

“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 20, 2023.

Helping with Worship and Fellowship this morning

Ushers: Curt Visser, Brian Bresser & Luke Ganz
PP /Audio: Russ Smies & Mike Dull
Organist: Sandy Alsum
Library: Stacey Smies
WOW Leader: Carey Alsum
WOW Helper: Brynn Bille
Nursery Adult: Elizabeth Greenfield & Abby Buwalda
Nursery Helpers: Ryan Hull

Bethel Family

Al Venhuizen will be leading our service this morning.

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated next Sunday morning. We invite all guests, who are professing Christians and members in good standing in their church, to participate with us. All who are truly sorry for their sins, and who desire to live in obedience to Jesus Christ as their only Savior, are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper together. The Lord promises to strengthen our faith through the work of the Holy Spirit as we eat and drink these elements.

Thank you SO much for the warm welcome to our family! We are humbled by the generous outpouring of love, and we are so excited to be part of the Bethel family. You thought of every little thing to make this transition smooth for us, and we have thoroughly enjoyed meeting many of you already. We look forward to God guiding all of us on this journey ahead in doing life and ministry together! Pastor Kurt & Jenna (& Lena too!)

2nd grader students will be receiving their Bibles during the service next week.

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. Starting Monday, August 21.

At our congregational meeting, the following men were elected to council and will be installed during our morning service:
Elders: Cal Greenfield, Loren Smith & Derek Minnema
Deacons: Jared Oosterhouse & Luke Ganz

Our 2nd offering this morning is for Church Health Services-Rock River Clinic.

Care and Share Group #3 is scheduled to serve this morning Today is the last Sunday of summer refreshments.

Bethel Activities & Events

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 12th for a mom’s morning at Tom Dooley Apple Orchard. Bring the kids and let’s enjoy a morning together while the kids play!

The First and Bethel Young Adults group will meet tonight, August 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel. Roger Karsten will be leading us through Daniel 6. Direct any questions to Grant Buwalda and Jacob Groenewold.

Join us next Sunday, August 27th 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.

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 2 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. This year our high school youth group will be meeting every Wednesday with small group Bible studies, large group activities, or split as First/Bethel groups. Please prayerfully consider serving in this ministry and 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!

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.

Week	Attendance	Offering	YTD Given	YTD Budget
August 13	242	\$11,546 (General Fund)	\$671,433	\$643,684
		\$820 (Milwaukee Rescue Mission)		

Prelude
We Gather in God’s House
* Cornerstone
* Call to Worship/Greeting
* Great is Thy Faithfulness
* Hymn of Heaven

We Worship Through Prayer and Giving
Installation of New Council Members
Congregational Prayer
Offerings:
 (1) General Fund
 (2) Church Health Services-Rock River Clinic
*Hymn—PH #501 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
(Children ages 3-5 are dismissed for WOW)

We Hear God’s Word Proclaimed
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Sermon: “What Does It All Mean?”
Prayer

We Depart to Serve in God’s Kingdom
*Hymn—PH# 288 “Take My Life and Let it Be”
*God’s Blessing
*Closing Praise—PH# 620 v.3 “By the Sea of Crystal”

Next Week’s Service, Sunday, August 27, 2023

Visiting Pastor: Pastor Ben Hoekman

Offering: ReFrame Ministries (Back to God Hour)

Ushers: Loren Smith, Josh Schaalma & Mark VanderWerff

PP/Audio: Hayden Wierenga & Kyle Heuver

Library: Stacey Smies

Organist: Marilyn Smits

Nursery Adult: Abby Buwalda

Nursery Helper: Bryce Bille

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