

*“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, September 3, 2023.**

**Helping with Worship and Fellowship this morning**

**Ushers:** Mitch Greenfield, Andy Alsum & Grant Buwalda

**PP /Audio:** Hayden Wierenga & Kyle Heuver

**Organist:** Betty Kemink

**Library:** Nancy Smits

**WOW Leader:** No WOW

**WOW Helper:** No WOW

**Nursery Adult:** Carey Alsum & Rhett Buwalda

**Nursery Helpers:** Bryce Bille & Ali Oosterhouse

**Bethel Family**

**Pastor Dave Van Buren will be leading our service this morning.** Dave grew up in the Alto CRC. He graduated from Waupun High School, worked for seven years at Homan Auto, graduated from Calvin College and Calvin Seminary. He has worked for the past 15 years as a chaplain at Ascension All Saints Hospital in Racine. He is married to Sarah, who is a granddaughter of the late Dick and Edith Ritsema, and we have three girls, Ella (19), Lauren (13), and Rachel (11).

**This morning as a church family we have the privilege of witnessing the baptism** of Tuck Robert Poppen, son of Paul & Nicole. Please pray for this family and encourage them as they commit their child to their Heavenly Father.

**Janet DeVries would like to thank the congregation** for all the cards for her birthday. It was such a blessing to be thought of on my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**Our 2<sup>nd</sup> offering this morning is for GEMS.**

**Bethel Activities & Events**

**Sunday School and Catechism for grades 1st through 12th on September 17th.**

ANYONE and EVERYONE involved in children and youth ministry is asked to attend the **Child Safe Policy Meeting on September 10th** following the am service. Our Child Safe Policy states that everyone that is involved in children/youth ministry must attend a meeting and go through a volunteer pledge. If this date does not work please speak with Becky to set up a different time to meet.

**Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** 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 next Sunday, September 10 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.

With the beginning of the school year comes a new youth ministry season. The high school youth group is excited to kickoff the new school year with a get together at Bryant & Liz Greenfield’s at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>! And the SWaT middle school youth group will be hosting their kickoff and registration night Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> as well, at Bethel CRC from 6:30-8:00 pm. Please have your son or daughter bring along a lawn chair for their evening festivities.

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them to your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”* Deuteronomy 6:5-9

Parents have a big responsibility to raise the children God has blessed them with for Him, and we as a congregation have made a promise to walk alongside you and encourage you. We’d like to invite all **Bethel families of middle school students to join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement at a potluck lunch on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> after the morning church service** (at approximately noon). Hotdogs, sloppy joes, and beverages will be provided, please take along a side dish to share.

*“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. Please prayerfully consider serving in this ministry and reach out to Jen Vlietstra at [cjvliet@charter.net](mailto:cjvliet@charter.net), Bryant Greenfield at [bryant.greenfield@gmail.com](mailto:bryant.greenfield@gmail.com), Noah Mulder at [swdnoahmulder@gmail.com](mailto:swdnoahmulder@gmail.com) or one of the church education team members 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](http://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.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>YTD Given</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
August 27	269	\$11,215 (General Fund) \$507 (Resonate Global)	\$684,461	\$656,306

# September 3, 2023

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Prelude  
**We Gather in God’s House**  
\* How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art  
\* Call to Worship/Greeting  
\* Living Hope  
**We Celebrate a Baptism**  
Baptism of Tuck Robert Poppen  
Special Music-Poppen Boys  
**We Worship Through Prayer and Giving**  
Congregational Prayer  
Offerings:  
    (1) General Fund  
    (2) GEMS  
\*Hymn—PH# 473 “To God Be The Glory”  
(No WOW this morning)  
**We Hear God’s Word Proclaimed**  
    Scripture: Matthew 16:21-28  
    Sermon: “Expecting a Savior”  
    Prayer  
**We Depart to Serve in God’s Kingdom**  
\*Hymn—PH#490 “Blessed Assurance: Jesus is Mine”  
\*God’s Blessing  
\*Closing Praise—PH #292 v.3 “Living for Jesus”

*Next Week’s Service, Sunday, September 10, 2023*

**Visiting Pastor:** Gregg Zonnefeld

**Offering:** Building Fund

**Ushers:** Derek Minnema, Alec Buwalda & Nate Bresser

**PP/Audio:** Curt Vlietstra & Jared Oosterhouse

**Library:** Nancy Smits

**Organist:** Sandy Alsum

**Nursery Adult:** Brynn Bille & Lily Wobschall

**Nursery Helper:** Lily Vander Galien & Ava Oosterhouse

**WOW Leader:** Tessa Oosterhouse

**WOW Helper:** Ella & Drew Oosterhouse

