

“This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.”
Psalm 118:24

Welcome to Bethel Christian Reformed Church on this Sunday, August 13, 2023.

Helping with Worship and Fellowship this morning

Ushers: Mitch Greenfield, Brian Kartechner & Caleb Winkel
PP /Audio: Russ Smies & Mike Dull
Organist: Betty Kemink
Library: Stacey Smies
WOW Leader: Cassie Kartechner
WOW Helper: Rachel Kartechner
Nursery Adult: Holly Marwitz & Dianne Buteyn
Nursery Helpers: Becca & Ben Kartechner

Bethel Family

Rev. Kurt Selles will be leading our service this morning. Kurt is the director of ReFrame Ministries (formerly Back to God Ministries International).

Glen and Pat De Vries celebrated their 50th anniversary on August 11th. There will be cake after church to celebrate this joyful milestone!

Church office hours will be changing as the school year begins. Christina will be in the office Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00-11:00 a.m.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Installation of New Council Members on Sunday, August 20th.

Nominations for Elder are: Mark Buteyn, Cal Greenfield, Jeff Homan, Brian Kartechner, Derek Minnema, Loren Smith, Curt Vlietstra, Caleb Winkel and Dave Wobschall.

Nominations for Deacon are: Josh Bos, Ben Buteyn, Luke Ganz, Jared Homan, Eric Mulder, and Jared Oosterhouse.

Our 2nd offering this morning is for Milwaukee Rescue Mission.

Care and Share Group #2 is scheduled to serve this morning and Care and Share Group #3 on August 20th. August 20th will be the last Sunday of summer refreshments.

Bethel Activities & Events

Join us TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. for Sunday evening Bible study and fellowship! We are following a study by RC Sproul and Ligonier Ministries titled “What is Reformed Theology?” Everyone is welcome to join even if you cannot attend each time.

Food for thought from the book *Resilient: Child Discipleship and the Fearless Future of the Church*. “Are our kids becoming Christian disciples or is the culture engulfing them?” “Are we preparing our children to function as Christ-followers in **this** culture or is our guidance better fit for a

previous past culture?” “Are we effectively engaging this culture or being silenced by it?” “Are we protecting our students **from** rather than preparing them **to** engage a post-Christian culture?” “If our young people are going to thrive in digital Babylon, they have to move beyond familiarity with Jesus to a place of intimacy.” If you feel God tugging at your heart for our children and youth, please reach out to Becky VanderWerff, Jen Vlietstra, or one of our Church Education team members to see how you can be of assistance in our Children and Youth Ministries!

The high school youth group is looking for some energetic adults to join our team! The school year is starting soon, and we are still in need of 3 men and 3 women to join us as we mentor and disciple our high school students to become living sacrifices that have a vibrant and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. As a high school youth group mentor, you’ll enjoy small group Bible study with the students, walking alongside them as they grow in their faith, praying for them, pointing them to Christ, helping them with challenges and struggles, as well as fun activities and service projects. Please reach out to Jen Vlietstra at cjvliet@charter.net, Bryant Greenfield at bryant.greenfield@gmail.com, or Noah Mulder at swdnoahmulder@gmail.com if you’d like to learn more about this wonderful opportunity to service in youth ministry.

Community Events & Activities

Auction Countdown is On!!!

The list is growing daily and the plans are being finalized as we head to the *Wild, Wild West* Central Wisconsin Christian Harvest Auction 2023. We're excited to experience a great night of fellowship and friend/fundraising. The online silent auction will open up on September 17th, with the live event set for Friday, September 22nd. Please register, order your meal, or make your donations at cwcauction.com, where you can watch the list grow and see all of the details. Bake sale items can be dropped off the morning of the event prior to 11AM. Once you register, we'll prepare your personalized auction packet and have you ready to roll when you arrive. Don't miss this great night - wear your western-themed costume, and take along some friends as together we impact the lives of the kids.

Convocation / Ribbon-Cutting set for August 21

Final touches are being completed on the campus expansion at Central Wisconsin Christian, and preparations continue for our 76th year. We want to invite you as members of our community to join us for Convocation on Monday, August 21st at 6:30 PM. The event will be held on the west side of the new addition, so please bring your lawn chairs. We will be spending time in worship, a message from Head of School Mark Buteyn on this year's theme *Speaking the Truth in Love*, and celebrating a ribbon-cutting ceremony to formally open our 31,000 square foot addition. We treasure your partnership in our ministry, and would love to have you join us for this special time of gratitude and praise.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>YTD Given</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
August 6	239	\$7,181 (General Fund) \$570 (Mission Support)	\$659,887	\$631,063

August 13, 2023

- Prelude
- We Gather in God’s House**
- * 10,000 Reasons
 - * Call to Worship/Greeting
 - * Days of Elijah
 - * Speak, O Lord

We Worship Through Prayer and Giving

Congregational Prayer- David Smits

Offerings:

- (1) General Fund
 - (2) Milwaukee Rescue Mission
- *Hymn—PH #517 “There’s No God as Great”
- (Children ages 3-5 are dismissed for WOW)

We Hear God’s Word Proclaimed

Scripture: Psalm 19

Sermon: Sweeter than Honey

Prayer

We Depart to Serve in God’s Kingdom

- *Hymn—PH #497 “How Vast the Benefits Divine”
- *God’s Blessing
- *Closing Praise—PH#630 “Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God”

Next Week’s Service, Sunday, August 20, 2023

- Visiting Pastor:** Al Venhuizen
- Offering:** Church Health Services-Rock River
- Ushers:** Curt Visser, Brian Bresser & Logan Ganz
- PP/Audio:** Russ Smies & Mike Dull
- Library:** Stacey Smies
- Organist:** Sandy Alsum
- Nursery Adult:** Elizabeth Greenfield & Abby Buwalda
- Nursery Helper:** Ryan Hull & Cora Smies
- WOW Leader:** Carey Alsum
- WOW Helper:** Brynn Bille

