

Bethel Christian Reformed Church  
Edgerton, Minnesota  
December 2, 2018

Welcome to Bethel! With the busyness of the holidays upon us, we are thankful to come together on this first Sunday of **Advent** in order to pray, worship, and reflect on Christ, the true reason behind the holiday season. Please join us after the morning service for refreshments served in the fellowship hall.

**Morning Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.**

Led by: Pastor Brian Kornelis

**Prelude**

**Welcome and announcements**

**Call to worship**

\* **God's greeting**

\* **We greet each other**

\* **Opening song:** *By Faith*

**Advent reading:** Psalm 25:1-7; Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Song of response:** *Noel* sung by Katie Miller and Madelyn Rozeboom  
(Children's sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room)

**Prayer of God's people**

**Offering** – for First Fruits

(Children's church (ages 3-5) and worship (grades K-1) dismissed)

\* **Song of preparation:** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* – PsH 329

**Scripture:** Luke 1:1-25

**Message:** GOD IS AT WORK

\* **Song of response:** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* (1,3)

\* **Parting words**

\* **Parting song:** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* (5)

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**Church Family:**

- **Ron Hulstein** had successful back surgery Wednesday. Everything went well and he is already experiencing great relief. Please pray for the recovery process.
- **Harlan Spronk** did another round of radiation this week. Please pray that this treatment would have the intended effect.

*Helpful Information*

**NURSERY:** available for infants and toddlers on lower level  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH & WORSHIP (AM):** ages 3-1<sup>st</sup> grade are dismissed to their classes downstairs after the offertory  
**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 & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Secretary ph: 442-3063 [bethelcrdgedgerton@yahoo.com](mailto:bethelcrdgedgerton@yahoo.com)  
Announcements need to be in by Thursday, 10:00 a.m.  
**JANITOR:** Jack: 507-227-2621; DaVonn: 507-227-4218 [jacktink@iw.net](mailto:jacktink@iw.net)  
**PASTOR:** Brian, 559-909-1546, [brian.kornelis@gmail.com](mailto:brian.kornelis@gmail.com)  
**ASSISTANT PASTOR:** Marlin, home: 442-3076; cell: 507-920-5977 [mvsdvm@iw.net](mailto:mvsdvm@iw.net)  
**WEATHER RELATED SERVICE INFORMATION:** K101 (101.1FM), KLOH (1050AM), KNWC (96.5FM), KELOLAND TV

*Our Helpers*

**PREACHING** Today: AM: Pastor Brian Kornelis PM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen  
Next Week: AM: Pastor Brian Kornelis PM: Pastor Brian Kornelis  
**ACCOMPANIST** Today: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Linda Vanderaa  
Next Week: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Rachel Prins  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Today: Denise Nerem Next week: Cal Spronk  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** Today: Melissa Kooiker Next week: Bonnie De Boer  
**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** Today: Bonnie De Boer & Wyatt Vos  
**NURSERY** Today: AM – Infant – Tricia Tinklenberg, Dionne Prins, Tytus Vander Pol  
Toddler – Kristi Eshuis, Kendra Kuipers, Hannah Nerem,  
Connor Van Hill, Elizabeth Tinklenberg  
PM – Jess & Darci Van Dyke  
Next week: AM – Infant – Michelle Van Essen, Lois Van Dyke, Hannah Caspersen  
Toddler – Roxi Smidt, Larissa Caspersen, Taylor Dunn, Gordon Dyk, Jacob Raak  
PM – Jon & Janet Walhof  
**LIBRARY** Today: AM – Edith & Marcia PM – Marilyn & Evie  
Next week: AM – Esther & Ruth PM – Mayme & Fran  
**USHERS** This week: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Dean Van Hulzen  
Next week: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefoort, Alex Spronk  
**GREETERS** Today: Art & Mayme Spronk Next week: Marv & Kendra Kuipers  
**HOST/HOSTESS** Today: Don & Jolene Walhof Next week: Arwin & LuAnn Spronk  
**SOUND SYSTEM** This week: Harley Next week: Denny  
**VIDEO CAMERA** This week: Del Next week: Arlin  
**MULTI-MEDIA** This week: Krista Next week: Isaac  
**REFRESHMENTS** Today – Tricia Veldkamp, Arla Bouma, Amber Vos, Todd & Krista Jasper  
Next Week – Connie Vreeman, Edith Walhof, Janet Walhof, Kendra Kuipers

**Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel** - March 11-22, 2019. Experience a renewal of your faith and a deeper understanding of the Bible as you tour biblical lands with Pastor Peter Tuininga and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See Jerusalem, Galilee, Jericho, and other biblical places that will help the Bible come alive for you. For information go to [toursofisrael.wordpress.com](http://toursofisrael.wordpress.com) or contact Peter Tuininga at 1-289-877-8433 or [peter.tuininga@gmail.com](mailto:peter.tuininga@gmail.com). Register by December 15, 2018.

**Israel & Jordan Study Tour (Oct 10-22, 2019)** - Travel to sites connected with Jesus' life and the early church: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, the major biblical places in Jerusalem, Masada and much more. This tour also uniquely involves key biblical sites in Jordan, including the amazing city of Petra. Contact Dr. Jeff Weima at [wemje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:wemje@calvinseminary.edu) or 616-328-3110.

**Is your Heart Ready?** - Advent starts today. Is your heart ready? Celebrating Christmas isn't a day, it's a season. Orient your Christmas season with Advent devotions from World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting tomorrow, Dec. 3. This year's devotional series titled Holy Impatience will explore doing justice in a world that belongs to God, a world where so many people are marginalized and oppressed, with a holy impatience both celebrating glimpses of the kingdom and eagerly yearning for what is to come. To sign up, go to [crcna.org/advent](http://crcna.org/advent).

Please see the bulletin board in the east hallway near the church office for more weekly announcements from the Christian Reformed Church ministries.

**Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.**

Led by: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

**Welcome**

- \* **God's greeting to his people**
- \* **Opening songs:** *Lord of All Hopefulness* – PsH 558 (1-3)  
*Like a River Glorious* – PsH 560 (1-2)
- Responsive reading:** Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 1
- Song of response:** *God Will Take Care of You* – Praise 358 (1,3,4)
- Prayer**
- \* **Song of preparation:** *Lord, I Gladly Trust*
- Scripture:** Psalm 25
- Message:** IN YOU, LORD MY GOD, I PUT MY TRUST
- \* **Song of response:** *Jesus, the Very Thought of You* – PsH 48 (1-4)
- \* **God's blessing to his people**
- \* **Closing song:** *Lord of All Hopefulness* – PsH 558 (4)

(Your evening offering for First Fruits can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors as you exit.)

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***This Week's Activities:***

**MONDAY:**

7:00 pm **ECES K-8 Christmas Program** ..... ECES Gym  
**Council Meeting** ..... Council Room

**TUESDAY:**

8:15 am **Bibles for Missions Thrift Store Work Day** ..... meet at Bethel

**WEDNESDAY:**

9:30 am **Coffee Break/Story Hour** ..... First CRC  
7:00 pm **YPS Candlelight Service Practice** ..... Bethel

**THURSDAY:**

6:30 pm **Union Gospel Mission Service Carpool** ..... meet at Bethel  
7:00 pm **Friendship** ..... First CRC

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

6:30 am **Prayer time** ..... Prayer Room  
8:30 am **Prayer time** ..... Prayer Room  
9:30 am **Morning Worship Service** ..... Bethel  
10:45 am **Christmas Program Practice** (grades K-6) ..... Sanctuary  
6:30 pm **Evening Worship Service** ..... Bethel

**Offering Schedule:**

December 9: World Renew

December 16: Children of the Promise

**Stewardship verse:**

He who gives to the poor lacks nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.  
-Proverbs 28:27

**Announcements:****CHURCH**

**No Sunday School classes** today. Classes resume January 6.

**The council meeting Monday evening** will start as soon as possible after the grade school program. All newly elected office bearers are expected to attend to elect new council officers.

