"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 8, 2023.

Helping with Worship and Fellowship this morning

Ushers: Mitch Greenfield, Eric Mulder & Cal Lemmenes

PP/Audio: Hayden Wierenga & Kyle Heuver

Library: Pat Bresser **Organist:** Marilyn Smits

Nursery Adult: Holly Marwitz & Elizabeth Greenfield Nursery Helper: Bryce Bille & Harlow Marwitz

WOW Leader: Christina Kartechner

WOW Helper: Emily Bille

Bethel Family

This morning we joyfully celebrate the ordination of Kurt Ritsema. Kurt's dad, Rev. John Ritsema, will be preaching this morning. Rev. John is from Pella, Iowa where he is the pastor at Cedar CRC. We are so thankful that God has called Kurt into ministry and led him to Bethel. This is the first ordination service to take place at Bethel in our 60+ years.

Our 2nd offering this morning is for the Benevolent Fund.

We invite everyone to fill out a name tag for the next couple weeks/months as Pastor Kurt and Jenna learn everyone's names. Name tags will be available on the counter by the kitchen every Sunday.

We will be reprinting the church directory next week. If you have any info that needs to be updated please let Christina know in the office. Thanks!

Bethel Activities & Events

SWaT will have their annual food pantry scavenger hunt next Wednesday, October 11th! If you'd like us to stop by, please contact Jen Vlietstra at cjvliet@charter.net or drop off your donations at the tables we will have set up by the east entrance doors at Bethel.

Mark your calendars for a date night out or relaxing family night in! On Wednesday, November 8th, the Beaver Dam Benvenutos 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 Benvenutos 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 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.

The annual road rally is this Friday, October 13th. Meet at church at 6:30 p.m. and bring a bible, church directory and flashlights. If you have any questions contact Laura Bos or Cassie Kartechner.

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

Community Activities & Events

We are looking for volunteers to help with our efforts. Pie making times are Wednesday, October 18 from noon to 8pm and Thursday from 8am to 8pm. No need to sign-up. Simply show up and we will put you to work. If you have any questions, call the RCS office at 920-326-3320 or Paula Van Buren at 920-210-4853. Can't make it on the pie making days. No problem! Join us at RCS on October 3rd at 8:30 AM where we are having a combination coffee, donuts, and apple pie prep time. Anyone is welcome to this event as we assemble and label boxes. Anytime you can give is appreciated!

It's apple pie time! Randolph Christian school is once again kicking off Fall with our annual Apple Pie fundraiser. Our Apple pies are made with fresh Wisconsin apples, sweetened with sugar and cinnamon, and topped with our homemade butter crumb topping. Pies are \$14 each and will be made October 18-19. If you would like to place an order you may contact any RCS family (they deliver!) or call the school office at 920-326-3320. Thank you for your support!

The ONE Waupun Connections Breakfasts are up and running once again for the season. Our next breakfast will take place in the ONE Waupun room on Saturday, October 21 at 7:30 AM. This is a great way for men to connect with other believers in our community!

Offering & Attendance from Sunday, October 1, 2023

Attendance	General Fund	2nd Offering (Abide Project)	YTD Given	YTD Budget
253	\$16,271	\$1,141.25	\$117,096	\$113,854

Upcoming Offering Schedule-

October 15- Crop Hunger Walk October 22-Education Ministries

October 8, 2023

Prelude

We Gather in God's House

*Opening Song- Be Unto Your Name

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

To Praise His Holy Name

*Song- His Mercy is More

We Worship Through Prayer and Giving

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offerings:

- 1) General Fund
- 2) Benevolent Fund

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

*Song of Preparation— *Hymn #521 v. 1, 4 God of the Prophets* (Children ages 3-5 are dismissed for Walk Out Worship)

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6

Sermon: I See the Light in Your Face

Prayer

We Participate in God's Calling

Service of Ordination and Installation of Kurtis James Ritsema Prayer with Laying on of Hands

We Depart to Serve in God's Kingdom

- *Song of Application- *Hymn* #528 v.1-4 ~ Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak
- *God's Blessing
- *Song of Sending- *Hymn* #638 ~ *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (NO singing time since there is no Sunday School today)

Postlude

Next Week's Service, Sunday, October 15, 2023

Offering: Crop Hunger Walk

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

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

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

WOW Leader: Tessa Oosterhouse WOW Helper: Drew Oosterhouse