

**Bethel Christian Reformed Church**  
**December 28, 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 songs:** *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*  
*Cornerstone*

**Confession/Assurance of Pardon**

**Song of response:** *O Come, All You Faithful*

(Children's sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)

**Prayer of God's people**

**Offering:** for Children of the Promise - Haiti

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

\* **Song of preparation:** *He's Always Been Faithful*

**Scripture:** Joshua 4

**Message:** STONES OF REMEMBRANCE: THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

\* **Song of application:** *O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer*

\* **Parting words**

\* **Parting song:** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* – PsH 556 (1,3)

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This evening, you are encouraged to worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Edgerton First CRC. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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**Offering Schedule:**

December 28: Children of the Promise, Haiti

January 4: First Fruits for the General Fund

January 11: Cornerstone Prison Church

January 18: Gideons; Communion Thank Offering: ReFrame Ministries

January 25: Cadets

**Church Family:**

- **Harriet Hanenburg** passed away early in the afternoon on Christmas Day. As a congregation we express our sympathy to Greg & Joyce Hanenburg and Daryl & Donna Hanenburg and their families.
- Give thanks for successful hip replacement surgery for **Jon Walhof** this past Wednesday.
- **Pastor Bill and Sandy** plan to be back in Edgerton Sunday afternoon, Dec. 28. Continue to pray for healing and strength for Pastor Bill's broken leg.

**This Week's Activities:**

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

8:30 am	<b>Prayer Meeting</b> .....	Prayer Room
9:30 am	<b>Morning Worship Service</b> .....	Bethel
6:30 pm	<b>Evening Worship Service</b> .....	Bethel

**Announcements:**

**CHURCH**

**Bible Study Opportunity for Men:** A small group of men have been meeting in the Society Room on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00am to read and reflect on Scripture together. Please join us if interested! Feel free to contact Marv Kuipers or Devin Van't Hof if you have any questions.

**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, January 10 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 For the New Year based on Lamentations 3:23. 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.

**Directory Booklet Updates:** Please submit any address, telephone, or email address changes for the printed church directory to the church office ([bethelcrcedgerton@yahoo.com](mailto:bethelcrcedgerton@yahoo.com)) by January 14.

To care for those going through a time of grief, Bethel's elders designate an elder to serve as an Extended Grief Care contact. This person will be intentional about supporting members in the months and years following an initial time of grief. Elder Ron Vander Lugt has been serving in this role and will continue to do so in the year ahead. Congregational members will still be under the care of their regularly assigned Care Group elder, but these contacts will intentionally provide additional support as needed. If you or someone you know could benefit from this type of visit, please reach out to Ron to schedule a visit.

**Costa Rica with Hope Haven International:** Are you—or a small group of friends—interested in making a difference by going on a mission trip to Costa Rica with Hope Haven International? Reach out to Luke Russell, Director of International Ministries at Hope Haven International Ministries: [lrussell@hopehaven.org](mailto:lrussell@hopehaven.org) or 605-401-3674

**Thank you** to the Council for the beautiful Christmas bouquet. *-Evie Mulder*

**COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS**

**Beginning Experience of SW MN/Marshall**, a peer ministry support group for widowed, separated and divorced people is offering its "Coping With Life Alone" Series for ten weeks beginning January 5th, 2026. This series is designed for those wishing to work through the grieving process following the loss of a loved one. The Monday night sessions begin at 7:00pm at the First Lutheran Church on Church and "A" Street in Marshall, MN. Registration will be held starting at 6:30 P.M. on both January 5th and 12th. After 1/12/26, registration is then closed for the session. The "B.E." support group is open to people of all denominations. There is a \$75 fee to cover the cost of materials. If you wish to pre-register or have other questions, contact us at: [swmnbe@gmail.com](mailto:swmnbe@gmail.com) or call: Tim L.: 507-530-6379 or Jean: 507-220-0668

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip**-As one year ends and another begins, pause for a time of taking spiritual inventory with your family, friends, or on your own. Ask questions like these: Where did we see God this year? Where did we resist growth? Where do we feel God is calling us next? Consider writing a prayer of release and a prayer of commitment to guide your transition into the new year. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**Kids Corner Devotions:** New Year. New You. - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "New Year. New You." at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Start the new year with more than just fresh goals—let God's Spirit make you new from the inside out! His gifts of love, joy, peace, kindness, and more will help you shine like Jesus wherever you go. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Groundwork:** Reflecting the Light of the World - On Epiphany, we recall the moment when the star appeared and guided the Magi to Jesus. This event signifies the extension of God's family to include Gentiles. Study Titus 2:11-15, Isaiah 60:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16, and 2 Corinthians 4:1-9 with Groundwork to discover what to expect when we encounter the transformational light of Christ and how that light affects our discipleship as members of his family. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## Helpful Information

