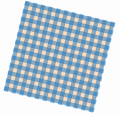




Bentheim Reformed Church

Announcements - August 2, 2026



The final Backyard Fellowship will be held on **August 16** at 5 p.m. on the church lawn. The church will provide meat and drinks and ask that you bring a dish to pass and your own chair. We will have food, games, devotional, music, fellowship, and more.



Join others at BRC at GriefShare at Cultivate Church on Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. starting **August 24**. Contact Mary Gibbs 616-218-8154 with any questions. Registration is available at find.griefshare.org/groups/295425



The worship team is looking for someone who can play the bass guitar to join them in leading worship on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please reach out to Jonah Walters.



The decorating committee has been hard at work updating the library and consistory room and is starting in the narthex. Please be patient as they move things around to make the space more welcoming and functional. As they prepare to paint, some items are being removed temporarily. Please reach out to any of the deacons if you have any concerns.

Register Now

Wednesday night program registration is open for GEMS and Cadets (under the Grade School dropdown) and Route 56 (under the Middle School dropdown)! These are found at bentheim.org under the Ministries tab.



Craig & Jodi Mesbergen will be leading a Church in History class after the Sunday morning service starting September 20. To know how many books to order, please sign up at the Information Center by **August 23**.



Help us fill the produce stand with fresh, home-grown produce! 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. Contact Renee Breuker (renee@bentheim.org) with questions.



Bible Studies and classes are starting up soon. See the August Newsletter for more details. Signup sheets are available at the Information Center.



Back to Ministry Night will be **August 24** from 5-7 p.m. We will have bounce house, games, hot dogs, ice cream, and program sign-ups for GEMS, Cadets, Route 56, youth group, and Release Time Bible Club. Let's kick off the BRC program year together!



The piano in the sanctuary is being repaired and will be out of commission through August.



Challenge for the remainder of the summer: memorize the NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS of the Bible. We will acknowledge all kids that have received their NT Book card for their keychain at the beginning of September! If you would like a copy of the entire Bible memory program, copies are at the information center. All kids can do this at their own pace. We are featuring some throughout the year to keep the congregation in the loop of just how awesome our kids really are!



If you have any prayer requests, praises, or updates, you can reach out to your shepherding elder or deacon. If you do not know who your elder and deacon are, you can find that by clicking on your household in the church directory app or on the Shepherding Group sheets at the Information Center.



Current Volunteer Needs:

- Cadets Leaders
- Male Middle School Ministry Leaders
- Male High School Ministry Leader
- Church Made Simple Baristas

Please pray about these openings and contact Kim Brower or Michelle Mesbergen for Cadets, Helen Derks for middle/high school ministry, and Renee Breuker for Church Made Simple. Even if you cannot volunteer, please pray these positions will be filled.



With kids heading back to school soon, our Hand2Hand program will be starting back up soon. We are so thankful for how much you have supported this program through the years! Please check the newsletter each month to see what current needs we have. Please contact Jess Hassevoort or Darla Groenheide with any questions.

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Hamilton Community Prayer Circle invites you to join them for Back to School Prayer at 3 p.m. on **Sunday, August 9** at Hamilton High School, Hamilton Middle School, Hamilton Admin Building, Hamilton Elementary, Blue Star Elementary, Bentheim Elementary, and SandyView Elementary. Meet at the office entrance of the location of your choice. All ages are welcome! Join with area pastors and leaders in prayer for Hamilton students, staff, and board.



Barnabas Ministries is hosting a Back 2 School event on **Thursday, August 20** and are in need of volunteers to serve as station leaders, mentors, and prayer partners. Sign up to volunteer at barnabasministries.breezechms.com/form/7b2f2f68. We are also collecting supplies to give away to the youth and families who attend the event. Many items on the list are on sale and can be purchased there and dropped off at BRC or can be purchased off Amazon amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1QJHGW80H71F7?ref=wl_share



Love INC's personal needs pantry is low and in need of the following items:

- Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Fabric Softener
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Veggies
- Eggs
- Milk
- Sugar
- Vegetable Oil

If you can provide any of these items, please drop your donations off at the bin by the Information Center (if shelf-stable) or to the Love INC Office Mon-Fri, 9a-3p)



Hungry for Christ is looking for volunteers in the following roles: bread sorters, hi-lo driver, CDL drivers, warehouse pickers, family pantry team leader, fundraising coordinator, incoming donations coordinator, lunch host, housekeeping. If you would like additional information, contact Martha Ray at mray@hungryforchrist.org or 224-622-5020.



Paradise Bound Ministries is hosting Family Fun Night at The Parlor by House of Flavors in Zeeland from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 12**. Enjoy free ice cream, music, and fellowship.



Grant Me Hope's annual Family FUNFEST will be from 10a-4p on **Saturday, September 19** at Nelis' Dutch Village. Admission is a free will donation but is free to foster and adoptive families. Come enjoy admission to Nelis' Dutch Village, picnic lunch, custom car & motorcycle show, and semi-truck show.



Emmy Award-winning creative professional, columnist, and factivist Ryan Bomberger will be the keynote speaker at the 39th annual Focus on Life Benefit Dinner on **Monday, September 28** at 6:30 p.m. in the DeVos Place Ballroom. For more information, visit grtl.org/dinner



Paradise Bound Ministries is looking for mechanics willing to use their talents to keep ministry moving in Guatemala from **October 24-31**. Your skills will ensure safe travel for teams, support outreach in remote communities, and sustain daily operations that serve children and families. Email info@paradiesbound.org to learn more.



Love INC helps students get ready for school each year. The following items can be dropped off at the Information Center or the Love INC office Mon-Fri, 9a-3p by **August 5**: backpacks; corded, over-the-ear headphones; Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS Scientific Calculator; snack, sandwich, quart, or gallon zip-loc bags; 3-ring binders; plastic 2-pocket folders; spiral notebooks; graph notebooks; loose leaf paper; Post-It brand sticky notes; small pouches of tissues; highlighters; dry-erase markers; Crayola markers; Crayola Twistables colored pencils; small Fiskars scissors; 12-inch ruler



Love INC has an urgent need for meal donations! Every Thursday evening, LIFE Skills participants gather for a meal before class. Whether it's lasagna with salad and bread or breakfast casseroles, the meal feeds the body while the conversation and community feed the soul! "Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread..." (Proverbs 22:9) Learn more or sign up at loveincnwa.org/lifeskillsfood