

This Week's Events:

Tuesday:

- Women's Bible Study: 9 a.m.
- Bible Study Fellowship: 7 p.m.

Wednesday:

- Middle School Ministry: 6:15 p.m.
- Cadets (1st-4th grade boys): 6:15 p.m.
- Route 56 (5th grade): 6:15 p.m.
- All Church Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.
- Church Made Simple: 6:30 p.m.
- Discipling Class: 6:30 p.m.

Thursday:

- Coffee Break: 9 a.m.
- Women's Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Save the Date:

- **October 10:** Crane Orchards: 10 a.m.
- **November 9:** Congregational Meeting: 7 p.m.
- **December 6:** Christmas Program: 5 p.m.

Prayer Requests:

- Sue Berens' brother, Bob Meiste, passed away on September 23.
- Brenda Immink's uncle, Ed Bouws, passed away on September 17.
- Mary Smoes had successful knee replacement surgery on September 14 and is at Freedom Inn for recovery and rehabilitation.
- Our former pastor Ron VerWys fell and broke his hip.
- Chris Scholten had facial surgery on September 10 due to a softball accident.
- Continued healing for Mike Boeve, Amanda Gaulke, Kevin King, John Koops, Arlene Kruithof, Ashlynn Lengkeek, Mitch Lengkeek, Rog Smith, Cari King's brother Carson, and Tim & Nancy Kuzma's granddaughter Claire.
- Our loved ones fighting cancer: Emily Boerman, Maria Brockman, Ed Mennega, Laurie Mulder, and Dennis VanDyke
- Our friends at home: Shirley Price
- Our missionaries serving the Lord internationally and domestically.
- Pray for the BERG Church in Germany.
- Pray for revival in the United States.
- Pray for our pastoral search committee.
- Pray for our next pastor as God prepares his heart to come and lead our church.

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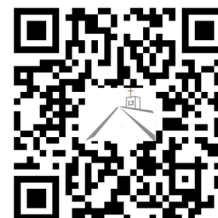
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Bentheim Reformed Church



We exist to reach the
lost, exalt Christ, serve
the community, and
teach God's Word.

Lord's Day Worship

September 27, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Ken Stark

Scripture Meditation: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight."
Proverbs 9:10

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-9

Invocation

Songs of Praise:

I Stand in Awe

I Exalt Thee

Greet One Another in the Name of the Lord

*Song of Praise:

How Great Thou Art

Kids Dismissed to WOW

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 10:24-33 (page 969)

Message: **To Fear and Not to Fear**

Prayer of Application

The Apostles' Creed

The Lord's Supper

Benevolent Offering

Song of Response:

Mighty to Save

Benediction

Doxology

*Congregation may be seated

Children's Ministry check-in/check-out is in the church lobby and at the entrance of the Children's Ministry Center (CMC) downstairs. Please check your children in before the service or when they are dismissed during the service. If this is your children's first time, you are welcome to go with them and stay the entire time or return to the service once they are comfortable.

Today's Events:

- Bible Buddies (2-3 year old) & WOW Jr. (PreK): Pick-up after morning service.
- WOW (Kindergarten -4th grade): Pick-up at 11 a.m. if not attending God's Gang
- God's Gang (PreK-4th grade): Pickup at 11:30 a.m.
- 5th grade: Pick-up at 11:30 a.m. in the CMC.
- Faith Builders (middle school) and Faith Seekers (high school) will meet in the youth room after the service until 11:30 a.m.
- The Church in History class will meet in the library after the morning service.
- Evening Service: 5 p.m. Pastor Larry LePoire's message will be "Walking by the Spirit."
- High School Ministry: 6 p.m.

What does it mean when the Apostles' Creed states "He descended into hell"?:

The phrase "He descended into hell" does **not** mean that Jesus went to the place of eternal punishment after His death. When the Creed states "He descended to hell" it means that on the cross He endured the full weight of God's judgment against sin. Instead, in order to be faithful to sacred Scripture, which is the final authority regarding all matters of faith and morals, we need to affirm Jesus went to Paradise after He died (Luke 23:43).

John Calvin explained, "After explaining what Christ endured in the sight of man, the Creed appropriately adds the invisible and incomprehensible judgment which he endured before God, to teach us that not only was the body of Christ given up as the price of redemption, but that there was a greater and more excellent price — that he bore in his soul the tortures of a condemned and ruined man" (Institutes 2.16.10).

By including this line, the Creed emphasizes that Christ's saving work is complete:

- 1.He bore the **curse and wrath of God** in our place.
- 2.He experienced the **utter forsakenness** that our sin deserved.
- 3.Therefore, believers can be assured that **no suffering or judgment remains for them**, because Christ has already taken it fully.

Leadership:

2026 Consistory

Elders

Kyle Lampen, '26: Vice President
Russ Lameris, '27: Assistant Vice President
Paul Scholten, '28: Clerk
Brian Scholten, '26
Tom Overhiser, '27
Jonathan Patmos, '27
Craig Jipping, '28

Deacons

Gabe Busscher, '27: Chairman
Brian Brink, '26: General Fund Treasurer
Brent Russcher, '26: Building Fund Treasurer
David Geurink, '27: Mission Fund Treasurer
Michael Alexander, '27
Phil Brower, '28
Craig Mesbergen, '28

Today's Worship Team:

Jonah Walters
Brea Zoerhof
Dan Lameris
Flynn McCleery
Levi Rupp

Thank you to all the volunteers who help make the worship service and all of the education ministries run smoothly. We thank you for your commitment and your love for the bride of Christ.

We at Bentheim Reformed Church would like to extend a special welcome to visitors and guests. If you have any questions, please visit the Welcome Center or see the Elders after the service.

We welcome Pastor Ken Stark to the pulpit this morning.