

The Bentheim Bell Tower

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BENTHEIM
REFORMED CHURCH



From the Pastor's Desk

BY PASTOR KRISTOFFER POPOVITCH

Once we look at the calendar and see that we are in the month of September, many of you are saying, "Okay, it's back to the grind." It's hard to believe summer is almost over, although I know some of you can stand some relief from the heat and humidity. But September also means the start up of a new school year and also the restart of many of our ministries and programs at our church. This year we will have many new ministries starting up as well. In fact, on September 7, after the worship service, I encourage you to attend the showcase that we will have in the Family Life Center downstairs. There you will be able to learn about all the different ministries we have going on here at Bentheim Reformed Church. We are really excited about the return of our kids in Sunday school, GEMS and Cadets, and, of course, youth groups. It's so refreshing and a great blessing to see the youth and the teens involved in the life of the church. I'm really looking forward to seeing all of them back in full swing.

But as I mentioned, we also have some new ministries starting up that I'm hoping you will get excited for as well. Church Made Simple is just one of them. This evangelistic ministry will begin on October 1 in which we hope to begin to reach those folks in our community who are not attending church. It'll be an opportunity for them to hear the message of the cross and the free grace of Jesus offered for the forgiveness of sins. The committee has been working on this for quite a few months and we are super excited to see this launch. Another ministry that we will begin is our Titus 2 ministry. Watch for more details about this, but the basic premise is that it will be an intergenerational ministry in which we will follow the Apostle Paul's words to his friend Titus to have older men mentor younger men and older women mentor younger women. Like I said, watch for more details on this exciting new ministry. Another highlight that I would like to bring to your attention is our ministry to women and children. Our focus will be on those folks in our community who do not have adequate shelter or are in a dangerous situation in their home. We are looking to partner with many churches in the area as well, and as I mentioned about Titus 2, watch for some more detail about this. But, you can always learn more at our showcase and if you are interested, we'd love to have you involved.

As we swing into the months of autumn, let's remember that a healthy church is one who worships together in Spirit and Truth and also one who works together to advance the mission of our Lord. We are called to serve one another in love and reach the lost. Our job is to bear witness to the risen Lord and to share the Gospel of grace as part of the Great Commission. The question for you is, "how will you help serve in this way?"

I look forward to being a part of the work the Lord is doing here in Bentheim and I look forward to worshipping and working alongside of you!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Kris



July 2025 Financial Report

General Fund

Receipts needed per month per budget	\$44,238.23
Receipts: from offerings	\$44,590.95
Disbursements: for the month	\$118,798.00

Building Fund

Receipts	\$950.00
Disbursements	\$59,150.11

Mission Fund

Receipts needed per month per budget	\$6,916.67
Receipts	\$7,018.35
Disbursements	\$6,498.19



Registration is available online for youth and children's ministry programs.

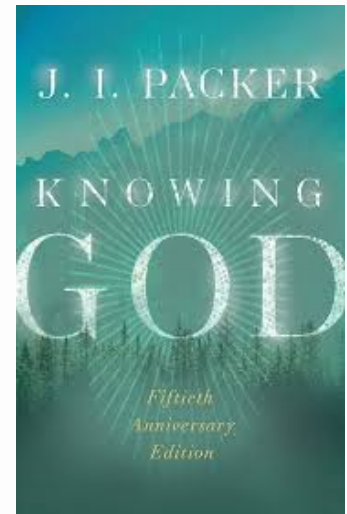
For GEMS and Cadets, visit bentheim.org/cm-medical

For Middle School & High School Ministries, visit bentheim.org/sm-medical



God's Gang is starting back up this fall! We will be meeting in the Tree House following WOW from 11:00-11:30 a.m. This is for ages preschool through 4th grade. It is never too early to learn songs about our great God! During our time together, we will memorize scripture and sing songs. The kids will periodically take what they have learned and sing in front of church on Sunday mornings. I am excited to lead your children in worship! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me. Jodi Mesbergen.

Book-of-the-Month



"Knowing God"

J. I. Packer

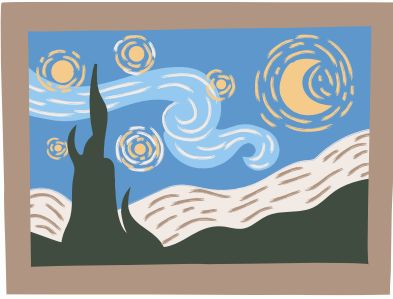
If there ever is one book a Christian house should have in it (besides the Bible, of course), it is this one, written by J. I. Packer. It is now a classic, having sold over one million copies and even has a study guide as well! So many well-respected authors and theologians have stated this book helped shape their understanding of who God is. What I (Pastor Kris) really appreciate is how the book is divided up into three sections, which makes it easy to follow. The first section helps us to understand how and why we can know God. The second section speaks about God's attributes, and the third section talks all about the benefits of knowing God. I don't always say this about every book, but this one is a must read.

Congregational Need

A member of BRC is looking for any leads on an Amigo Mobility Scooter. If you have a lead or information on one, please contact Renee Breuker at renee@bentheim.org or 616-218-7772.

If you have a need that the BRC family may be able to fulfill, please see Renee.

