

**BETHEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
EDGERTON, MINNESOTA**

December 22, 2024

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 songs:** *Crown Him*

*The First Noel*—Praise 188 (1,2,6)

**Advent reading/candle lighting—Love**

**Confession/assurance of pardon**

**God's Law for the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Song of response:** *Of the Father's Love Begotten*—PsH 342 (1,2,4,5)

**Prayer of God's people**

**Offering**—for Cornerstone Prison Church

\* **Song of preparation:** *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*—PsH 351

**Scripture:** Matthew 1:18-25; text vs 21

**Message:** BORN TO SAVE

\* **Song of application:** *Christians Awake*—PsH 350 (1-2)

\* **Parting words**

\* **Parting song:** *Christians Awake*—PsH 350 (3)

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**Church Family:**

- **Harriet Hanenburg** has moved from the hospital to a skilled nursing facility. Pray for continued healing and strength. Her mailing address remains the same.
- **Al Top** has moved to the Hospice Cottage in Luverne. Pray for peace for Al & Marlene and family.
- As a congregation we warmly welcome **Brian & Angie Bos** into our church membership! We praise God for bringing them to Bethel and we pray that we will be a blessing to one another. They have been added to Care Group 4.
- At his request, the membership of **Shane Tinklenberg** has been transferred to First CRC of Sioux Falls, SD. May God bless Shane in his new community of believers, and may he be a blessing to them!

**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.

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**WEATHER RELATED SERVICE INFORMATION:** KDWC (99.3FM), K101 (101.1FM), KLOH (1050AM), KNWC (96.5FM), KELO TV

**Our Helpers**

**PREACHING** Today: AM: Pastor Jack Gray PM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen  
Next Week: AM: Pastor Jack Gray PM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

**ACCOMPANIST** Today: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Lisa Vander Maten  
Next Week: AM: Koni De Kam PM: Rachel Prins

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Today: Wendy Krosschell Next Week: Todd Jasper

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** Today: Janet Walhof Next Week: Becca Van Schepen

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** Today Bonnie De Boer & Lauren Van Stelten

Today: AM Infant: Kendra Kuipers, Tylee Kooiker, Livia Fey

Toddler: Tricia Veldkamp, Selah Kuipers, Levi Van Essen,

Tayton Kooiker, Boden Rieck

PM: Jess & Darci Van Dyke

Next Week AM Infant: Dionne Prins, Mara Prins, Sierra Van Dyke

Toddler: Ruth Kooiker, Mason Tinklenberg, Xavier Meksavanh,

Sienna Krosschell, Lacy Odland

PM: Tricia Tinklenberg

**USHERS** Today: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Ryan Bos

Next Week: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefoort, Jeremy Van Essen

**HOST/HOESSTESS** Today: Dean & Becky Van Hulzen

Next Week: Karen Van Schepen & Donna Hanenburg

**SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Justin/Denny Next Week: HuckJon Arlin

**MULTI-MEDIA** Today: Caleb Next Week: Willem

**REFRESHMENTS** Today: Beth Van Dyke, Darci Van Dyke,

Lois Van Dyke, Gene & LouAnn Kuipers

Next Week: Michelle Van Essen, Fay Van Essen,

Kimber Van Essen, Karen Walhof

## ***Announcements:***

### **CHURCH**

Reminder: If you have a text or topic to suggest to Pastor Jack, place them in his mailbox by Christmas Day. Thank you.

**Christmas Bells:** Children's Church (age 3-5) and Children's Worship (K-1st grade) are welcome to lead us in worship on Christmas morning. We will be playing the bells to start the service. If interested, please join us in the fellowship hall before the service on Christmas morning, and we will walk in to lead worship together.

**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.

**Online Picture Directory:** Are you using it? Do you need to update your picture or any other family information that is there? Our online church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better! Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory* and download the FREE app to begin. You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.

**Thank you** to all the men who came out to the Edgebrook Assisted Living on December 13 for foo and fellowship with Art and Harvey. It was good to see you all. Thanks to Kendra Kuipers for serving the food. It was very much appreciated!

*-Art Spronk & Harvey Ryswyk*

### **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 cost of

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.

Let's make Minnesota a place that values and loves both moms and babies! Join thousands of pro-life Minnesotans at the 2025 MCCL March for Life at noon on January 22 at the state Capitol in St. Paul. Learn more and get involved at mccl.org/march.

### **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.

**Kids' Corner: Advent Week 4: The Blessing** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). We cannot repay God for his love. What we can do is give his love to others and bless those around us the same way God blesses us. Christ is the ultimate blessing, and when we receive him, it's not something we keep to ourselves. As God's children, he wants us to share the good news of Jesus's birth, death, and resurrection with others. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Bible Story Podcast The Story of the Shepherds.

**Groundwork: Jesus: Our Prince of Peace** - As we celebrate Christmas, join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 137, Isaiah 49:6, Isaiah 53:4-12, Ephesians 2:14-19, and Luke 2:1-21 to discover the deep and meaningful shalom Jesus brought to us in his birth, that he promises to establish permanently when he returns, and how we can be his agents of peace in our world here and now. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - For you Jesus Christ came into the world: for you he lived and showed God's love; for you he suffered the darkness of Calvary and cried at the last, "It is finished"; for you he triumphed over death and rose in newness of life; for you he ascended to reign at God's right hand. All this he did for you, though you do not know it yet. And so the word of Scripture is fulfilled: "We love because God loved us first." – Adapted from the French Reformed Church liturgy During this week of Christmas, tell the familiar story of the birth of our Savior with the hope of hearing it in new and beautiful ways, remembering Christ's incarnation and birth for YOU. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**YPS Candlelight Service – 6:30 p.m.**

Led by: The YPS and Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Opening Prayer**

**Reading on Hope**

\* **Song of response:** *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*—Praise 193

**Ministry of Music:** *O Come, O Come* sung by the YPS Guys

**Apostles Creed**

**Reading on Joy**

\* **Song of response:** *Joy to the World* –PsH 337

**Ministry of Music:** *Light of the World* sung by the YPS Girls

**Scripture:** John 1

**Message:** Light of the World

**Reading on Love**

\* **Song of response:** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*—Praise 172

**Reading on Abiding in Love**

**Candlelight Reading**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Song:** *Peace, Peace/Silent Night*

(Your evening offering for Cornerstone Prison Church can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors.)

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

**WEDNESDAY:**

9:30 am **Christmas Day Service** ..... Bethel

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

8:30 am **Prayer Meeting**.....Prayer Room

9:30 am **Morning Worship Service** ..... Bethel

6:30 pm **Evening Worship Service** ..... Bethel

***Advance Dates:***

December 25: Christmas Day Service, 9:30am

January 5: Sunday School Resumes

February 1: RESGEN Men's Summit 2025, 8:00-1:00, simulcast at Bethel

**Offering Schedule:**

December 22: Cornerstone Prison Church

December 25: New Life Treatment Center

December 29: Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund

January 5: First Fruits (General Fund)

January 12: Cornerstone Prison Church

January 19: Gideons; Communion: Bible League International

January 26: Cadets