

**Bethel Christian Reformed Church
December 29, 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:** *Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)*
Be Unto Your Name
Confession/Assurance of pardon
Song of response: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*
(Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)
Prayer of God’s people
Offering for Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund
* **Song of preparation:** *Hours and Days and Years and Ages* – PsH 443 (1-3)
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:19-4:22 Text: 1 Samuel 4:21a
Message: ICHABOD
* **Song of application:** *My Song Forever Shall Record* – PsH 593 (1-3)
* **Parting words**
* **Parting song:** *My Song Forever Shall Record* – PsH 593 (5)

Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.
Led by: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

- Prelude**
Welcome
* **God’s greeting to His people**
* **Opening songs:** *God of All Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* – PsH 599 (1,2,4)
O God, Our Help in Ages Past – PsH 170 (1,2,4)
Responsive Reading: Psalm 118
Song of response: *Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds* – PsH 585 (1-2)
Prayer
* **Song of preparation:** *Abide with Me* – PsH 442 (1,3,4)
Scripture: Psalm 90
Message: TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS
* **Song of response:** *Lord, Through All Generations*
* **God’s blessing to his people**
* **Closing song:** *Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God* – PsH 630
(Your evening offering for the Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors.)

Offering Schedule:

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

Church Family:

- Continue to pray for peace for **Al & Marlene Top** and family as Al is in the Hospice Cottage.
- Please remember our care center members in prayer and with a visit if you are able. **Rena Tinklenberg, Laurie Vanden Bosch, and Evie Mulder** live in Edgebrook’s apartments. **Rose Vanden Bosch, Marilyn Jasper, Harvey & Tressa Ryswyk, and Art & Mayme Spronk** live in Edgebrook Assisted Living. **Sandy Beckering, Jo Bouma, Chuck Top, Regina Schmidt, Elaine Peterson, and Elvira Corbin** live in Edgebrook Care Center. **Gert De Jongh** lives in Ridgeview Estates in Pipestone.

This Week’s Activities:

THURSDAY:

8:15 am **Legacy Thrift Store Workday**..... carpool from Bethel

NEXT SUNDAY:

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

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

10:45 am **Sunday School** for grades 2-8..... Classrooms

10:45 am **Adult Bible Study**..... YPS Room

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



STEPHEN MINISTRY:

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.
- Philippians 2:4

Advance Dates:

January 5: Sunday School Resumes

January 11: IF:Table

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

Announcements:

CHURCH

Bethel’s workday at the Legacy Thrift Store in Worthington is this week Thursday, January 2. Please join us for a fun day of service if you are available. A carpool leaves church at 8:15am.

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.

Directory Booklet Updates: Please submit any address, telephone, or email address changes for the printed church directory to the church office (bethelcrdgederton@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 have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.

Offering report:

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| 11/24 Volunteers In Mercy | \$5,185.77 |
| 11/28 Carolina Flood Relief | \$6,832.28 |
| 12/1 First Fruits (General Fund) | \$49,811.04 |
| 12/8 Mary – Mission to the World | \$4,383.55 |
| 12/15 Denominational Ministry Shares | \$5,909.92 |

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: swmnb@gmail.com or call: Tim L.: 507-530-6379 or Jean: 507-220-0668.

March for Life: 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: Home is a Blessing - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God is our rock and our foundation. The home is the place where your family chooses to make a commitment to serve God. What a blessing! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders.

Groundwork: Your Questions about Scripture and Hope - Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 11:13-16, Revelation 20:1-6, John 15:18-25, and Psalm 46 to look at some of the questions you asked this year in response to our discussions on the Lord’s Prayer, Joshua, and Revelation; then we’ll talk about the issues that feel most pressing for our faith right now and where we can find the hope and encouragement to keep living faithfully each day. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - As we come to the end of a calendar year, this is a fitting time to look back. At a mealtime this week, share with someone else one thing that you’re grateful for, one thing you’re sad about, and one way you’ve seen God working in the past year. Read Psalm 90 together as a reminder that God directs our days, months, and years. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

