

“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 27, 2023.

Helping with Worship and Fellowship this morning

Ushers: Loren Smith, Josh Schaalma & Mark Vander Werff
PP /Audio: Hayden Wierenga & Kyle Heuver
Organist: Marilyn Smits
Library: Stacey Smies
WOW Leader: Tessa Oosterhouse
WOW Helper: Ella & Drew Oosterhouse
Nursery Adult: Abby Buwalda
Nursery Helpers: Bryce Bille

Bethel Family

Pastor Ben Hoekman from Covenant CRC will be leading our service this morning.

This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. 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.

Church Office Hours: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:00 a.m.-11:00

Thank you to all who sent cards and well wishes for my 90th birthday. What a blessing. -Rachel Navis

Our 2nd offering this morning is for Resonate Global formally Back to God Hour.

Bethel Activities & Events

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another...” Hebrews 10:23-25 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 1 woman to join our team 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. 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 life’s challenges and struggles, as well as fun activities and service projects. Please prayerfully consider serving in this ministry and reach out to Jen Vlietstra at cjvliet@charter.net, Bryant Greenfield at bryant.greenfield@gmail.com, Noah Mulder at swdnoahmulder@gmail.com or one of the church education team members if you’d like to learn more about this wonderful opportunity!

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!

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.

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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.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>YTD Given</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
August 20	275	\$13,027 (General Fund) \$485 (Church Health Services)	\$684,461	\$656,306

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Prelude
We Gather in God’s House

- * Here I Am, Lord
- * Call to Worship/Greeting
- * His Mercy is More
- * Speak, O Lord

We Worship Through Prayer and Giving

Congregational Prayer
Offerings:

- (1) General Fund
- (2) Resonate Global
- *Hymn—PH #543 “Guide Me O, My Great Redeemer”
- (Children ages 3-5 are dismissed for WOW)

We Hear God’s Word Proclaimed

Scripture: John 6:25-59
Sermon: “Jesus, the Bread of Life”
Prayer

We Celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Teaching
The Bread
The Cup

We Depart to Serve in God’s Kingdom

- *Hymn—PH# 548 “When We Walk with the Lord”
- *God’s Blessing
- *Closing Praise—PH#555 “Lead On, O King Eternal”

Next Week’s Service, Sunday, September 3, 2023

- Visiting Pastor:** David Van Buren
- Ushers:** Mitch Greenfield, Andy Alsum & Grant Buwalda
- PP/Audio:** Hayden Wierena & Kyle Heuver
- Library:** Nancy Smits
- Organist:** Betty Kemink
- Nursery Adult:** Carey Alsum
- Nursery Helper:** Bryce Bille & Ali Oosterhouse
- WOW Leader:** No WOW
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