"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, October 15, 2023.

Helping with Worship and Fellowship this morning

Ushers: Curt Visser, Mark Smits & Tony Alsum **PP/Audio:** Hayden Wierenga & Kyle Heuver

Library: Pat Bresser **Organist:** Sandy Alsum

Nursery Adult: Carey Alsum & Dianne Buteyn Nursery Helper: Ella Oosterhouse & Milan Smits

WOW Leader: Tessa Oosterhouse **WOW Helper:** Drew Oosterhouse

Bethel Family

Our 2nd offering this morning is for the Crop Hunger Walk.

Thank you!! We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the congregation of Bethel CRC. The thoughtful cards, caring words, meals and the many prayers were greatly appreciated during Mike's recent surgery. The surgery went well and the cancer was successfully removed. God is good! Thank you for holding our family up during this time. - Mike and Carrie Perry Family

Dear Congregation, THANK YOU so much to all those who were involved, donated, or served at Pastor Kurt's installation this past Sunday. Thank you also to the Youth Group students who served at the event. What a joy it was to come together as a church family to celebrate this momentous occasion. We could not have done it without all of you – The Fellowship Committee

Thank you to Dave and Diane VanderWerff and Cory and Melissa Springstroh for their dedicated work to the Fellowship Committee these past few years. Make sure to thank them for all their hard work.

Thank you to everyone for our cake send off before we left. We have loved our time here at Bethel and will miss you all! Love the Poppen Family

Thanks for all the prayers, thoughts and cards and food given during Bettys knee surgery and heart procedure. Wayne and Betty Kastein

Pastor Kurt's office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with visitations happening on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons. Christina's office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Thank you to the fellowship committee for putting together such a wonderful meal to celebrate Pastor Kurt's ordination. It was enjoyed and appreciated by everyone!

Bethel Activities & Events

Looking for a fun night out?! Please join the First/Bethel High School Youth Group on Wednesday, October 25th for a "*Never Too Old To Be Young*" game night at Bethel CRC. All ages welcome!! Games start at 6:30 pm. Light snacks and beverages provided.

Mark your calendars for a date night out or relaxing family night in! On Wednesday, November 8th, the Beaver Dam Benvenuto's will be helping our high school students raise funds for the Bethel/First Youth Group with all dine-in and carry-out orders that mention our Bethel/First Youth Group. So, plan a fun lunch with friends, date night out, or a cozy family night in and let the Beaver Dam Benvenuto's take care of the menu! Just make sure you mention our Bethel/First Youth Group when you order so they give our group sales credit.

Youth Group sub sales have begun! Please reach out to one of the high school students, youth group mentors, or Jen Vlietstra @ 507-227-1859 if you'd like to place an order. \$6.00 each or \$30 per half-dozen. Orders are due November 1st and will be made and ready for you to pick up on Wednesday, November 15th at Bethel from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Coffee Break meets every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to join us. We will be starting a new study on November 1 on Hebrews. Contact the church office if you would like to join this study and Christina will order you a book.

Join us next Sunday, October 22 at 6:00 p.m. for Sunday evening Bible study and fellowship! We will begin a new series called "God Wins", a study of the book of Revelation.

Join us for the 12th Annual Beautiful Response Chili Supper on Tuesday, November 7th from 4:30-7:00 pm at Bethel CRC! Come out and enjoy some amazing chili and fellowship as you support Beautiful Response in its work to provide the life-changing gifts of education, food, shelter, and medical care to vulnerable and orphaned kids at Raising Up Hope for Uganda (RUHU). Thank you for making this event such a great success over the past 11 years! This chili supper is sponsored by the CWC Boys' Soccer program, and all funds raised go to support the great work being done by RUHU. THANK YOU for your faithful and generous support!

October 15, 2023

Prelude

We Gather in God's House

Welcome & Call to Worship

- *God's Greeting/ Mutual Greeting
- *Song of Praise- Here I Am to Worship
- *Opening Prayer

We Draw Near to Our God

God's Will for our Lives–Reading of God's Law

*Song of Response—Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

We Worship Through Prayer and Giving

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offerings:

- 1) General Fund
- 2) Crop Hunger Walk

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

*Song of Preparation— *Hymn #276: 1-3* ~ *Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth* (Children ages 3-5 are dismissed for Walk Out Worship)

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon: "You Are the Salt and the Light"

~Tough Teachings Series: Sermon on the Mount~

Prayer

We Depart to Serve in God's Kingdom

- *Song of Application– *Hymn #544: 1-3* ~ *Lead Me, Guide Me*
- *God's Blessing
- *Song of Sending- Hymn #632 ~ To God Be The Glory

(1st-5th grade children are dismissed for singing time)

Postlude

Next Week's Service, Sunday, October 22, 2023

Offering: Education Ministries

<u>Ushers:</u> Brett Bille, Nathanael Scheuers & Brandon Schreur

PP/Audio: Curt Vlietstra & Jared Oosterhouse

<u>Library:</u> Pat Bresser <u>Organist</u>: Sandy Alsum

Nursery Adult: Beth Kartehner & Rhett Buwalda
Nursery Helper: Lily VanderGalien & Haddie Buteyn

WOW Leader: Cassie Kartechner WOW Helper: Becca Kartechner

Offering & Attendance from Sunday, October 8, 2023

Attendance	General Fund	2nd Offering (Benevolent Fund)	YTD Given	YTD Budget
350	\$13,781	\$770	\$130,878	\$126,505

