill, Asher Meksavanh,
Dylan Brands, Kylen Bos
PM: Devin & Katie Van’t Hof
Next Week AM Infant: Brandi Fenske, Josiah Pap, Nevaeh Ossefoort
Toddler: Nicole Fey, Jayven Kooiker, Eva De Jongh,
Carsten Schuld, Job Masselink
PM: Larissa & Maggie Caspersen
USHERS Today: Wyatt Vos, Randy Pfeifle, Ben Hanenburg
Next Week: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Ryan Bos
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Kendra Kuipers Next Week: Donna Hanenburg
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Derek/Denny Next Week: Justin/Denny
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Walt Next Week: Cal
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Krista Next Week: Kyle
REFRESHMENTS Today: Marlene Top, Linda Vanderaa,
Shirley Vanderby, Kyle & Lori Fey
Next Week: Ronica Vanderby, Kathy Vander Lugt,
Mina Vander Pol, Gene & LouAnn Kuipers

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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.