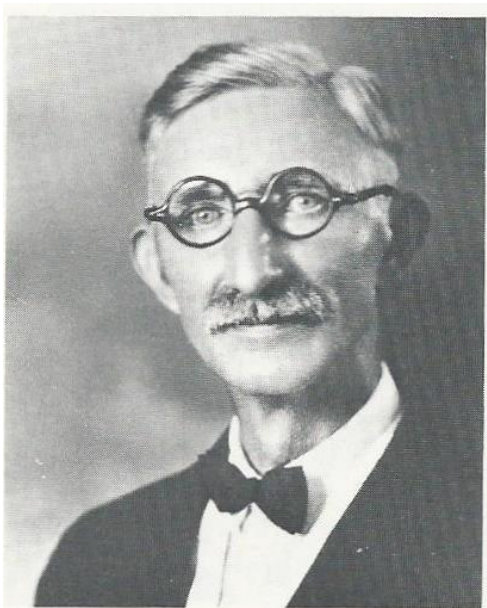


One of the most critical congregational meetings of the Bethel Reformed Church was held on March 15, 1921. For it was at this time that they called their first resident pastor.

In 1921, Rev. Eilert K. Russman accepted a call to serve the Bethel congregation, a task which he performed admirably for almost fourteen years by his extraordinary spiritual power and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ. There was a growth in membership of Bethel Church during this time, and the Dorcas Society was organized. His salary was \$1,250.00 per year. \$250.00 per year was received from the Board of Domestic Missions to help Bethel raise the necessary amount. Rev. Russman requested a release from his pastoral duties and preached his farewell sermon on March 12, 1935. Student Mr. Frank Snuttjer served Bethel during the summer months.



Rev. E. K. Russman

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended to the dead. The third day he rose
again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty.

From there he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.