

Sunday, January 6, 2019
Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

We Gather to Worship

Prelude
Song – “Beautiful One”
Prayer
*God’s Greeting and Mutual Greetings

We Celebrate God’s Grace

Songs
“Come, Christians Join to Sing”
“Ancient of Days”

Affirmation of our Faith:

Leader: O LORD, our God, you made a promise to Abraham that you would establish a people of your own to bring blessing to the entire earth. You made an everlasting covenant with Abraham, pledging to fulfill that covenant not only with Abraham, but also with his descendants. We rejoice that through faith, we, too are the descendants of Abraham, heirs of the promise.

***All: You declared that you would establish your people
“for the sake of your holy name.”
You declared that all of the nations would know
that you are the LORD.
We rejoice that we have come to know that you are the one, true God.
There is no other.***

Leader: As you promised, you have gathered your people from all the nations. You have given us a new heart and put a new spirit within us. We rejoice that you have removed our heart of stone and given us a heart of flesh.

***All: You have placed your Spirit within us and moved us
to follow your decrees and love your laws.
You have removed our sins through Christ.
We declare that we are yours.
We want to live for the holy honor of your great name.
Praise be to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.***

Song: “Take My Life and Let It Be”
Installation of new Elders and Deacons
Elder: Ron Bakker
Deacons: Michael VanSchouwen and Jeff Jansma

Prayer
Offering, for Ministries of Bethel and DMC Inc.

We Hear God’s Word

Scripture: Exodus 1:1-14
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks Be To God!
Sermon: **“Exodus – Deliverance from Captivity”**
Prayer

We Depart to Serve

*Stand for God’s Parting Blessing
*Closing Song: “You Are Holy/Prince of Peace”

Piano: Amy Dekker

**Afternoon Worship
5:00 p.m.**

Welcome
Scripture: Psalm 148 (antiphonally: v. 1 – PR, v. 2, all, etc.)
Song: “Praise the Lord Sing Hallelujah”
Prayer
Praise Time – “Come Thou Almighty King”W/C 267
“I Sing The Mighty Power of God”W/C 59
Scripture: Psalm 28, Ephesians 5:15-20, Colossians 3:12-17
Sermon: **How Can We Keep from Singing?**
Prayer
Song: “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”
Offering
Prayer
Closing Song – “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise”

Piano: Amy Dekker

WELCOME TO BETHEL CHURCH as we begin a New Year! This morning we thank God for providing leadership for his church as we install the new office bearers and commission them for service here at Bethel: Ron Bakker is being installed to the office of Elder and Jeff Jansma and Michael Van Schouwen to the office of Deacon.

We want to thank the outgoing Elders and Deacons for their years of service to Bethel: Scott VanVlymen who served faithfully as elder and Andrew Dunham and Dan Walstra as deacons.

NEW YEAR, NEW....SERMON SERIES!! Pastor Rick will begin a sermon series on the book of Exodus during the morning worship services. God's deliverance, by his power and might, and through Moses, has a lot to say about how we live our lives as his called and redeemed people. During the afternoon worship service, we will begin a sermon series on "hymn stories" and how and why we sing our faith. This Sunday afternoon we'll lay a foundation for faith and song.

Next week, Lord willing, we will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the morning worship service. May God use this gift he has given through his Son Jesus to affirm our faith and draw us closer to him.



Sunday School and Catechism will resume next week, January 13. Come see Jesus in all of Scripture with us in our Sunday School Program "**SHOW ME JESUS**". All children ages PK-7th grade meet downstairs immediately after the morning service. **Pastor Rick's CATECHISM** for all 8th thru 12th grades meet in the room next to the kitchen. Visitors are welcome!

VALET PARKING is available for anyone who would like to use this service. No matter the weather someone will be there for both the am and pm services. Just drive up under the canopy and come into church and we will park your car for you and also go and get it after the service when you are done with your cookies and coffee.

PRE WORSHIP PRAYER TIME: You are invited to come and join in praying for the worship service, to pray for God's Spirit to move, to pray for the pastor, to pray for the Lord's blessing as we join our hearts together in worship. Prayer time begins at 9:15. Won't you join in praying? We meet in front of church near the communion table.

TODAY January 6 (Installation Service)
 Nursery AM: Lisa Zylstra, Kim Kuiper
 PM: Brenda Vanderwal, Cindy Musch
 Greeters AM: Ted & Doreen DeJong(S) Jim & Janet Buiters(E)
 Usher AM: Steve Reimers
 Media Shout Ryan Schaafsma
 Offering Ministries of Bethel and DMC Inc.

NEXT WEEK January 13 (Communion)
 Nursery AM: Laura Walstra, Tyson Walstra, Stephanie Konvalinka
 PM: Dana VanderMolen, Claire VanderMolen
 Greeters AM: Ted & Doreen DeJong(S) Jim & Janet Buiters(E)
 Usher AM: Steve Reimers
 Media Shout Katie Eenigenburg
 Offering Ministries of Bethel and Coffee Break

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday 6:15pm YPS Meets at First CRC
 Tuesday 1:30pm Ladies Afternoon Bible Study
 7:00pm Council Meets
 Wednesday 9:30am Coffee Break
 1:00pm Phil's Friends
 7:00pm Worship Team

CHURCH FAMILY

- Andy Walstra remains at Oak Grove. The family continues to consult with doctors about possible surgical options to help manage and control his pain better. We thank the Lord he has been gaining strength!
- Please pray for Nancy Hart, that she will recover and recuperate well following a surgery she had this past week. Pray for increasing comfort, freedom from pain, and healing.

