

**Bethel Christian Reformed Church**  
**November 19, 2023**

Welcome to worship at Bethel! We are thankful that you have joined us for a time of refreshment, 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 coffee, juice, and fellowship.

**Morning Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.**  
Led by: Pastor Bill Vis

- Prelude**  
**Welcome and announcements**  
**Call to worship**  
\* **God’s greeting to His people**  
\* **We greet each other**  
\* **Opening song:** *Shout to the North*  
**Confession and assurance of pardon**  
**Song of response:** *Mercy*  
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room)  
**Prayer of God’s people**  
**Offering:** 1<sup>st</sup> is for Vasya & Maranda Heytsi  
2<sup>nd</sup> is a communion thank offering for the Gideons  
\* **Song of preparation:** *When It’s All Been Said and Done*  
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)  
**Scripture:** Acts 20:17-38  
**Message:** WHAT REALLY MATTERS  
\* **Song of application:** *Let It Be Said of Us*  
**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**  
During the passing of the bread: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
During the passing of the cup: *Beneath the Cross*  
\* **Parting words**  
\* **Parting song:** *The Lord’s Prayer* sung by the choir

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**Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.**  
Led by: Pastor Bill Vis

- Prelude**  
**Welcome**  
\* **God’s greeting to His people**  
\* **Opening songs:** *Come, All Who Fear the Lord God* – PsH 240 (1-3)  
*My Jesus, I Love Thee* – PsH 557 (1-4)  
**Responsive reading:** Psalm 1  
**Song of response:** *The One is Blest* – LUYH 714 (1,2,3,5)  
**Prayer**  
\* **Song of preparation:** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* – PsH 285 (1,4)  
**Scripture:** Galatians 6:7-9  
**Message:** KEEP ON KEEPING ON  
\* **Song of response:** *He Will Hold Me Fast*  
\* **God’s blessing to His people**  
\* **Closing song:** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* – PsH 316 (1-2)  
(Your evening offering for Vasya & Maranda Heytsi can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors.)

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**Offering Schedule:**

November 19: Vasya & Maranda Heytsi (Ukraine)  
November 23 (Thanksgiving Day): Edgerton Food Shelf  
November 26: Union Gospel Mission

**Church Family:**

- We mourn with **Elaine Petersen** in the passing of her husband Harley.
- As a congregation we extend our sympathy to **Joan Pool** and **Mike & Gladi Vander Pol** in the passing of their brother-in-law Orlin Ten Cate.
- Congratulations to **Jacob & Sarah Bierstedt** who welcomed a baby girl, **Shelby Jo**, to their family on November 8.
- Congratulations to **Matt & Kayla Vande Kamp** who welcomed a baby boy, **Tatum Ryan**, to their family on November 9. Due to some complications, Tatum is currently in the NICU in Sioux Falls. Please pray for healing, and peace in the waiting.
- Pray for answers and healing for **Haylie Tripp** who was at the Mayo Clinic this week for tests.

**This Week’s Activities:**

**MONDAY:**  
7:00 pm **Women’s Bible Study**.....Society Room  
7:00 pm **Deacons Meeting** .....Deacons Room  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
7:00 pm **Friendship**.....First CRC  
**THURSDAY:**  
9:30 am **Thanksgiving Day Service** .....Bethel  
**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
8:30 am **Prayer Meeting**.....Prayer Room  
9:30 am **Morning Worship Service** .....Bethel  
10:45 am **Sunday School Classes** for grades 2-8.....Classrooms  
11:00 am **Choir Practice**.....Sanctuary  
6:30 pm **Evening Worship Service** .....Bethel

**Advance Dates:**

November 23: Thanksgiving Day Service  
December 2: IF:Table  
December 6: YPS Spaghetti Supper  
December 10: Kid’s Christmas Program (AM Service)  
December 17: YPS Candlelight Service (PM Service)



**STEPHEN MINISTRY:**

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. -1 John 3:18

**Announcements:**

**CHURCH**

**Pastor Appreciation:** Please join us in the fellowship hall after the morning service this Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> as we express our appreciation to Pastor Bill & Sandy and Pastor Marlin & Karen. Cake will be served during this time of fellowship. There will be baskets by the mailboxes for those who wish to give cards or gifts.

