

*"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 22, 2023.

Helping with Worship and Fellowship this morning

Ushers: Brett Bille, Nathanael Scheuers & Brandon Schreur

PP/Audio: Curt Vlietstra & Jared Oosterhouse

Library: Pat Bresser

Organist: Sandy Alsun

Nursery Adult: Beth Kartechner & Rhett Buwalda

Nursery Helper: Lily VanderGalien & Haddie Buteyn

WOW Leader: Becky Vander Werff

WOW Helper: Pat Medema

Bethel Family

Our 2nd offering this morning is for Education Ministries.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday morning. We invite 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.

On behalf of our entire family we would like to thank the community and Bethel family for your thoughts, prayers and concerns over the past month of uncertainty. Your concerns and prayers were felt everyday. They were very touching and we thank you for that. We serve an AWESOME God everyday, all the time, God is good! -Phil and Mary Nell Hofman

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.

Bethel Activities & Events

No Sunday School today!

If you would like to be added to the Praise Team sub list contact Mark Buwalda or anyone on the Worship Committee.

A new Road Rally sign-up has been posted in the back of the church. Make your teams of 4 and join us on Saturday, November 11!

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, 9-99!! 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 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.

Do you know what the middle school youth group's name, S.W.a.T., means? It stands for Serve, Witness and Train! Each month we look to incorporate at least one of those areas into our meeting. Next month in addition to our regular meeting, our middle school youth group students will be hosting our free will donation *SWaT Dinner and a Movie* at Bethel on Friday, November 10th. This will be a fun way for our middle school students to serve our families, friends, and community, plus raise funds for their Christmas service project. So, join us for a night to chillax with family and friends. Supper will be served from 5:30-6:45 (or until we run out) and the movie will start at 7:00. Further details coming soon!

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 TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. for Sunday evening Bible study and fellowship! We have begun 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!

Prayer Notes:

Continued Prayers for-

Debbie Visser

Justin Sternberg

Conflicts around the world- Israel, Ukraine

October 22, 2023

Prelude

We Gather in God's House

Welcome & Call to Worship

*God's Greeting/ Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise- *Lord, I Need You*

*Opening Prayer

*Song of Praise-*Yet Not I*

We Draw Near to Our God

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We Worship Through Prayer and Giving

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offerings:

1) General Fund

2) Education Ministries

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

*Song of Preparation- *Hymn #427: 1-2 ~ Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit*

(Children ages 3-5 are dismissed for Walk Out Worship)

Scripture: **Matthew 5: 21-48**

Sermon: **"You Have Heard That It Was Said...But I Tell You"**

~Tough Teachings Series: Sermon on the Mount~

Prayer

We Depart to Serve in God's Kingdom

*Song of Application- *Hymn #291: 1-5 May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*

*God's Blessing

*Song of Sending- *The Blessing*

(NO 1st-5th grade singing time as there is NO Sunday School today)

Postlude

Next Week's Service, Sunday, October 29, 2023

Offering: Bible League International

Ushers: Jared Oosterhouse, Kevin Abel & Brian Bresser

PP/Audio: Curt Vlietstra & Jared Oosterhouse

Library: Pat Bresser

Organist: Betty Kemink

Nursery Adult: Danielle Scheuers & Kim Hoekstra

Nursery Helper: Grace Guse & Becca Kartechner

WOW Leader: Erica Mulder

WOW Helper: Olivia Mulder

Offering & Attendance from Sunday, October 15, 2023

Attendance	General Fund	2nd Offering (Crop Hunger Walk)	YTD Given	YTD Budget
254	\$9,854	\$739	\$140,732	\$139,155

