

**Bethel Christian Reformed Church**  
**January 5, 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. After the morning service you are invited to join us for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

**Morning Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.**  
 Led by: Pastor Jack Gray

- Prelude
- Welcome and announcements
- Call to worship
- \* God’s greeting
- \* We greet each other
- \* Opening song: *Behold Our God*
- Confession/Assurance of pardon
- Song of response: *The Battle and the Blessing*
- Installation of Office Bearers  
 (Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)
- Prayer of God’s people
- Offering for First Fruits (General Fund)
- \* Song of preparation: *Speak, O Lord*  
 (Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
- Scripture: Psalm 118; text vs 24
- Message: A BETHEL EDGERTON SUNRISE
- \* Song of application: *Step By Step*
- \* Parting words
- \* Parting song: *We Receive Your Blessing*

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**Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.**  
 Led by: Pastor Jack Gray

- Prelude
- Welcome
- \* God’s greeting to His people
- \* Opening songs: *Congregation Requests*
- Nicene Creed
- Song of response: *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* – PsH 479 (1-3)
- Prayer
- \* Song of preparation: *No Weight of Gold or Silver* – PsH 374 (1-3)
- Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-25; text: 1 Peter 1:18-19
- Message: PRECIOUS PEOPLE
- \* Song of response: *In Christ Alone (1-3)*
- \* God’s blessing to his people
- \* Closing song: *In Christ Alone (4)*  
 (Your evening offering for the General Fund  
 can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors.)

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**Offering Schedule:**

- January 5: First Fruits (General Fund)
- January 12: Cornerstone Prison Church
- January 19: Gideons; Communion: Bible League International
- January 26: Cadets
- February 2: First Fruits (General Fund)

**Church Family:**

- Pray for **Howard Masselink** who will have knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, January 8.
- Continue to pray for peace for **Al & Marlene Top** and family as Al is in the Hospice Cottage.
- Next Sunday, Lord willing, we will have the joy of witnessing the baptism of **Graham Spronk**, infant son of **Seth & Taylor Spronk**. We look forward to being reminded of the covenantal promises of God.

**This Week’s Activities:**

- MONDAY:**  
 7:00 pm Council Meeting ..... Council Room
- WEDNESDAY:**  
 9:30 am Coffee Break/Story Hour ..... First CRC  
 6:30-8:15pm GEMS ..... First CRC  
 6:30-8:30pm Cadets ..... Bethel
- SATURDAY:**  
 9:00 am IF:Table ..... Fellowship Hall
- NEXT SUNDAY:**  
 8:30 am Prayer Meeting ..... Prayer Room  
 9:30 am Morning Worship Service ..... Bethel  
 10:45 am Sunday School for grades 2-12 ..... Classrooms  
 10:45 am Adult Bible Study ..... YPS Room  
 6:30 pm Evening Worship Service ..... Bethel



**STEPHEN MINISTRY:**  
 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.  
 -Philippians 4:13

**Advance Dates:**

- January 11: IF:Table
- January 26: Cadet Sunday – PM Service at Bethel
- January 30: Union Gospel Mission Chapel Service
- February 1: RESGEN Men’s Summit 2025, 8:00-1:00, simulcast at Bethel

**Announcements:**

**CHURCH**

**Prayer warriors and youth group members** will meet after the morning service today.

**IF:Table.** 2 hours, 4 questions, 6 women per table. IF:Table offers a time of intentional conversation and an opportunity to grow in authentic community. Women of Bethel, please join us for a time of fellowship and conversation on Saturday, January 11 at 9:00 am in the church fellowship hall. The conversations will center around the theme For the New Year based on Lamentations 3:22-23 "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't come before! If you have questions, please contact Darci Van Dyke, Becca Van Schepen, or Katie Van't Hof.

**High School Catechism** will meet next Sunday, January 12, after the morning service.

**Directory Booklet Updates:** Please submit any address, telephone, or email address changes for the printed church directory to the church office (bethelcrcedgerton@yahoo.com) by January 12.