**Care Group Luncheon:** Members of Care Group 4 are invited to a noon luncheon in the fellowship hall this Sunday, November 19. Please bring a salad to share if you are able. Everything else will be provided. Please join us for this opportunity to become better acquainted with those in our care group!

**High School Catechism classes today at 5:15pm.**

For the month of December, Rev. Larry Lobdell will be leading services at Bethel CRC. Rev. Lobdell is a retired CRC missionary and pastor. In retirement, he has also served as an interim pastor for congregations in Binghamton, NY and Zillah, WA. Pray for God’s blessing upon his ministry at Bethel during his time here!

**Today is the last day to bring your Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child to church.** Thank you so much for sharing your blessings with children around the world. Please pray that God uses your gifts to His glory, and then expect Him to do just that!

**Classical Higher Education Assistance Grant:** A portion of the Classis Minnkota ministry shares 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 year (2023-2024) who completes an application form by the December 24 deadline is eligible. Dordt students should find an application in their church mailbox. Extras can be found in the resource rack by the church office.

Hebrews 13:16: "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for this with such sacrifices God is pleased." **Thank you to everyone who shared donated items and supported the recent ATLAS Christmas Rummage and Boutique** to help us share God's redeeming story of love, grace and mercy. It was a beautiful day/event in so many ways. Our thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father!

**Thank you** to my Bethel church family for the love and support during my recent Third Nerve Pulse. You are so good to me. - *John Talsma*

**SCHOOL**

**Burger Feed:** The first SWC double header home game of the season is Friday, December 1! SWC Circle #10 will be serving burgers and hot dogs from 5-7:30pm. Meals include burger/hot dog, chips, bar, and beverage. Come on out for a delicious meal and enjoy some exciting basketball as the girls and boys take on Luverne!

**COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS**

**The Minnkota Deacons Association is seeking applicants for the Volunteers in Mercy Coordinator position** effective January 1, 2024. Responsibilities include coordinating referrals from SW MN and SE SD agencies with diaconal outreach, initiating bi-monthly MDA/VIM board meetings, and submitting Classis reports and yearly newsletters. Please contact Ray Talsma at 507-227-1660.

**Coffee Break will not meet November 22.** This includes both the morning and evening sessions.

There will be a **Red Cross blood drive** at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton on Tuesday, November 28 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or [fbhuisken@gmail.com](mailto:fbhuisken@gmail.com) to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Anyone 16 years or older and in good health is able to donate.

**Angel Tree:** During this Holiday season, we would love to bless some families in our local community. There is an Angel Tree set up in the entryway of First Reformed Church. Please grab an ornament tag and spread some joy to a local food shelf family. Donations can be dropped off in the tote by the tree. Donations will be accepted from November 19 - December 13. Thank you!

**Kids Corner: Daily Gratitude** - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Take a moment to try this exercise: In five seconds, name five things that you are thankful for. Ready? Three... two... one... go! This week’s devotion is about being thankful. Why be thankful? Because it helps us to see God at work in our lives every day. Gratitude gives joy to both God and us! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the KC’s Liz and Friends Podcast “Attitude of Gratitude.”

**Groundwork: Transformed Living** - The apostle Paul continued to unpack the new realities of their life in Jesus Christ for the Roman Christians; he challenged them to live transformed lives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Romans 12-13 to learn how to we too should live in light of the Gospel and what it means to renew our minds and be living sacrifices for God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - We often associate generosity with financial giving, but we can also cultivate a generous spirit in our relationships. Ponder how you might practice this in daily life, perhaps by focusing on refraining from mental criticism, attributing the best motives to people's actions, being "present" and attentive when spending time with others (especially children), or doing acts of random kindness. Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

**Bringing Hope for Families** - When families around the globe participate in World Renew's Free A Family® program, parents, children, and future generations are impacted for good. As God brings change, blessings abound, and families can move on from hunger, malnutrition, and poor health. Your gift in next week's offering brings hope to families worldwide -- or consider becoming a monthly donor at [worldrenew.net/FreeAFamily](http://worldrenew.net/FreeAFamily).

