



Sunday, January 5, 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.

As we gather for worship today we begin a new series studying the book of Philippians in light of our church's values of Gather - Grow - Go. The series is "Becoming a 5G Church" and this week we'll discuss the importance of church from Philippians 1:3-11.

Today we will have our Installation Service for the new office bearers – elder Russ VanderMolen and deacon Randy Pierce. Please pray for these men, that they will serve and lead well, and that together with the council, elders, and deacons, they will be a blessing to the church body here at Bethel.

We want to express our thanks and appreciation to Dave Werblo who served as elder and to Nathan Vanderwal and Brent VanSchouwen who served as deacons, for their time of service to the Lord and his people.

Next week, January 12, we will study Philippians 2:1-11 and the call to the church to “gather” because of our union with Christ. WE will also, Lord willing, celebrate the sacrament of communion together. May God use this gift he has given through his son Jesus to affirm our faith and draw us closer to him.

PRE-K-2nd Grade Children’s Worship meets during the church service – they will be dismissed after the time of Praise and go to the back of church where they will meet their teachers. Visitors are welcome!

Sunday School/Catechism: 3rd-5th grade meets from 11:00-11:30am and a 6th-12th grade Catechism class will meet from 11:00-11:30am in the church basement. Visitors are welcome!

Nursery care is available to those under the age of 4 who need it, both for members and for guests. They meet in the church basement.

ADULT Class will meet in the council room and continue with the Ray VanderLaan videos. Grab your coffee and snack and come join us!

MORNING WORSHIP

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

Welcome

*Opening Song: “Praise to the Lord the Almighty” vs.1,3,4

*God’s Greeting/Mutual Greetings

*Time of Praise:

” Lift High the Cross” vs.1-3

“The Servant Song”

Please Be Seated

Children are dismissed for Children’s Worship

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11 (pg.1825)

Sermon: "**Becoming a 5G Church: The Reason for Church**"

Song of Response: “Lord, Speak to Me” vs.1,2,3,5

During this song the offering will be received for:

Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

Service of Installation

Prayer

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: "To God Be the Glory"

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

1. Carolyn VV, Mary R, and Ruth DV, all recovering at home from recent hospital stays.
2. Norma VM, who is scheduled for a procedure on January 7 to address nerves that are causing back pain.
3. Larry O, who is working with doctors to address some kidney issues.
4. Our members who have ongoing health challenges: Andy W, Tom P, and Delores C.
5. Our members who stay in assisted care facilities: Donna H, Rich K, and Barb E.
6. Those mourning the loss of loved ones in the attack in New Orleans on New Years' Day.
7. Our government as we look ahead to the transition of power on January 20.

"Thank you to the congregation for the care and concern expressed over my recent hospital visit. Thank you, also, for your continued prayers as I recuperate at home". - Ruth D.V.

THOSE IN SERVICE

Nursery
 Children's Worship
 Piano
 Usher
 Greeters

 Media Shout
 Offering

January 5

Anna & Stephanie
 Linda B. & Ashley
 Amy
 Mike
 Konvalinka Family(E)
 Dan & Marilyn (S)
 Scott
 Ministries of Bethel
 and DMCS Inc.

January 12

Ashley & Marla
 Mike & Mary B.
 Amy
 Scott
 Konvalinka Family(E)
 Dan & Marilyn (S)
 James
 Ministries of Bethel
 and Capital Improvements

THIS WEEKS MEETINGS

Sunday	11:00am	Sunday School, Catechism and Adult Class
Tuesday	1:30pm	Ladies Afternoon Bible Study
	7:00pm	Council
Wednesday	11:00am	Time of Prayer
	6:15pm	Cadets

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will meet Tuesday, January 7 at 1:30 at Bethel. We will be studying Lesson 7 Blood, Frogs, Gnats and Flies in the Exodus 1-15 study book.

Council will meet this week Tuesday at 7pm.

Biweekly Prayer Group. We will next meet for prayer this week Wednesday, January 8, followed by January 22; both days at 11:00 am.

CADETS meets this week at First CRC from 6:15-8:15pm.

There will be a combined **Education, Fellowship and Outreach** meeting Wed., Jan. 15. At 7pm.

Lost and Found: the bottom of the heel of a lady's shoe. See Duane if it belongs to you.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING: Thank you, to our Bethel family, for your kindness and care as you've welcomed our family into your midst these last 6 months. The beginning of our ministry with you has been filled with reminders of God's faithful love for us all, and we remain grateful that he has led us together.

As we look back at the year that was (please see the back page of the bulletin for a summary of our member changes); let us also turn our attention to the year that is to come. Though our church is small, our Lord yet has great things in store for us and for our partnership in the gospel. May we, in 2025, commit ourselves to gathering, growing, going (and glorifying and giving) so that we may know the Lord and lead others to know him too. And let us keep in mind the promise of the Lord to Joshua - a promise which is also for us: "I will never leave you nor forsake you...The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go". Thanks be to God!

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