

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
July 7, 2024

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 Jack Gray

- Prelude**
- Welcome and announcements**
- Call to worship**
- * **God’s greeting to His people**
- * **We greet each other**
- * **Opening songs:** *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down*
Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
- Confession/assurance of pardon**
- Song of response:** *What Can I Do*
- Prayer of God’s people**
- Offering for First Fruits (General Fund)**
- * **Song of preparation:** *Seek Ye First* – PsH 209 (1-3)
(Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
- Scripture:** Daniel 6; text vs 10
- Message:** PRAYER UNDER PRESSURE
- * **Song of application:** *Sweet Hour of Prayer* – Praise 414 (1-2)
- * **Parting words**
- * **Parting song:** *God of Mercy, God of Grace*

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

- Prelude**
- Welcome**
- * **God’s greeting to His people**
- * **Opening songs:** *Christ Shall Have Dominion* – PsH 541 (1,3)
We Are Called
- Heidelberg Catechism:** Q & A 116-118
- Song of response:** *In Sweet Communion, Lord with You* – PsH 554 (1,2,3,5)
- Prayer**
- * **Song of preparation:** *Like a River Glorious* – PsH 560 (1-2)
- Scripture:** Acts 4:23-31; text vs 29
- Message:** PRAYING IN PAGAN AMERICA
- * **Song of response:** *Lead On, O King Eternal* – PsH 555 (1-3)
- * **God’s blessing to His people**
- * **Closing song:** *Christ Shall Have Dominion* – PsH 541 (4)
(Your evening offering for the General Fund can be put in the collection bags at the sanctuary doors.)

Offering Schedule:

- July 7: First Fruits (General Fund)
- July 14: Denominational Ministry Shares
- July 21: Vasya & Maranda Heytsi
Communion Thank Offering: ATLAS
- July 28: Dennis & Rose Kroll (Morocco Teaching Trip)

Church Family:

- **Phou Meksavanh** had a thyroidectomy on Monday, July 1 for his Graves’ disease. He also anticipates a heart ablation procedure on August 2 to correct an atrial flutter. Pray that these procedures will be effective, and for good healing.
- Last Sunday, Wanda Gray's mother, Ann Dykema, passed away. Her funeral was this past Friday morning. We express our sympathy to **Pastor Jack and Wanda** as they rejoice that Ann has been able to go to her eternal home and be with her Lord and Savior.

This Week’s Activities:

- MONDAY:**
7:00 pm **Council Meeting** Council Room
- NEXT SUNDAY:**
8:30 am **Prayer Meeting** Prayer Room
9:30 am **Morning Worship Service** Bethel
6:30 pm **Evening Worship Service** Bethel



STEPHEN MINISTRY:

So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. -Romans 12:5

Advance Dates:

September 14: SWC 7th Annual Tractor Ride

Announcements:

CHURCH

There will not be a Children's Message during the morning service this week.

Help wanted: We are looking for 1 or 2 new teachers to help teach Children’s Worship. Contact Carissa Odland if you are interested or would like to know more. We could also use more Children’s Church leaders. Please contact Michelle Van Essen if you would be willing to help with the 3-5 year olds.

The council is seeking a new Youth Director for the upcoming year. If you have a passion for discipling our young people and leading this ministry, the council encourages you to apply. If interested, please contact a council member for a full job description.

Dutch Festival Service: Join us at First Reformed on Sunday evening, July 14, at 6:30 pm. The theme for the service will be "Better Than Gold" as we look at Psalm 119:65-72 and sing an assortment of Psalms together. The offering for the service will go towards the Edgerton Food Shelf. There will be a time of fellowship following the service.

You're Invited: The family of Jacob Van Dam will be hosting an Open House Bridal Shower for his Bride to Be Mikaya Herdle on Friday, July 19 from 6:30-8:30pm in the church fellowship hall. They are registered at M&H Hardware, Katie's Closet & More, and TheKnot.com.

If you are coordinating a small group to go down to help in Rock Valley and would like more information, someone from your group may contact Adam Rosman, Community Activities Director at 605-254-4230, to get information about where help is needed and what you should bring along. You will also need to check in at the Community Center at 1507 Main Street when you get to town so that they can keep track of volunteer hours.

SCHOOL

Edgerton's annual Dutch Festival is July 11-13. In efforts to build camaraderie, give back to the community, and raise funds, the SWC Food Stand will be providing a delicious array of locally-raised beef and pork, home-made ice cream, fresh baked pies, bakery buns, and more at prices families can afford. Ways to support this fundraiser include eating at the food stand, volunteering at the food stand (<https://signup.com/go/DHNqefN>), and/or donating to the SWC Parents Club (<https://account.venmo.com/u/SWCParentsClub>). Cash or check donations—designated to SWC Parents Club—can also be left in Lori Fey's church mailbox.

Donate QR Code:



Volunteer QR Code:



Mark your calendar: SWC 7th Annual Tractor Ride will be September 14, 2024, beginning at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

Save the Date: The Bible League Dinner and Conference for Men and Women is Sept 9 & 10th in Sioux Center, IA.