New Address: Larry & Velma Ouwenga: 1725 Juniper St. SW, DeMotte, IN 46310
 Andrew & Heidi Dunham: 11404 Juniper St. DeMotte, IN 46310

Please add these to your directory. Phone numbers remained the same.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, January 8 at 7pm with Elder and Deacon meetings following. Please bring your binders to the meeting for updates for 2019.

There is a letter in your mailbox today from the Coffee Break Ministry. There will be an offering next week for their special project to move **Coffee Break** to a new expanded level.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL PRAISE TEAM SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS! All church praise team practice is being **MOVED TO JANUARY 27, ONE WEEK LATER**, and will follow the afternoon worship service. Save the date & join us to get more familiar with some newer pieces we have worked on recently. Anyone interested in joining praise team this would be a good night to check it out!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY FUNDRAISER: Sky Zone tickets are available till January 13th for \$15/each for 1-hour jump. December 5 the student went there for an outing and had a blast! Each ticket is valid for 1 year. Don't miss out on this great deal and opportunity to help support the students' SERVE fund. Contact Dana VanderMolen for you tickets.

YPS meets today at 6:15pm at First CRC.

Bethel will be in charge of leading the afternoon worship service at **APERION NURSING HOME TODAY** and Jan. 13. We will also be doing **OAK GROVE** on Jan. 20th. Can you help by speaking, playing the piano, singing or helping in others ways? See Larry Ouwenga for more information or to volunteer to help. Thank you!

LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will be on Tuesday (January 8th) at Diane DeVries". We will meet at 1:30 and study lesson #7 "Relying on God".

COFFEE BREAK will resume THIS week Wednesday at 9:30am with our study of Mark. Study Lesson 12. If you were thinking of coming and even taking a friend or neighbor along, start the new year out at Coffee Break. Nursery provided.

PHIL'S FRIENDS will meet this week Wednesday, January 9th at 1pm. Do you know someone who is going through the journey of cancer? There are Phil's Friends Care Packages here at Bethel. If you would like one, contact Cindy Musch, 219-863-6864.

WORSHIP TEAM will meet this Wednesday, January 9 at 7 p.m.

WISDOM SEEKERS meets on January 16 at 7pm. Study Lesson 8 on Romans.

It's that time of year again-the **PINEWOOD DERBY RACE** is just around the corner! If you are interested in making a car this year, please contact Dan Walstra for a kit. Just like last year-there will be awards for not only the fastest car but also for the winner of the show competition. Car kits are only seven dollars! The race will be held on February 20th... so pick up a kit and start sanding!

CHECK OUT THE COFFEE AND COOKIE SIGN-UP SHEET on the round table. **Have you signed up yet?** Two people will be responsible for two week shifts. If you wish to bake some that we can keep in the freezer, that would be great as well (place a date on the cookies and write a note on the sign-up sheet and we can put them out when needed). Questions talk to Andrew or Heidi Dunham! Thank you to all those who have signed up. Have a couple Sunday's left in March! Check it out!

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWS:

DeMOTTE CHRISTIAN GRADE SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN/PRE-SCHOOL SIGN UPS

DeMotte Christian School will begin accepting sign ups for the 2019-2020 Kindergarten and Pre-School classes beginning January 7, 2019. Space is limited so please call the school office soon at 219-987-3721. All new families to the school will need to complete an application (available online at www.demottechristianschools.org.) For 3-Year-Old Pre-School (T/Tham), your child must be 3 years old by August 1, 2019.

LOCAL EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

The **Dordt College Concert Choir** from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at 7:30 p.m. THIS Friday, January 11, at First Christian Reformed Church (1633 S. Halleck Street in DeMotte). The concert is part of a winter music tour with performances in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

SEEKING HOSPITALITY- for **DORDT COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR**. They are in need of housing for 54 students for that evening. This is where YOU come in! If you would be willing to host 2 (or more) students after the concert on January 11, feed them breakfast, and get them back to church in the morning, please contact Velma Ouwenga at 987-4393. Thanks so much!

Reserve February 16, 2019 for the annual **WOMEN'S RETREAT** at Community Church in Roselawn, Indiana. Join us for an inspirational day centering around the promises offered in Isaiah 41:10. Author and speaker Michelle Medlock Adams will give us her insights on the topic, "Do Not Fear". Breakfast, lunch, praise and worship included. Tickets are \$40.00. Check out our website at www.cccroselawn.com/womensretreat for more details. Info on bulletin board by council room.

For over 35 years, the **Self-Help Jobs Program** has been helping people achieve employment by teaching them the skill of job searching. In 2018, the director heard from 44 people that God blessed them with jobs. We want to help with your search and employers, we want to help fill your openings. Office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. No one is too far away to receive assistance. Call 708-633-6580 or email selfhelpjobs@sbcglobal.net.