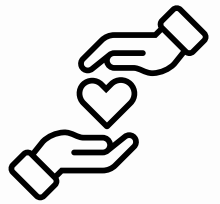
Upcoming Events



September 3: Fall Fest

"We Are God's Masterpiece"

Dinner, chalk art contest, and Chalk for Christ program



September 7: BRC Showcase

Following the morning service.

Learn about the 4 pillars of BRC and enjoy light refreshments.



September 10: Programs Kickoff

Sunday programs begin September 14



September 16: Women's Ministries

7 p.m.

September Meetings:

September 2: Committee Meetings

September 3: Executive Committee Meeting

September 8: Elders & Consistory Meetings



**GROWING
HOPE**
G L O B A L L Y

Missionary of the Month: Growing Hope Globally

ROOTED IN COMMUNITY, GROUNDED IN FAITH

Mission

As a Christian response to hunger, we link the grassroots energy and commitment of rural communities in the U.S. with the capability and desire of smallholder farmers in developing countries to grow lasting solutions to hunger.

Vision

We envision a day when all people around the world have enough to eat and the physical, financial and community resources to live hopeful, healthy, productive lives. Our constructive role in this transformation is to raise resources to support sustainable smallholder agricultural development and to increase opportunities for all people to work together consciously toward a more just and equitable world for all.

LOCAL CHURCH, GLOBAL IMPACT

Bentheim Church is making a global impact! Churches across the US are partnering with Growing Hope Globally to serve our Global Neighbors, helping them to find lasting solutions to hunger. The BRC congregation is using their resources God has given us (people, land, creativity, funding) to start a Growing Project in our own community. Growing Projects bring people of different backgrounds together around the common cause of serving those struggling with hunger. They are a great way to get to know your neighbors – both around the corner and across the world.

**Moment 4 Ministry:
September 14 during the
morning service**

**Check out the Mission
Bulletin Board for more
updates and missionary
news!**



GROWING HOPE
garden

Fill the Stand

Help fill the stand with the best
produce and flowers Bentheim
has to offer!

If you are a grower and have flowers or
produce to donate to the stand please bring
your goods to the stand to help raise money for
Growing Hope Globally.

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Nursery, Welcome, Hospitality Volunteer Schedules

Date	Nursery	Welcome	Hospitality
September 7	Laura Lengkeek Kiel Patmos Kelsey Geurink James McCleery	Dan & Dawn Hoffman	Hannah Walters
September 14	Cherish Nyboer Amanda Schurman Ellery Lampen Bristol Hoeve	Keith & Ann Walters	Russ Lameris
September 21	MaryJo Mulder Lisa Lugten Evelyn Boeve Ava Lengkeek	Sandy Hoeve Jodi Mesbergen	Sandy Hoeve Paula Scholten
September 28	Tammy Bosch Leah Walters Joelle Debo Taryn Schurman	Cris Walters Hannah Walters	Sheri Popovitch
October 5	Jen Vander Kolk Renee Breuker Blake Lugten Hannah VanDyk	Mike & Lisa Lugten	Darla Groenheide
October 12	Alyssa Schipper Paula Scholten Bethany Kalmink Oliver McCleery	Bruce & Jill LaMar	Erma Eding Nancy Sal
October 19	Ronda Lameris Carolyn Dekker Rylan Schutter Brea Geurink	Rick & Lisa Dirkse	Brielle Groenheide
October 26	Andrea Mulder Gail Schutter Taylor Patmos Sadie Schutter	Keith & Ann Walters	Meghan Walters

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 - 7 pm: Committee Meetings	3 - 5:30 am: Men's Bible Study - 5:30 pm: Dinner - 5:30 pm: Fall Fest - 6:15 pm: Executive Committee Meeting	4	5	6
7 - Missions Sunday - BRC Showcase	8 - 6:15 pm: Elders' Meeting - 7:30 pm: Consistory Meeting	9	10 - 5:30 am: Men's Bible Study - 5 pm: Supper - 6:15 pm: Middle School Ministry - 6:15 pm: Cadets - 6:30 pm: All Church Bible Study	11 - 7 pm: Women's Bible Study	12	13
14 - Walk Out Worship & God's Gang - Youth Sunday School - Al Gemen's Class - Marriage Class - 6 pm: High School Ministry	15	16 - 9 am: Women's Bible Study - 7 pm: Women's Ministries	17 - 5:30 am: Men's Bible Study - 8:30 am: Quilting Ministry - 5 pm: Supper - 6:15 pm: Middle School Ministry - 6:15 pm: GEMS - 6:30 pm: All Church Bible Study	18 - 7 pm: Women's Bible Study	19	20
21 - Walk Out Worship & God's Gang - Youth Sunday School - Al Gemen's Class - Marriage Class - 6 pm: High School Ministry	22	23 - 9 am: Women's Bible Study	24 - 5:30 am: Men's Bible Study - 5 pm: Supper - 6:15 pm: Middle School Ministry - 6:15 pm: Cadets - 6:30 pm: All Church Bible Study	25 - 7 pm: Women's Bible Study	26	27
28 - Communion - 6 pm: High School Ministry - 6:30 pm: Young Adults	29	30 - 9 am: Women's Bible Study				