# **Bethel Christian Reformed Church January 19, 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:** *God the Uncreated One Lift High the Name of Jesus*

## **Confession/Assurance of pardon**

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

# **Prayer of God's people**

- **Offering:** First is for the Gideons; Second is a communion thank offering for Bible League International
- **Song of preparation:** Turn Your Eyes (Children's church (ages 3-5) and children's worship (grades K-1) dismissed) Scripture: Revelation 19:1-10; text vs 9 Message: VICTORY CIRCLE
- Song of application: The Lord is My Salvation **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
- Parting words
- **Parting song:** Sent Forth by God's Blessing \*

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# **Evening Worship Service – 6:30 p.m.**

Led by: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen

### Prelude Welcome

- God's greeting to His people
- **Opening songs:** Sing Praise to Our Creator PsH 147 (1-3) This Is My Father's World – PsH 436 (1-3)

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 27 and 28 **Song of response:** *Like A River Glorious* – PsH 560 (1-2) Prayer

- Song of preparation: Lord of All Hopefulness–PsH 558 (1-3) Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34 Message: WHY DO YOU WORRY
- **Song of response:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* PsH 556 (1-3)
- God's blessing to his people
- Closing song: Lord of All Hopefulness– PsH 558 (4) (Your evening offering for the Gideons can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors.) \*\*\*\*\*

# **Offering Schedule:**

January 19: Gideons; Communion: Bible League International January 26: Cadets February 2: First Fruits (General Fund)

# Church Family:

- Give thanks for successful knee replacement surgery for Howard Masselink and Esther Masselink.
- Next Sunday morning, Lord willing, we will again have the joy of witnessing the sacrament of baptism as it is applied to Eliza Galvin, daughter of Jason & Abby Galvin.

# This Week's Activities:

### **MONDAY:** 7:00 pm Elders Meeting.....Council Room 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting ......Deacons Room WEDNESDAY: 9:30 am Coffee Break/Story Hour......First CRC 6:30-8:15 pm **GEMS**.....First CRC 6:30-8:30 pm Cadets.....Bethel **NEXT SUNDAY:** 8:30 am Prayer Meeting......Prayer Room Morning Worship Service ......Bethel 9:30 am Sunday School for grades 2-12.....Classrooms 10:45 am 10:45 am 6:30 pm Evening Worship Service - Cadet Sunday ......Bethel

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY:**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. -Proverbs 9:10

# Advance Pates:

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:

# CH<u>URCH</u>

Today is Right-to-Life Sunday. We rejoice that the pro-life movement protecting children in the womb is gaining momentum in our nation. Pray that Christians' defending the unborn will prevail so God's will is done. You are encouraged to join the group going by bus to the March for Life at the State Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 22 (announcement under Community section).

High School Catechism will meet January 19 & 26, after the morning service.

Next week Sunday evening is our service celebrating Cadets. First CRC will join us as well as families from our community. The message is about growing up as Christian boys. Pray for our Cadet and GEMS ministry to boys and girls.

Meal Ministry - a reminder of the prepared meals in the kitchen freezer to share with a church member, neighbor, friend, or acquaintance. Instructions are posted on the freezer door.

**Care Group 7 is leading the service at the Union Gospel Mission in Sioux** Falls on Thursday, January 30. If you are interested in joining, please meet at church at 5:35pm to carpool/caravan. If you would like to meet us there, the service starts at 7:00pm. We'd love to have you join in worship!

Young men and fathers at Bethel: The "BetterMan Group" is a Christian organization focused on providing men with a structured curriculum to study and understand biblical masculinity, aiming to help them become "better men" in their relationships, work, and overall life through group studies based on teachings about leadership, responsibility, and character development within a Christian framework. Bethel will begin a series of group studies consisting of biweekly (twice a month) video teachings and group discussions in February. We welcome you to join us. Contact Terry Tinklenberg for information.

**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 OR code:

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 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?

donation.



Bethel Bridal Shower is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 19. If you know a member of Bethel to include, please contact Sue Jasper by March 23. 507-215-0349 or email suejasper78@yahoo.com

# COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

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

There will be a **Red Cross blood drive** at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, January 27 from 12;30 to 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. We would like to encourage our young adults to come and donate a unit of blood for someone/somewhere. Anyone 16 yrs (with parents consent) and older and in good health is eligible to donate.

LCSS Soup Supper. The Luverne Christian School Society will be hosting the annual Soup & Pie Supper from 5:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 29th at the Luverne Christian Reformed Church. Come on out and enjoy a delicious meal of homemade soups, rolls, BBQ's pies and desserts. The cost is a free will

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.