**RESGEN Men’s Summit 2025** is a half-day conference that equips and encourages men, ages 17 and up, to grow and fulfill their purpose as leaders, husbands, fathers, and Christ-followers. The theme for this year’s event is ‘Being a Man who is All HEART’ and features five dynamic speakers including resources. Bethel CRC in Edgerton is simulcasting the Summit which runs from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 1. Cost to attend the simulcast is \$25 per person which includes morning snacks and a light lunch. To register, use the following QR code:



**COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS**

Edgebrook Care Center will be working to put together a cookbook in memory/honor of past and present residents of Edgebrook. If you are interested in submitting a recipe, they ask that you include the recipe name, the residents name of who the recipe is in honor/memory of and if you have a baking memory to go with it. You can drop the recipe off at the business office, mail it to Edgebrook Care Center, Attn: Cookbook Committee, 505 Trosky Road W, Edgerton MN 56128 or by emailing cassandra.schelhaas@good-sam.com. Please also include if you would be interested in purchasing a cookbook as this will give them a better idea of how many to make. The deadline to submit recipes is January 15, 2025.

**Widowed, Divorced, Separated?** Beginning Experience of SW MN/Marshall, a peer ministry support group is offering its "Coping With Life Alone" Series for ten weeks starting January 6th, 2025. 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 7:00 P.M. at the First Lutheran Church on Church and “A” Street in Marshall, MN. Registration will be taken for the first 2 weeks. The support group is open to people of all denominations. There is a \$75 fee to cover the materials. If you wish to pre-register or have other questions, contact us at: swmnbe@gmail.com or call: Tim L.: 507-530-6379 or Jean: 507-220-0668.

**Wednesday, January 22- "March for Life" at MN State Capitol**

We often ask "What can we do besides pray for our state and our country"? Here is an opportunity for you to join others and show your support for LIFE! Join others and go along to our State Capitol on Wednesday, January 22. A comfortable Motorcoach will be departing at 6:45 am from Pipestone CRC and departing Woodstock Community Church at 7:05 am. Cost is \$55. Please take a sack lunch for noon and we will stop for a hot meal on the way home. Be back around 7 pm! Call 507-227-0905 asap, or email to [roxiestours@gmail.com](mailto:roxiestours@gmail.com) to reserve your spot. We are only at the capitol for a little over an hour. You are able to go inside the rotunda, march a little while in front of the capitol and then MCCL has a time of remembrance for the 12,000 aborted last year in MN/ prayer/ message. Motorcoach is parked nearby if you need to warm up or sit.

If you can't go, would you join the 1000's that will gather at our capitol that day in prayer on this day of remembrance?

**2025 Marriage Conference:** Reconnecting Through Love & Laughter. Join us at Trinity Reformed Church (7301 S Louise Ave, Sioux Falls SD) on February 15, 2025, as we host our 2025 marriage conference featuring youth, marriage, and family communicator – Greg Speck. Bring your spouse for a day of encouragement and connection! Cost is \$25/person. For more information and to register, please visit: [trinityrcus.org](http://trinityrcus.org).

**Kids' Corner: God's Guidance** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Ask yourself, "How can you tell what God wants you to do?" Spoiler Alert: the key is to remember who God is. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Groundwork:** Learning from the Sins of King David - Complacency and desperation lead David to compound sin upon sin as he unsuccessfully relies on his own power and abilities to right his wrongs. Join Groundwork as we explore 2 Samuel 11 to study David's fall from grace, the consequences of his actions, and how his journey can illuminate our own path toward honesty, repentance, and a life that pleases the Lord. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

