



Sunday, March 9, 2025
Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP whether in person or online. We welcome any visitors who have chosen to join us! Please take a welcome mug from the table in the back of church.

Today is the first Sunday in Lent. Lent is a 6-week time before Easter that has been used as a time of reflection and renewal for believers to consider the purpose and the cost of the cross of Jesus, the Savior who gave his life for sinners, to redeem them as Children of God. May our "Holy Habits" be a means of encountering this fellowship and renewal with God.

This week we take up the third spiritual discipline of our "Holy Habits" series, which is "**Prayer**" from Matthew 6:5-14. We will consider the manner of how God calls us to pray and the content for which God instructs us to pray for.

Today we celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord's Supper**. Our celebration is a faith-building reminder of God's promise to us of forgiveness and grace through the blood of Christ, shed on the cross. If you confess Jesus Christ as both your Savior and Lord, are sorry for sin and desire to live in dependence on God's grace, we welcome you to join with us in celebrating communion!

Holy Habits Discipleship: Please join us at 4 pm at church on Sundays, March 16, 30, and April 13 for a time of discussion about spiritual disciplines. For the 16th we will discuss the practices of prayer and fasting.

- **Nursery care** is available to those under the age of 4 who need it, both for members and for guests during our morning worship service. They meet in the church's lower level.
- **PRE-K-2nd Grade** Children's Worship meets during the church service. They are dismissed after the time of Praise. Go to the back of church where they will meet their teachers.
- **Sunday School/Catechism:** for all 3rd-12th Grades meet from 11:00-11:30am in the church's lower level. Visitors are welcome!
- **ADULT Class** will meet in the council room and continue with the Ray VanderLaan videos. Grab your coffee and snack and come join us!

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS

Sunday	11:00am	Sunday School, Catechism and Adult Class
Wednesday	11:00am	Biweekly Prayer Group – We will meet for prayer for CRCNA's Annual Day of Prayer. Everyone welcome!
	6:15pm	Cadets

MORNING WORSHIP

**We invite you to stand in body or in spirit during the service as indicated.*

Welcome

*Opening Song: "He Has Made Me Glad"

*God's Greeting/Mutual Greetings

*Time of Praise:

"The Power of the Cross"

"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"

"I Love You, Lord"

Please be Seated – Children are dismissed for Children's Worship
Prayers of the People

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-14 (pg.1504)

Sermon: "**Holy Habits – Prayer**"

*As we prepare for the Lord's Supper we will sing:

"There is a Redeemer"

During this song offering will be received for:

Ministries of Bethel and Capital Improvements

Elders please come forward to serve during this song!

We Share the Lord's Supper Together

We share the bread

We share the cup

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Please remember the following items in prayer:

1. Delores C, staying with her son and daughter-in-law as she continues to recover.
2. Mary R, recovering from her heart valve replacement procedure.
3. Velma O, continuing to receive care at Franciscan Hospital for influenza and pneumonia complications.
4. Dennis W, recovering from pneumonia and influenza A.
5. Laura H, scheduled for surgery this Friday, March 14 to have one of her spinal cord stimulator batteries replaced.
6. Our members who have ongoing health concerns: Tom P, Ruth DV and Andy W.

Congratulations: We extend our congratulations to Laura H and Matt P in their recent engagement. May God bless them as they prepare for their wedding later this year.

THOSE IN SERVICE

March 9
 Nursery Marla & Ren
 Children's Worship Linda & Ashley
 Piano Amy
 Usher Rick
 Greeters Marlene & Ashley(E)
 Jon & Phyllis (S)
 Media Shout James
 Offering Ministries of Bethel
 and Capital Improvements

March 16

Velma & Asher
 Bailee & James
 Marla
 Larry
 Marlene & Ashley(E)
 Jon & Phyllis (S)
 Scott
 Ministries of Bethel
 and Giffords

You can continue to give online at www.bethelcrcdemotte.org. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR EASTER LILY YET? The Worship and Decorating Teams are ordering Easter lilies for Easter Sunday, and we invite you to purchase lilies in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one. The lilies will be available for pickup after worship on Easter Sunday. Please use the link that was sent in the mid-week email to sign-up. They are \$10 each. (You can also talk to Shiela in the office to add your name to the list.)

Biweekly Prayer Group. We will next meet for prayer on Wednesday, March 12, at 11:00 am for the CRCNA's annual day of prayer. Please join us in prayer!

Holy Habits Resources: The Worship Team invites the congregation to share devotionals during this Holy Habits Series. If you have a devotional you would like to share, please mark it with your name and place it on top of the mailboxes by Pastor Jeremy's office. And, if you are looking for a new devotional to try; please feel free to take one from the stack and return it when finished.

As work on the lift continues, please check the **TOP** of the mailboxes outside Pastor Jeremy's office for the materials normally put in the mailboxes. Be sure to check it weekly!

Bible League Spring Luncheon is March 20 at Smit's Farms. Tickets are \$30. Deadline for tickets is this week Thursday, March 13. See Ruth or Rachel B for to reserve your tickets.

A Big Thank You to all those who gave generously to Elim's latest project. They feel truly blessed. Thanks, Ruth B.

Community Church Roselawn is looking for **volunteers to help chop, split and haul wood** to area residents who primarily use firewood to heat their homes. We'd love for you to help! Please join them at 8 AM-Noon on the 1st Saturday of the month. No tools required. Then join them for lunch at Noon. The last Wood Splitting day for the season is May 3.