Do you like to drive? Are you looking for a way to help others? Then look no further; here at United Community Action Partnership we have a volunteer driver program in your community. Volunteer drivers help get people to appointments and social outings so they can continue to live independently and stay active within the community. For more information, give Amanda a call 507-847-2632 ext. 1119 or email communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org.

**Kids' Corner: Word Power MLK Day** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Did you know words have power? Your words. Your neighbor's words. Everybody's! Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. knew that. He used his word power to help people see each other as equals, no matter their skin color. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Groundwork: When Jesus Prays** - Listening to a person pray gives us a glimpse into their heart. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study John 17:1-5, the opening verses of Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. Together we'll discuss the meaning of Jesus' words as he asks God to glorify him and the implications of his prayer in our own lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Register for a High School Experience of a Lifetime!** - Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the New Life Church in Sioux Center, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is February 14-16, 2025. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request. Are you an adult but still want to be involved? We are also accepting applications for adults over 21 to join our team for the weekend and help these students experience Jesus! Visit tristatetec.org for more information.

**Notice of Address Change** - The CRC denominational offices in the US have moved. Here is their new address if you would ever like to send correspondence or a financial gift to Thrive, ReFrame, Resonate, or The Banner: 300 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506-1208 for all mail. More information can be found at: crcna.org/contact

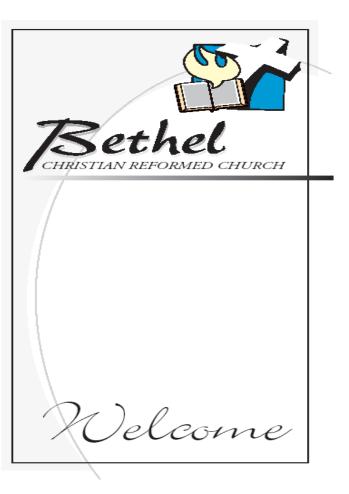
**California Wildfire Response** - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is preparing to respond to the wildfires currently devastating the Los Angeles region. World Renew DRS prioritizes the needs of those who are elderly, disabled, or living in lower-income communities, and helps them rebuild their homes. Please give generously. You can donate online at worldrenew.net/californiafires, call 1-800-552-7972, or make out your check to World Renew DRS, with "DRS California Wildfires 2025" written in the memo line, and mail to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

# 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 **OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday 1-5 pm & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Secretary ph: 442-3063 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 **INTERIM PASTOR:** Jack Gray, 605-261-8102; jwgray6691@gmail.com ASSISTANT PASTOR: Marlin, cell: 507-920-5977 mkvanschepen@hotmail.com WEATHER RELATED SERVICE INFORMATION: KDWC (99.3FM), K101 (101.1FM), KLOH (1050AM), KNWC (96.5FM), KELOLAND TV **ELDERS: DEACONS:** Leland Vanderaa, President Ross Fey, President of Deacons Tim Van Dyke, Vice President Isaac Odland Brent Van Schepen, Clerk Ryan Bridgewater Doug Eisma Kyle Fey, Secretary of Deacons Greg Hanenburg Dvlan Walhof Dennis Kroll Mike Fenske Mark Van Dam Matt Tinklenberg Rob Van Hill Josh Van Essen Ron Vander Lugt

# 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: Kendra Van Hill PM: Rachel Prins Next Week: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Linda Vanderaa CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Linda Vanderaa Next Week: Denise Nerem CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Karen Dyk Next Week: Kayla Vande Kamp CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Rose Kroll & Maya Krosschell NURSERY Today: AM Infant: Emily Hanenburg, Alexa De Boer, Boden Rieck Toddler: Melissa Kooiker, Maddie Van Essen, Miles Prins, Sophie Van Essen, Sierra Van Dyke PM: Bonnie De Boer Next Week AM Infant: Ruth Kooiker, Brenna Jasper, Logan Van Dyke Toddler: Chanda Rozeboom, Megan Rylaarsdam, Noah Veldkamp, Hudson Kooiker, Jaelyn Krosschell PM: Tom & Arla Bouma **USHERS** Today: Jon Kroll, Justin Prins, Lloyd Prins Next Week: Wyatt Vos, Randy Pfeifle, Ben Hanenburg HOST/HOSTESS Today: Dean & Becky Van Hulzen Next Week: Karen Van Schepen **SOUND SYSTEM** Today: Derek/Denny Next Week: Justin/Denny VIDEO CAMERA Today: Brent Next Week: Arlin MULTI-MEDIA Today: Dan Next Week: Caleb **REFRESHMENTS** Today: Lin Van't Hof, Tricia Veldkamp, Coleen Ver Hey, Steve & Lisa Vander Maten Next Week: Amber Vos. Connie Vreeman. Jolene Walhof, Jill Talsma



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