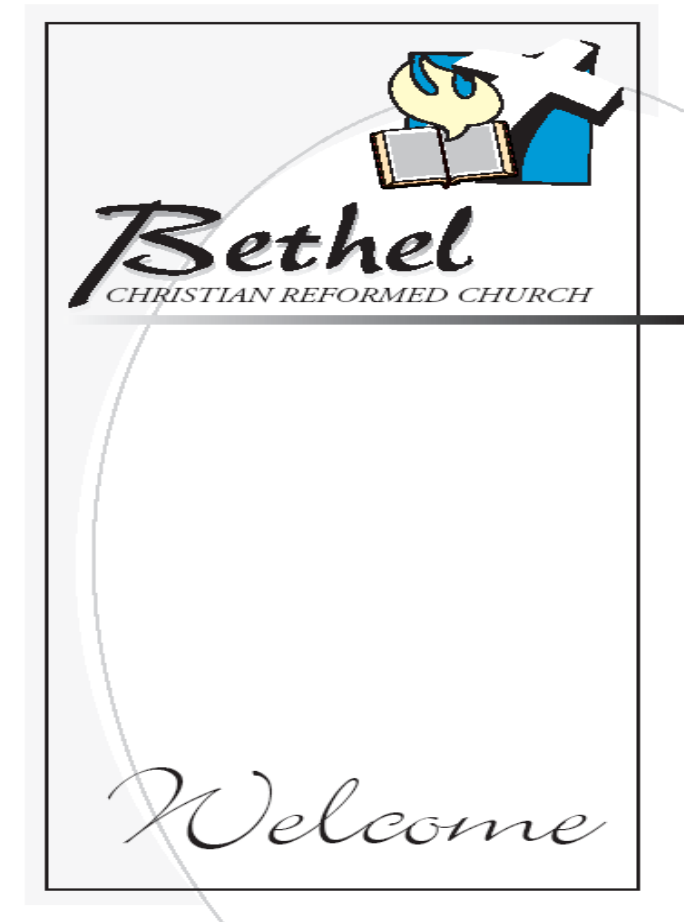
Year End Support for The Banner! - Help The Banner reach its annual goal of raising \$500,000 by giving before December 31. Your gift will enable The Banner to continue reaching North Americans with inspiring and insightful Christian content for another full year. Please donate now at TheBanner.org/Give

Helpful Information

NURSERY: available for infants and toddlers on lower level
CHILDREN'S CHURCH & WORSHIP (AM): ages 3-1st 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 1-5 pm & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Secretary ph: 442-3063 bethelcrdgedgerton@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
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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 Marlin Van Schepen
 Next Week: AM: Pastor Jack Gray PM: Pastor Jack Gray
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Koni De Kam PM: Rachel Prins
 Next Week: AM: Julie Vis PM: Kendra Van Hill
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Todd Jasper Next Week: Greg Dyk
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Becca Van Schepen Next Week: Carissa Odland
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Bonnie De Boer & Lauren Van Stelten
 Next Week: Rose Kroll & Maya Krosschell
NURSERY Today: AM Infant: Dionne Prins, Mara Prins, Sierra Van Dyke
 Toddler: Ruth Kooiker, Mason Tinklenberg, Xavier Meksavanh,
 Sienna Krosschell, Lacy Odland
 PM: Tricia Tinklenberg
 Next Week AM Infant: Mary Brands, Jayven Kooiker, Emma Odland
 Toddler: Brianna Bridgewater, Selah Kuipers, Lincoln Van Hill,
 Dylan Brands, Joel Hanson
 PM: Becca Van Schepen
USHERS Today: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefoort, Jeremy Van Essen
 Next Week: Arly Van't Hof, Greg Dyk, Nick Spronk
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Karen Van Schepen & Donna Hanenburg
 Next Week: Mary Kreun
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Huck Next Week: Jonathan
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Jon Next Week: Walt
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Willem Next Week: Krista
REFRESHMENTS Today: Michelle Van Essen, Fay Van Essen,
 Kimber Van Essen, Karen Walhof
 Next Week: Maddie Van Essen, Julie Vander Pol,
 Jackie Van Nieuwenhuyzen, Karen Walhof



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 Pastor Jack Gray
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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.