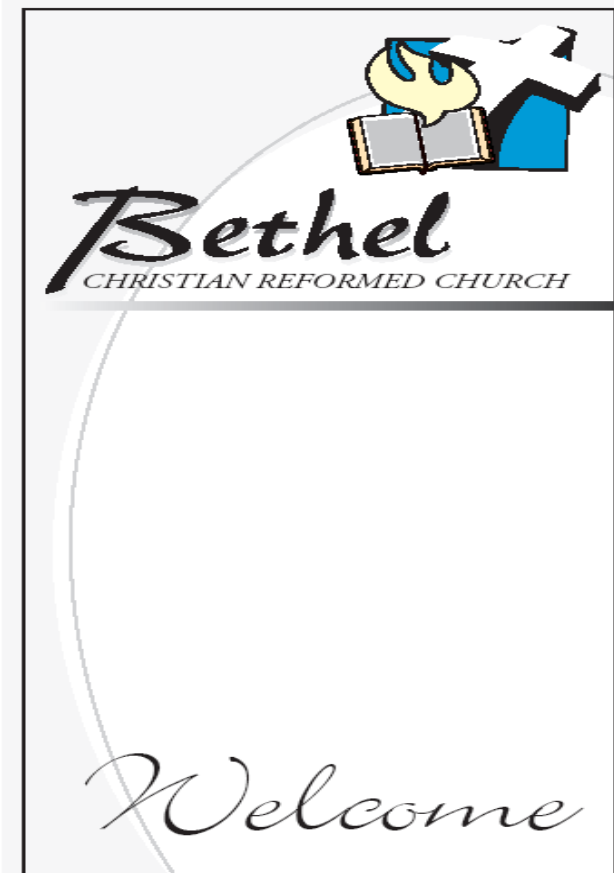
**CRCNA Position Opening** - The Christian Reformed Church in North America is looking for a part-time (10-15 hrs/wk) Sales Representative for The Banner. The Banner Sales Representative is responsible for meeting Banner advertising sales objectives by maintaining excellent relationships with our existing advertisers, developing new accounts, and managing the workflow of display ads. This position is hybrid (Grand Rapids, MI, or Burlington, ON, area) or remote anywhere else in the US or Canada. Visit [www.crcna.org/jobs](http://www.crcna.org/jobs) for details or to apply.

### 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 [bethelcrccdgeron@yahoo.com](mailto:bethelcrccdgeron@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

### Our Helpers

**PREACHING** Today: AM & PM: Pastor Bill Vis  
 Next Week: AM & PM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen  
**ACCOMPANIST** Today: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Linda Vanderaa  
 Next Week: AM: Kendra Van Hill PM: Kendra Van Hill  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Today: Cal Spronk Next Week: Bonnie De Boer  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** Today: Kristi De Boer Next Week: Bonnie De Boer  
**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** Today: Cal Spronk & Maggie Caspersen  
**NURSERY** Today AM: Infant: Liz De Jongh, Keira De Boer, Allison Fenske  
 Toddler: Lin Van't Hof, Kristi De Boer, Abby Moosey, Gentre Kuipers, Sadie Fenske  
 PM: Diane Spronk, Bonnie De Boer  
 Next Week AM Infant: Renae Van Stelten, Megan Rylaarsdam, Brenna Jasper  
 Toddler: Brianna Bridgewater, Dionne Prins, Caden Sas, Maya Krosschell, Micah Sas, Logan Van Dyke  
 PM: Becca & Hannah Van Schepen  
**USHERS** Today: Ron Vander Lugt, Dan Hanson, Jesse Kooiker  
 Next Week: Jon Kroll, Jusitn Prins, Lloyd Prins  
**HOST/HOSTESS** Today: Karen Van Schepen & Donna Hanenburg  
 Next Week: Mary Kreun & Kendra Kuipers  
**SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Derek/Denny Next Week: Justin/Denny  
**VIDEO CAMERA** Today: Cal Next Week: Brent  
**MULTI-MEDIA** Today: Kyle Next Week: Dan  
**REFRESHMENTS** Today: Linda Spronk, LuAnn Spronk, MaryAnn Spronk, Kyle & Lori Fey  
 Next Week: Barb Spronk, DaVonn Tinklenberg, Jackie Tinklenberg, Trevor & Abbie Fey



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#### Interim Pastor

Pastor Bill Vis

#### Assistant Pastor

Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

#### Missionaries

Mary Buys – Southeast Asia  
 Cuba CRC – Resonate Global Mission  
 Cornerstone Prison Church - South Dakota  
 Children of the Promise – Haiti  
 Vasya & Maranda Heytsi – Ukraine

### Worship Guide and Weekly News

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**Evening Worship** - 6:30 p.m.