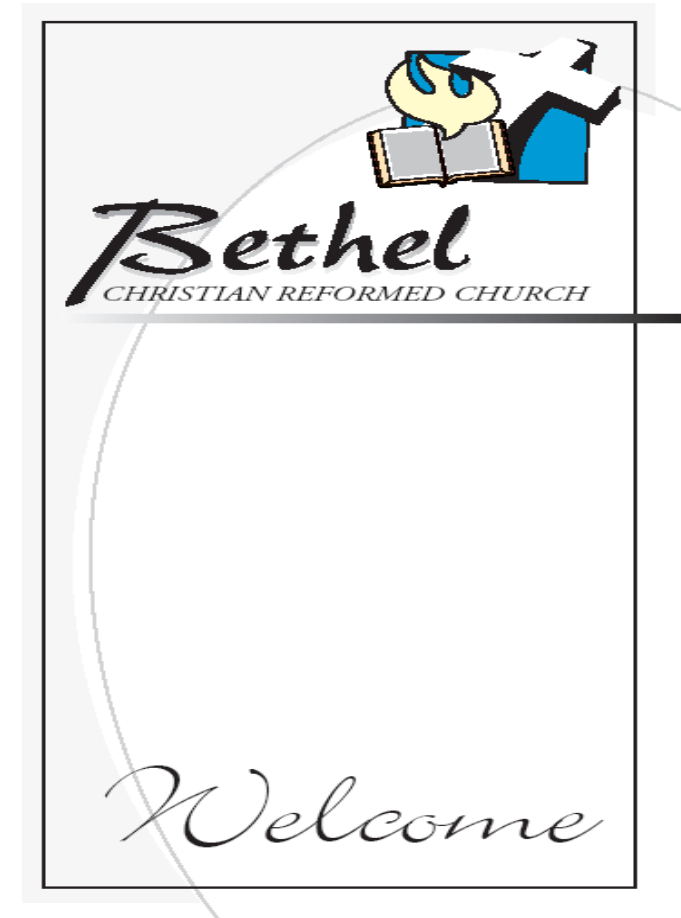
**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Today is Epiphany Sunday, when we celebrate Jesus' coming as the light to all people. On this Sunday we remember the Magi, who saw the light in the sky and followed it to honor the birth of Jesus. Read Matthew 2:1-12. Talk about what kind of gift you would bring to Jesus, and why. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

### 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](http://www.betheledgerton.org)  
**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday 1-5 pm & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
 Secretary ph: 442-3063 [bethelcrcedgerton@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:mkuipers0809@gmail.com)  
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**WEATHER RELATED SERVICE INFORMATION:** KDWC (99.3FM), K101 (101.1FM), KLOH (1050AM), KNWC (96.5FM), KELOLAND TV

### Our Helpers

**PREACHING** Today: AM: Pastor Jack Gray PM: Pastor Jack Gray  
 Next Week: AM: Pastor Luke Vander Leest PM: Pastor Jack Gray  
**ACCOMPANIST** Today: AM: Julie Vis PM: Kendra Van Hill  
 Next Week: AM: Michelle Moosey PM: Linda Vanderaa  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Today: Greg Dyk Next Week: Matt Vande Kamp  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** Today: Carissa Odland Next Week: Bonnie De Boer  
**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** Today: Rose Kroll & Maya Krosschell  
**NURSERY** Today: AM Infant: Mary Brands, Jayven Kooiker, Emma Odland  
 Toddler: Brianna Bridgewater, Selah Kuipers, Lincoln Van Hill, Dylan Brands, Joel Hanson  
 PM: Becca Van Schepen  
 Next Week AM Infant: Lori Fey, Mara Prins, Jack De Jongh  
 Toddler: Amy Hanson, Carson Rozeboom, Maggie Caspersen, Chapter Meksavanh, Jase Van Stelten  
 PM: Brevan & Brenna Jasper  
**USHERS** Today: Arly Van't Hof, Greg Dyk, Nick Spronk  
 Next Week: Ron Vander Lugt, Jesse Kooiker, Dan Hanson  
**HOST/HOSTESS** Today: Mary Kreun  
 Next Week: Kendra Kuipers  
**SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Jonathan Next Week: Seth/Huck  
**VIDEO CAMERA** Today: Walt Next Week: Cal  
**MULTI-MEDIA** Today: Krista Next Week: Kyle  
**REFRESHMENTS** Today: Maddie Van Essen, Julie Vander Pol, Jackie Van Nieuwenhuyzen, Karen Walhof  
 Next Week: Becca Van Schepen, Karen Van Schepen, Renae Van Stelten, Randy & Lisa Pfeifle



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 Pastor Jack Gray  
**Assistant Pastor**  
 Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

**Missionaries**  
 Mary – Southeast Asia  
 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.