

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
July 14, 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:** *Turn Your Eyes*
His Glory and My Good

Confession/assurance of pardon
Communion Preparatory Litany
Song of response: *Jesus, Thank You*
Prayer of God’s people

Offering for Denominational Ministry Shares
 * **Song of preparation:** *Good Shepherd of My Soul*
 (Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)

Scripture: Luke 15:1-7; text vs 7
Message: HEAVEN’S JOY

- * **Song of application:** *By the Sea of Crystal* – PsH 620 (1-2)
- * **Parting words**
- * **Parting song:** *By the Sea of Crystal* – PsH 620 (3)

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.

Offering Schedule:

- July 14: Denominational Ministry Shares
- July 21: Vasya & Maranda Heytsi
Communion Thank Offering: ATLAS
- July 28: Dennis & Rose Kroll (Morocco Teaching Trip)
- August 4: First Fruits (General Fund)

Church Family:

- Congratulations to **Nicholas & Madelyn (Rozeboom) Hendel** who were united in marriage July 13th! May God bless their marriage.
- Please pray for the young people and adults that are going to Fort Collins, CO on SERVE July 20-27. Those going from Bethel are: **Mark Van Dam, Josh Van Dam, Avery Fey, Parker Fey, Willem Dyk.**

This Week’s Activities:

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:

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. -Romans 15:7

Advance Dates:

September 14: SWC 7th Annual Tractor Ride

Announcements:

CHURCH

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.

Notes from the July Council meeting:

- The council participated in a time of mutual censure which is a time to encourage one another in their work as office bearers.
- Plans to hold an informational meeting regarding the decisions of Synod 2024 are under way.
- To increase knowledge of CRC Church Order, Articles 63-64 were read and discussed.
- The elders, deacons and pastor reported on the work they have done in the past month.
- The council received an update on the work of the pastoral search committee.

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.

We would like to say **thank you** to everyone for the prayers, meals, texts, and calls that we received during my surgery and recovery.

-Phou and Tiffany Meksavanh

SCHOOL

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

COMMUNITY & OTHER ITEMS

A beautiful evening for women - Monday, July 15: Joy Fopma, author of the book "An So Somehow - My Story of Finding Joy in Suffering and Resurrection" and co-founder of Wings of Refuge, a ministry for women recovering from sex trafficking is going to be speaking at ATLAS - 101 2nd St NE, Pipestone on Monday evening, July 15 beginning at 6 pm. Joy is a passion-filled visionary with a bold testimony that encourages others to receive their God-given identity. You won't want to miss this! Invite others & be encouraged!

You are invited to **Lost Timber Bible Camp’s 50th Anniversary Celebration.** We will kick off this free event **Saturday, July 20th at 3:00pm.** Between 3-7pm, there will be inflatables, food trucks (vouchers handed out at camp to each family), games, tours, snacks etc. At 7pm, we will have worship and a program on the ball field (BYO lawn chair - some will be available, but not enough for everyone) and a family-friendly improv comedy duo will begin at 8:00pm, followed by s'mores at the campfire. Join us to celebrate all that God has done through Lost Timber over the past 50 years.

The 2024 Abide Project Convention will be held July 30th-31st at First CRC, Sioux Center. The theme this year is drawn from Titus, “contend for the faith!” Join us for two days of instruction from God’s Word, fellowship and discussion. The cost is \$100 for both days, which includes admission and all meals as well as lodging at Dordt for those who would like it. If you cannot make the entire convention, join us for our special public session with Dr. Jeff Wiema, Professor of New Testament at Calvin Seminary July 30th beginning at 7pm. He will be giving a talk on “The Sanctity of Sex. Living a Holy Life in a Sex, Saturated Society (1 Thess. 4:1-8)” This portion of the conference is free, and all are encouraged to attend! Please go to www.abideproject.org

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

Kids Corner: Light for Your Path - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Make devotions a habit. Pick a time and try to be consistent. Before bed is an excellent time for this, but it can be anytime during the day. Spending time with God’s Word and in prayer is the lamp for your path you need! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

Groundwork: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - Scripture helps us to better understand the nature of each person of the Trinity and the awesome phenomena of their unity as One. Join Groundwork as we study Deuteronomy 1:31, Psalm 103, Matthew 6:9-14, 25-34, John 1:1-3, Hebrews 4:15-16, Philippians 2:5-8, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Genesis 1:2, and John 14:16-17 to discuss the unique attributes and work of each person of our triune God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In the sacrament of The Lord’s Supper we remember both the great sacrifice and the wonderful gift of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Think and talk about how you might more fully enter into both the sorrow and the joy as you celebrate communion. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Iowa Floods Update - After heavy rain and river flooding in northwestern Iowa in June 2024, the first team of World Renew DRS volunteers arrived in Hawarden on July 8. The team is working for 10 days, helping flood survivors shovel out mud and remove waterlogged wallboard and flooring from some of the most damaged homes. Next, World Renew DRS will be onsite in Hawarden to meet potential partners and offer our services to help homeowners recover. Please continue to pray for flood survivors in Iowa. Volunteer with World Renew DRS at worldrenew.net/volunteer. Donate at worldrenew.net/springstorms2024 or call 800-552-7972. Thank you!

Make an Impact by Volunteering with World Renew - This fall, World Renew has volunteer openings for individual adults, couples, or church groups to help in areas impacted by disasters. These one-week trips include home repair and cleanup projects that give vulnerable homeowners a chance to rebuild their lives. No matter your skillset, lending your time and talents as a volunteer with World Renew will have lasting reach. Learn more and sign up at worldrenew.net/volunteer.

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 bethelcrccdgeron@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:
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

Our Helpers

PREACHING Today: AM: Rev. Jack Gray PM: Combined at First Reformed
 Next Week: AM: Pastor Marlin Van Schepen PM:
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Kendra Van Hill
 Next Week: AM: Koni De Kam PM: Linda Vanderaa
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Today: Michael Prins Next Week: Bonnie De Boer
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Today: Bonnie De Boer Next Week: Carissa Odland
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Today: Cal Spronk & Odlands
NURSERY Today AM: Infant: Tiffany Meksavanh, Hannah Caspersen
 Toddler: Erin Krosschell, JR Van Stelten, Elliot Vander Pol, Asher Meksavanh, Sierra Van Dyke
 Next Week AM Infant: Tricia Veldkamp, Addison Van Hill, Sienna Krosschell
 Toddler: Abbie Fey, Jordan Uilk, Willem Dyk, Leah Veldkamp, Boden Rieck
 PM: Jess & Darci Van Dyke
USHERS Today: Mike Fenske, Isaac Ossefoort, Jeremy Van Essen
 Next Week: Arly Van't Hof, Greg Dyk, Nick Spronk
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Vern & Mina Vander Pol
 Next Week: Karen Van Schepen & Donna Hanenburg
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Seth Next Week: Derek/Denny
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Jon Next Week: Cal
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Krista Next Week: Kyle
REFRESHMENTS Today: Julie Vander Pol, Jackie Van Nieuwenhuyzen, Becca Van Schepen, Hiene & Karen Walhof
 Next Week: Karen Van Schepen, Renae Van Stelten, Lin Van't Hof, Chris & Michelle Moosey



610 Main Street • Edgerton, MN 56128 • 507-442-3063
www.betheledgerton.org
bethelcrccdgeron@yahoo.com

Interim Pastor

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
 Kylee Z – Central Asia

Worship Guide and Weekly News

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.