

**THE LORD'S DAY – JANUARY 26, 2025**  
**Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels**

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**Evening Worship – 6:30 a.m.**

**Combined Service at Bethel**

Prelude

Welcome

Silent Prayer

\*Call to Worship: Jude 24-25

\*God's Greeting

\*Opening Song of Adoration: #504 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Standard of Righteousness: 1 John 5:20-21

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 4:10

\*Song of Thanksgiving: #161 "The LORD's My Shepherd"  
**NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TODAY**

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 14:1-14, 19-20

Sermon: "Recapturing Estranged Hearts"

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Benevolence

\*Offertory: 115:1-4 "Not Unto Us, O LORD of Heaven"

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: #146:4 "Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah!"

**Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education**

## SERMON NOTES – JANUARY 26, 2025

### “Recapturing Estranged Hearts”

Ezekiel 14:1-14, 19-20

**REFORMATION MATTERS:** "Help us to see through the deceits of sin. Help us to see sin as one day we will see it: when what once appeared sweet will appear most bitter, what once appeared beautiful will appear most ugly, what once appeared delightful will appear most dreadful. Gracious Father, may we reckon the true price of our sin: that it cost the best blood, the noblest blood, the life-blood, the heart-blood of our Lord Jesus." - Thomas Brooks, in *"Into His Presence: Praying with the Puritans"*

#### **THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:**

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| Today | 9:30 am  | - Morning Worship                           |
|       | 10:45am  | - Kid's Praise, Sunday School and Catechism |
|       | 11:00 am | - Choir                                     |
|       | 6:30 pm  | - Evening Worship – Combine at Bethel       |
| Mon   | 7:00 pm  | - Men's Society Lesson 6                    |
| Wed   | 9:30 am  | - Coffee Break and Story Hour               |
|       | 6:00 pm  | - Kids of Grace at Runals                   |
|       | 6:30 pm  | - Evening Coffee Break                      |
|       | 7:45 pm  | - Bells                                     |

#### **FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

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| Feb 5 | 6:30 pm | - Youth Group |
| Feb 6 | 7:00 pm | - Friendship  |

#### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We express our sympathies to Dave and Vel Kooiman, as well as to the extended family, following the recent death of Dave's brother, Don Kooiman. May the Lord grant strength and resurrection hope to Don's relatives during this time of grief.

Next Sunday, we look forward to witnessing the covenant baptism of Raelynn Clare Veldhuizen, daughter of Ryan and Kim. May the Name of the Lord be praised for his marvelous goodness and grace!

We rejoice with Steven and Kala Talsma following the recent birth of their son, Emmett John Talsma. We give thanks to the Lord for his wonderful gift of new life!

Tonight, our evening worship service will be held at Bethel CRC in Edgerton as a combined service. It will begin at 6:30 PM and the Cadets will take part in a portion of the service. Pastor Jack Gray will be leading worship and preaching.

The Elders want to remind the congregation that the doors are automatically

locked from 9:40-10:30 AM and 6:40-7:30 PM on Sunday except for the door on the southeast side of the sanctuary. Please communicate this to all members of your family should someone find themselves on the other side of a locked door during a worship service. If you want to have an entry card made or be assigned a code combination for accessing the building when the doors are locked during the week, please talk to Ron Nykamp.

The deacons would like to thank the congregation for their generous giving, our church is truly blessed by all your contributions. Giving statements have been put in the mailboxes and we would like to make you aware that if you gave to the building addition it is included on that statement. There was also a statement sent out for just the building addition. For tax purposes they can not be added together. If you would like a statement reprinted, contact Brett Kroeze for a reprint.”

In search of: Nursery Volunteers! If you are willing to help out (male or female, young or old) in the nursery, please let me know. With several new/expectant mothers, we are running a little short on help. Also, if you are an expectant mother, could you please leave me a note in my mailbox with your due date so that I know when to take you off the schedule and when you can return to volunteering. Thanks! -Kim

If you need to make any changes to your church directory information or update your photo, please contact Kirk Van Hulzen.

If you would like to make a public profession of your faith in our church, please talk to Pastor Scott. There will be a class beginning in the first couple months of 2025 for those who are interested.

### **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

LCSS Soup Supper. The Luverne Christian School Society will be hosting the annual Soup & Pie Supper from 5:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 29th at the Luverne Christian Reformed Church. Come on out and enjoy a delicious meal of homemade soups, rolls, BBQ's pies and desserts. The cost is a free will donation.

Parents of prospective Kindergarteners and their child are invited to Southwest MN Christian School's Kindergarten Round Up on Monday, February 10, at 6:30pm for an evening of exploration into all the great aspects of Kindergarten at SWC! Sibling care will be made available upon request - please contact the school. A scavenger hunt will take place along with an opportunity to visit the Kindergarten room. An informational meeting will also be held for the parents, led by Mr. Top, Principal. Your prospective Kindergartener needs to be 5 years old by September 1, 2025, to

attend Kindergarten. Join us for an opportunity to learn what SWC can offer you and your family as we explore and discover God's world! Please call the SWC elementary campus at 507.442.6181 or email the office at elementary@swcschools.org for more information!

### **COMMUNITY & MISC**

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, January 27 from 12:30 to 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. We would like to encourage our young adults to come and donate a unit of blood for someone/somewhere. Anyone 16 yrs (with parents consent) and older and in good health is eligible to donate.

RESGEN Men's Summit 2025 is a half-day conference that equips and encourages men, ages 17 and up, to grow and fulfill their purpose as leaders, husbands, fathers, and Christ-followers. The theme for this year's event is 'Being a Man who is All HEART' and features five dynamic speakers including resources. Bethel CRC in Edgerton is simulcasting the Summit which runs from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 1. Cost to attend the simulcast is \$25 per person which includes morning snacks and a light lunch. To register, please look for the QR code on the information table in the back of church.

OUR CHILDREN: THE PREY OF THE PORNOGRAPHY INDUSTRY Join us as international speaker, columnist and activist Jonathon Van Maren addresses this difficult but important topic. The presentation will be hosted by Hills United Reformed Church on Monday, March 10 at 7:30 pm in our church building at 410 S. Central Ave., Hills, Minnesota. PLEASE NOTE: This presentation on an ugly subject will contain mature content. It is not recommended for children under 13 years. FYI, Jonathon will be giving a different presentation on Tuesday morning, March 11 at SWC high school for the students there.

## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

### TODAY- JANUARY 26:

**Nursery:** AM – Mara B, Jorja H, Kinley S, Jaycee K, Raelyn S

PM- Combined at Bethel

**Valet:** Duane V

**Ushers:** Josh K, Eric S, Derek F, Micah F

**Sound:** AM – Dean

**Video:** Kevin VH

**Projection:** Jan/Jonathan

**Medical Assistant:** Barb O

**Children's Worship:** NO LESSON- COMMUNION

### NEXT WEEK- FEBRUARY 2:

**Nursery:** AM – Brigitte P, Tanya T, Morgan S, Brooklyn T, Myah J

PM- Rosann VB, Nicole V, Nilson VH, Sawyer S

**Valet:** Nathan B

**Ushers:** Rod C, Steve E, Tyson B, Bob S

**Sound:** AM – Ray S PM- Ray S

**Video:** Kaden S

**Projection:** Kirk/Justin

**Medical Assistant:** Nick S

**Children's Worship:** Becky S & Shelbi K

**Praise Team:** Morgan, Sarah, Haley, Jennifer, Amber

**Keyboard:** Brittany

## MISSIONARIES

**Margaret Njuguna**  
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Kenya

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