

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
July 28, 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 Marlin Van Schepen

- Prelude**
- Welcome and announcements**
- Call to worship**
- * **God’s greeting to His people**
- * **We greet each other**
- * **Opening songs:** *We Will Extol You, God and King*
Oh, How Good It Is
- Call to confession – Ten Commandments**
- Assurance of pardon**
- Song of response:** *Shine On Us*
 (Children’s sermon for grades 2-4 in the society room.)
- Prayer of God’s people**
- Offering for Dennis & Rose Kroll (Morocco Teaching Trip)**
- * **Song of preparation:** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* – PsH 625
 (Children’s church (ages 3-5) and children’s worship (grades K-1) dismissed)
- Scripture:** James 5:13-15
- Message:** PRAYERS OF FAITH
- * **Song of application:** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* – Praise 412 (1-3)
- * **Parting words**
- * **Parting song:** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* – PsH 315 (1,2)

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

- Prelude**
- Welcome**
- * **God’s greeting to His people**
- * **Opening songs:** *My Song Forever Shall Record* – PsH 593 (1-4)
I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains – PsH 448 (1-4)
- Nicene Creed**
- Song of response:** *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer* - PsH 543 (1-3)
- Prayer**
- * **Song of preparation:** *Open the Eyes of My Heart*
- Scripture:** Genesis 19:14-29; text vs 19-20
- Message:** GOD OF THE MOUNTAINS
- * **Song of response:** *I Need Thee Every Hour*
- * **God’s blessing to his people**
- * **Closing song:** *My Song Forever Shall Record* – PsH 593 (5)

Offering Schedule:

- July 28: Dennis & Rose Kroll (Morocco Teaching Trip)
- August 4: First Fruits (General Fund)
- August 11: Mary Buys
- August 18: CRC World Renew (NW Iowa Flooding)
- August 25: Gideons

Church Family:

- Please pray for the young people and adults that are in Fort Collins, CO on SERVE July 20-27, **Mark Van Dam, Josh Van Dam, Avery Fey, Parker Fey, Willem Dyk.**
- As a congregation we express our sympathy to **Chuck Top** in the passing of his son, Chuck Top Jr.

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



STEPHEN MINISTRY:

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. -Colossians 3:13

Advance Dates:

- August 10: IF:Table
- August 12: Church Carpet Cleaning
- August 29: Union Gospel Mission Chapel Service (Care Group #5)
- September 14: SWC 7th Annual Tractor Ride

Announcements:

CHURCH

From the Krolls: Thanks for your participation in our teaching trip in North Africa. We will be sharing a bit during the service this morning and will be available after the service (or anytime) to elaborate and answer questions. You can also text us your contact info for access to the slide show of the work we did if you missed it. ~Dennis and Rose Kroll

Thursday, August 1, is **Bethel’s workday at the Legacy Thrift Store** in Worthington. This is a service opportunity for anyone and everyone. If you would like to carpool, please meet at Bethel at 8:15 am.

Synod 2024 Report Meeting: The 2024 Classis synodical delegates will be in Bethel CRC, Edgerton on August 1 at 7:00 P.M. to give a report on Synod 2024. Area churches have been invited to attend as well. There will be a question-and-answer period following the presentation.

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.

Share the harvest! A produce sharing table has been put up by the mailboxes. Everyone is welcome to bring extra garden produce to share and/or help yourself to whatever is donated.

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, August 10** at 9:00 am in the church fellowship hall. The conversations will center around both light-hearted and deeper questions. 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.

Pastor Bill and Sandy Vis are coming back to Bethel! They plan to arrive in Edgerton on August 8. His first Sunday preaching will be August 11 and his last will be November 17. They are excited to be returning.

GEMS Registration Night ~ Monday, August 12, 2024 ~ 7pm-10pm ~ Edgerton City Pool and Shelter House...Grab your suit and towel, it's time to get cool, with a summer party out by the pool! GEMS is an acronym for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. Our vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others - girls equipped, motivated, and passionately engaged in living out their faith! Join area girls for a great night of games, food, and swimming! We will get everyone introduced to GEMS Girls Club and registered for the upcoming year. Parents can come with their girls to the shelter house closest to the ball diamonds. You can look at this year's curriculum and fill out registration papers. The girls will stay there for some activities, and you are free to leave and return by 10pm to pick them back up from the pool. You are also welcome to stay for the night's festivities if you would like! Please call Jen Brands with any questions at 507-227-5880 or email at jen.brands623@gmail.com

As part of our outreach ministry Bethel runs inspirational messages on KDWC 99.3 FM. Many of you have recorded some in the past. It's time for some fresh new messages. If you would be willing to record one, please contact Tom Bouma. These can be a devotional written by someone else or something you write yourself. They only need to be approximately one minute in length and recording is very easy.

GEMS is looking for a couple more leaders for the upcoming season in late August/September. Who wants to be part of a great mission!!! You are with another leader so you will always have a partner in your small group and if crafts aren't your thing, no worries! We have everything organized and planned ahead of time so you just show up and be present for these girls! This is a great ministry and we have been able to offer it to girls grades 3-8. To continue to offer it to those grades though we need your help! We need to have our team completed very soon so don't delay! GEMS is something these girls look forward to! Please talk to or call Jen Brands at 507-227-5880 with any questions or if you are willing to serve as a leader!