Kids Corner: Spontaneous Prayers - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. We don’t have to wait until Sunday to talk with God, or pray to him only at mealtimes. Ephesians 6:18 says to “never stop praying.” We can pray to God anytime. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Reading the Old Testament shows that even though God loved, protected, and provided for the people of Israel, time after time they forgot God. How might we become people who remember God? What might you add to your home or to your schedule to serve as a daily reminder to connect with God? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

World Renew DRS Response to Iowa Flooding - After heavy rain and severe flooding in northwestern Iowa last weekend (6/22/24), World Renew DRS is making plans to help the homeowners and churches who were most affected to clean up and rebuild as the flood water recedes. Please pray for those who have lost their homes and possessions, for DRS volunteers and staff, and others working to assist people in need. You can help flood survivors in Iowa and across the U.S. with your financial gift at <http://worldrenew.net/springstorms2024-donate>, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing your check made out to World Renew DRS, with “Spring Storms 2024” in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr, SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

Wish You Could Do More for Ministry? - Through gifts in a will, many everyday people give substantially more than would ever be possible during their lifetimes. Email advancement@crcna.org to learn more how you can support Thrive in your estate plans.

AM Service – Prayer Under Pressure – Daniel 6 – Pastor Jack Gray

What do you think and feel is the most vivid part in the account of Daniel in the Lion's Den?

How did fervent prayer get Daniel into the Lion's Den?

Which prayer you are praying now that could get you into a pickle if God answers it?

Why are Christians challenged to be like Daniel?

Explain how prayer develops piety.

Give an example from your own life in which the power of prayer prevailed.

Describe the pattern you would like to establish in your prayer life.

Do you dare have persistent prayer for your top prayer request in the pattern of Luke 18?

PM Service – Praying in Pagan America – Acts 4:23-31 – Pastor Jack Gray

Do Jesus' warnings match the time in which we live?

The book of Acts happened in a time like ours. Should we pray as they prayed?

Describe how Christianity is in rapid decline on our country.

What cultural changes challenge the church the most?

What do you see as the three biggest temptations for our children and teens today?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How often do you follow the three steps of prayer in Acts 4?

Give an example of parents' prayers that made a difference.

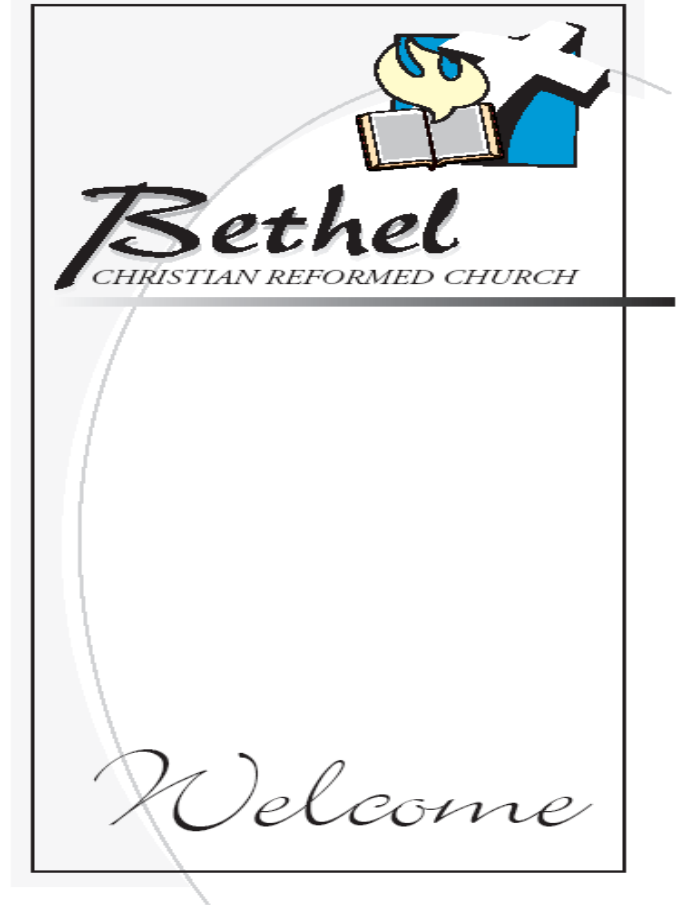
What will you boldly pray to God for today?

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 bethelcrccdgerton@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: Pastor Jack Gray PM: Pastor Jack Gray
 Next Week: AM: Rev. Jack Gray PM: Combined at First Reformed
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Linda Vanderaa
 Next Week: AM: Kendra Van Hill
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: None Next Week: Leland Vanderaa
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Janet Walhof Next Week: Bonnie De Boer
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Cal Spronk
NURSERY Today AM: Infant: Coleen Ver Hey, Megan Rylaarsdam, Sadie Fenske
 Toddler: Abby Galvin, Keira De Boer, Xavier Meksavanh, Isaiah Fey, Miles Prins
 PM: Arlin & Lin Van't Hof
 Next Week AM Infant: Tiffany Meksavanh, Hannah Caspersen
 Toddler: Erin Krosschell, JR Van Stelten, Elliot Vander Pol, Asher Meksavanh, Sierra Van Dyke
USHERS Today: Kyle Vos, Tom Remme, Ryan Bos
 Next Week: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefoort, Jeremy Van Essen
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Dean & Becky Van Hulzen
 Next Week: Vern & Mina Vander Pol
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Jonathan Next Week: Seth
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Walt Next Week: Jon
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Willem Next Week: Krista
REFRESHMENTS Today: Fay Van Essen, Kimber Van Essen, Maddie Van Essen, Randy & Lisa Pfeifle
 Next Week: Julie Vander Pol, Jackie Van Nieuwenhuyzen, Becca Van Schepen, Hiene & Karen Walhof



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 Cornerstone Prison Church - South Dakota
 Children of the Promise – Haiti
 Vasya & Maranda Heytsi – Ukraine
 Kylee Z – Central Asia

**Worship Guide
and Weekly News**

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Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.