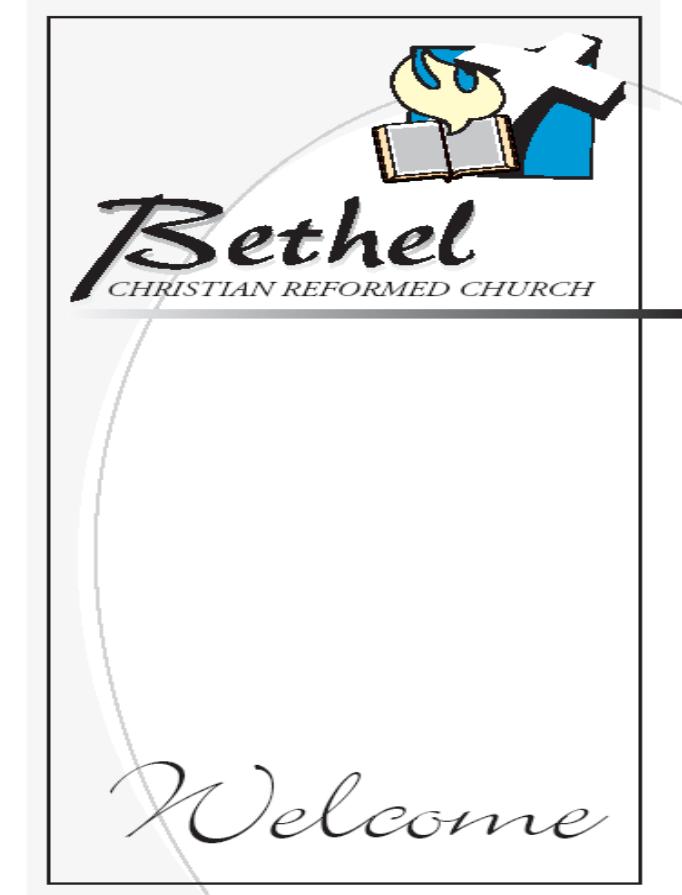
**NURSERY:** available for infants and toddlers on lower level  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH & WORSHIP (AM):** ages 3-1<sup>st</sup> grade are dismissed to their classes downstairs during the offering  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (AM):** grades 2-4 in the society room during the pastoral prayer  
**HEARING AID DEVICES:** 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.bethelcrgedgerton.org](http://www.bethelcrgedgerton.org)  
**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday 1-5 pm & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Secretary ph: 442-3063 [bethelcrgedgerton@yahoo.com](mailto:bethelcrgedgerton@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

<b>ELDERS:</b>	<b>DEACONS:</b>
Leland Vanderaa, President	Ross Fey, President of Deacons
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Rob Van Hill (CG #3)	Josh Van Essen (CG #7)
Ron Vander Lugt (Extended Grief Care)	

## Our Helpers

**PREACHING** Today: AM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen PM: Combined at First CRC  
Next Week: AM: Pastor Bill Vis PM: Pastor Bill Vis  
**ACCOMPANIST** Today: AM: Koni De Kam PM:  
Next Week: AM: PM:  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Today: Wendy Krosschell Next Week: Todd Jasper  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** Today: Kristi De Boer Next Week: Janet Walhof  
**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** Today: Bonnie De Boer & Lauren Van Stelten  
**NURSERY** Today: AM Infant: Mary Brands, Mikah Tinklenberg, Scarlett Van Essen  
Toddler: Coleen Ver Hey, Parker Fey, Chapter Meksavanh,  
Jack De Jongh, Sienna Krosschell  
Next Week AM Infant: Michelle Van Essen, Mara Prins, Carsten Schuld  
Toddler: Tricia Veldkamp, Selah Kuipers, Asher Meksavanh,  
Logan Van Dyke, Hannah De Jongh  
PM: Becca Van Schepen  
**USHERS** Today: Wyatt Vos, Randy Pfeifle, Ben Hanenburg  
Next Week: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Ryan Bos  
**HOST/HOSTESS** Today: Donna Hanenburg Next Week: Mary Kreun  
**SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Justin Next Week: Jonathan  
**VIDEO CAMERA** Today: Cal Next Week: Brent  
**MULTI-MEDIA** Today: Kyle Next Week: Dan  
**REFRESHMENTS** Today: Becca Van Schepen, Karen Van Schepen,  
Renae Van Stelten, Jill Talsma  
Next Week: Lin Van't Hof, Tricia Veldkamp,  
Coleen Ver Hey, Trevor & Abbie Fey

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Pastor Bill Vis

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Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

**Missionaries**  
Emily Nerem – Dominican Republic  
Cuba CRC – Resonate Global Mission  
Cornerstone Prison Church - South Dakota  
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.