There are not enough words of gratefulness for all the meals, cards, texts, & visits from members of Bethel after the passing of our dad and grandpa, Paul Clapp. He is truly missed! Also, for all the concern for our mom & grandma with the flooding in Rock Valley the week after his passing. We are truly blessed!
 -Mark, Paula, Katie, Jacob, Mikaya, & Joshua

How grateful we are for all the expressions of sympathy through kind words, prayer, cards, meals, flowers, and visits in the recent passing of our dear mother and grandmother, Gerry Mouw. What a blessing and comfort to be part of God’s chosen family so that we can be called to our heavenly home. We rejoice in this assurance! Thank you, Marlin and Karen, for your many visits and prayers during a difficult time. With much appreciation, *Greg, Karen Dyk and family*

Offering Report:

6/30 Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund	\$10,799.50
7/7 First Fruits (General Fund)	\$44,924.34
7/14 Denominational Ministry Shares	\$7,119.26
7/21 Vasya & Maranda Heytsi	\$5,662.00
7/21 ATLAS for Life	\$1,059.00

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

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. **The Summer edition of Abiding**, a publication from The Abide Project, is available in the resource racks near the mailbox center and church office.

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

Kids Corner: Pass It On! - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Daily devotions in our families help us deepen our understanding of God’s big story. And it can be fun, too. We can listen, look at pictures, act out the stories, and ask our wondering questions. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

Groundwork: God Creates - The theme of creation echoes throughout the Bible. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Genesis 1, Revelation 21:22-24, Psalm 139:13-14, Hebrews 1:1-3, and Colossians 1:15-17 to discuss what this theme reveals to us about God’s character, love, and intentions. Then we’ll consider our call to reflect God’s creativity with our own as bearers of his image. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God.” How might we prepare ourselves to recognize interruptions as opportunities to serve? Learn more at crna.org/FaithPracticesProject

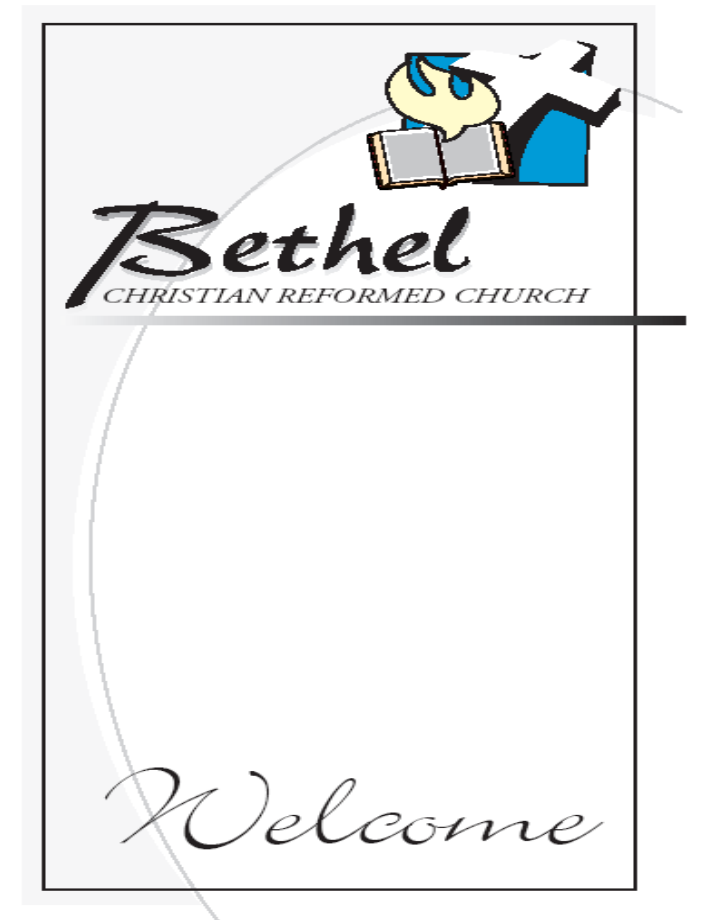
Support The Banner! - We need your help to reach our annual goal of raising \$500,000 by July 31. Your partnership will enable The Banner to continue reaching North Americans with inspiring and insightful Christian content for another full year. Please donate now at TheBanner.org/Give

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 bethelcrccdgeron@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 Marlin Van Schepen PM: Rev. Jack Gray
Next Week: AM: Rev. Harrison Newhouse PM: Rev. Jack Gray
ACCOMPANIST Today: AM: Lisa Vander Maten PM: Lisa Vander Maten
Next Week: AM: Rachel Prins PM: Linda Vanderaa
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Today: Michael Prins Next Week: Todd Jasper
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Today: Larissa Caspersen Next Week: Karen Dyk
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP Today: Cal Spronk & Mason/Mikah Tinklenberg
NURSERY Today AM: Infant: Ruth Kooiker, Regan Walhof, Kathryn Moosey
Toddler: Kendra Kuipers, Abby Moosey, Jayven Kooiker, Lincoln Van Hill, Logan Van Dyke
PM: Brevan & Brenna Jasper
Next Week AM Infant: Lois Van Dyke, Dena Pap, Shelby Van Essen
Toddler: LuAnn Spronk, Megan Rylaarsdam, Parker Fey, Josiah Pap, Miles Prins
PM: Bonnie De Boer, Isaiah Fey
USHERS Today: Ron Vander Lugt, Jesse Kooiker, Dan Hanson
Next Week: Jon Kroll, Justin Prins, Lloyd Prins
HOST/HOSTESS Today: Mary Kreun & Kendra Kuipers
Next Week: Dean & Becky Van Hulzen
SOUND SYSTEM Today: Justin/Denny Next Week: Jonathan
VIDEO CAMERA Today: Brent Next Week: Arlin
MULTI-MEDIA Today: Dan Next Week: Caleb
REFRESHMENTS Today: Tricia Veldkamp, Amber Vos, Connie Vreeman, Gene & LouAnn Kuipers
Next Week: Jolene Walhof, Janet Walhof, Arla Bouma, Steve & Lisa Vander Maten



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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.