**Full Christmas program practice** on December 2 and 9 immediately following the morning service. Practice may last until 12:00 or 12:15 pm so please plan accordingly. We ask for a little extra time for these rehearsals so that we don't have to have a Saturday run through.

**Classical Higher Education Assistance Grant:** A portion of the Classis Minnesota ministry share for Christian Higher Education received during the previous year is awarded in February to Christian college students in the form of scholarship grants. Any students attending a CRC-endorsed Christian college this 2018-2019 school year who completes an application form by the December 31 deadline is eligible. Contact Janet Walhof for an application.

**SCHOOL**

**“Come On Ring Those Bells - Jesus Christ is KING!”** Edgerton Christian Elementary School invites you to their K-8 Christmas Program **tomorrow evening, Monday, December 3rd** at 7:00 p.m. The students have been hard at work on vocal and instrumental Christmas music they have prepared especially for you! Join us as we joyfully celebrate the birth of our Savior!

**SW BURGER FEED:** Join SW Circle #5 for a Burger Feed at the home Boys Basketball game against Pipestone on Tuesday, December 4. Serving time is 5-7:30 pm at Southwest MN Christian High School. Meal of burger, chips, homemade bar, and drink will be \$6.00. Items may also be purchased separately.

**Southwest MN High School Christmas Music Program:**

Gaudete! Gaudete! Rejoice! Rejoice! Our Savior is born! The bands and choirs at SWC are excited to present their Christmas Concert "Gaudete!" on Monday, December 10th at 7:00 pm. The concert will be held at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Edgerton. All the ensembles will perform including, Chamber Choir, Eagle Choir, One Accord, Bel Canto, and the Concert Band. We are especially excited to reintroduce the Jazz Band back into the concert line-up! Come rejoice with us as we celebrate the birth of our King!

**Southwest MN Christian High School would like to thank everyone who donated, attended, and contributed to the donation sale this year.** In large and small ways, it all adds up to a night of support for SWMCH and more importantly the support of Christian education for students in our communities. The wonderful opportunity to share God's story on a daily basis with educational instruction is a blessing to cherish and share. The amount given to date is \$54,000.

**COMMUNITY & MISC.**

The Northwest Iowa Symphony Youth Orchestra, led by conductor Dr. Angela Holt, will present its **Fall Concert** on Saturday, December 8, at 3:00 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa. Consisting of talented middle school and high school string players, NISYO will perform works by Dvorak, Bohm, Plante and Stamitz as well as string arrangements from the PBS Series “The Civil War” and a traditional Christmas carol. The concert is free and open to the public.

The **Angel Tree** is your opportunity to bring a smile to a resident's face this Christmas. Edgebrook Care Center invites you to pick a residents name from the Angel Tree and give a little gift of joy. No matter what age you are, the joy that comes from giving and receiving never gets old. Stop in the business office if you have any questions.

**KIDS CORNER: HONOR YOUR FATHER** - Do you know why Liz has been kicked out of baseball camp? Find out the real reason on this week's Kids Corner. Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Check out KC's Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and Devotional, and invite your whole family to join you in giving daily gifts of kindness. [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net)

**GROUNDWORK: A SAVIOR FORETOLD** - We find the first talk of a Savior and the first indicator of Christmas while Adam and Eve are still in the Garden of Eden. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 3:14-15 to allow the context from which God's promise of a Savior emerges to broaden our understanding of Christ's birth. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**The Jesse Tree:** A Family Devotional and Craft for Advent - Enjoy a fun and informative Advent activity to go along with December's Today devotional. You can download the devotional and Christmas ornaments at [backtgod.net/downloads](http://backtgod.net/downloads)

**Advent Family Faith Formation Tip** - Teach Us to Pray, published by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, is a wonderful resource for family worship. If you're looking for a meaningful way to celebrate Advent at home, the Advent section of this book is available as a free download at [tinyurl.com/CICWAdvent](http://tinyurl.com/CICWAdvent). Each day's page includes a Bible reading, questions to talk about, prayer ideas, and more. (Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))