

Sunday, April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Pastor Dan Bloesch

Welcome Video: Hosanna to the King!
Sunday School: "Hosanna" With Congregation!
"The King of Glory Comes"
"All Hail, King Jesus"

Welcome and Call to Worship: Psalm 118:19-21,24
Opening Song: "Everlasting God"
God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

We Continue in Praise:
"Rejoice, the Lord is King"
"Amazing Love/You Are My King"
We Sing of God's Amazing Assurance
"We Will Glorify"

Offering for Ministries of Bethel and DMC Inc.
Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-17 (pg. 1531)
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks Be To God!
Sermon: **"The Good News of Palm Sunday"**
Prayer

Please Stand for God's Parting Blessing
Closing Song: "Hosanna"

Piano: Dan Zylstra

Afternoon Worship
5:00 p.m.

Welcome
Call to Worship: Isaiah 53:4-5
Opening Song: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" W/C 174
Prayer

Songs of Praise: "And Can It Be" vs. 1,2,4 W/C 203
"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"vs. 1,3,4 W/C 506

Responsive Statement of Faith
HC Q & A 40-43

Offering for DMC Inc.
Time of Praying and Sharing

Scripture: Old Testament: Leviticus 16:1-2, 11-17 (pg. 180)
New Testament: Romans 2:5-11, 3:21-26 (pg. 1748)
Text: Romans 3:25

Sermon: **"The Atonement Cover"**
Prayer

Please Stand for God's Parting Blessing

Closing Song: "There Is a Redeemer"W/C 206

Piano: Dan Zylstra

**WELCOME TO BETHEL CHURCH as we honor Jesus the King on this Palm Sunday!
Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Today our services will be led by Pastor Dan Bloesch. We welcome him to Bethel as he looks at “The Good News of Palm Sunday” from Matthew 21. He will also lead our Easter Service.

We also welcome the Sunday School this morning as they will begin the celebration of the triumphal entry on Palm Sunday as we sing “Hosanna” to our King!

“Through Him We Are Saved” Come join us for our Good Friday Service this week Friday at 7:00pm. We will share the Lord’s Supper together as we remain seated.

Nest Sunday we join together to celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! Our **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE** will be held at 9:30am. He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

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. **CATECHISM** for all 8th thru 12th grades meet in the room next to the kitchen. There will be no classes on Easter Sunday. Our End of Year Party will be on May 5.

If you would like to follow along with Pastor Rick & Brenda on their Sabbatical the blog post web address for people is: <https://sabbatical.travel.blog> Keep them in your prayers as they make their journey “finding their way home”.

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 April 14 (Palm Sunday)
Nursery AM: Laura Walstra, Tawnya DeBoer
PM: Judy Jansma, Taylor Jansma
Greeters AM: Rich & Frances Kros(E) Duane & Lisa Jansma(S)
Usher AM: Elmer VanderMolen
Media Shout Katie Eenigenburg
Offering Ministries of Bethel and DMC Inc.

GOOD FRIDAY April 19
Nursery PM: Dana VanderMolen, Claire VanderMolen
Media Shout Scott VanVlymen

NEXT WEEK April 21 (Easter)
Nursery AM: Pam VanSchouwen, Joy VanSchouwen
Greeters AM: Rich & Frances Kros(E) Duane & Lisa Jansma(S)
Usher AM: Joseph Dekker
Media Shout Scott VanVlymen
Offering Ministries of Bethel and Resonate Home Missions

PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR:

- Marge Fase had her PET scan and the cancer has not spread beyond her liver and pancreas. If all goes well and they can keep the infections away she will begin treatments hopefully this week. Uphold Marge and her family in your prayers for an extra measure of strength and God’s grace to flow through her and give her peace. Give her a call and stop in for a visit.
- Andy Walstra, continued prayers for complete healing and daily strength and praises to God for the progress he has been having.
- Pastor Rick and Brenda as they are away and for safety in their travels. Be with them as they find their way home – exploring Jesus’ home, the early church’s home and their ancestral home. Finally arriving back at Bethel church home – a place where people want to belong.

THIS WEEKS ACTIVITIES

Sunday 10:50pm “Show Me Jesus” Sunday School & Catechism
Monday 7:00pm Worship Team
Tuesday 1:30pm Ladies Afternoon Bible Study
7:00pm Wisdom Seekers
Wednesday 9:30am Coffee Break
6:30pm YPS Meet at First CRC (see announcement)
7:00pm Meet Your GEMS Fun Night!
Cadets Year End Meeting



COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week/ for our Easter Service we welcome back Pastor Dan Bloesch. He will look at “Experiencing Jesus’ Resurrection” as we celebrate our Risen Lord! April 28th we will celebrate GEMS Sunday and Pastor Brinks will lead us on the GEMS theme for this year “Be a Blessing”. Pastor Jabaay will be returning for the pm service.

At this past week’s Bethel Council meeting, the decision was made to NOT HOLD an afternoon service on Easter Sunday. Unusual circumstances surround us this year: We are dependent on a guest pastor from outside the area. A number of our members will be out of town and others will be spending long afternoons with their families. All these factors indicated an understandably low attendance. We encourage you to attend our Good Friday Service on April 19 as we gather at the Lord’s Table for Communion and then join our Bethel Church family as we together CELEBRATE our RISEN Savior on Easter Morning!

There is a General Fund Receipt for Janaury-March 2019 in your mailbox today showing the current status of our 2019 budget. The deacons encourage you to help meet our budget for 2019 that was approved to help further God’s Kingdom here at Bethel.

The deacons are looking for someone to **SERVE ON THE SERVICE TEAM**. The Service Team is to be of service to the needs of the congregation. These needs frequently arise as a result of a crisis such as illness, injury, death of a family member or birth of a baby. There is a list of members who are willing to help when called. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve and talk to any of the deacons if you would like more information. If any needs arise call Phyllis Huisman or Norma VanderMolen who have stepped up to help until permanent committee people volunteer.

We want to extend a **BIG thank you to Marge Fase** for her years of service on this committee and the great job she did filling the needs and taking care of the Bethel family. **THANK YOU MARGE!**

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP TEAM will meet this week Monday at 7pm.

LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will meet on Tuesday at 1:30. We will be meeting at Mary Buiters' and studying Lesson #2, "The One and Only".

Beginning this Wednesday, **COFFEE BREAK** will be ending the season with a 4 week study on the book of *Jonah*. If you've thought about joining Coffee Break, this is a short term chance to give it a try. We meet on Wednesday mornings t 9:30am. Nursery is provided!

WISDOM SEEKERS will meet this week on Tuesday at 7pm due to the Hidden GEMS reveal night planned for Wednesday. Study lessons 17 & 18.

Hidden GEMS, did you find your invitation? Join us for a fun night where you will meet your GEMS, have a snack and make a beautiful craft. This will be an amazing night spent with the girls you have been praying for and with all year long. **We will begin the fun at 7pm.** See you then! In the event you will not be able to make it, please text/call Melissa Schaafsma at 219-689-6950.

CADETS will meet for their **YEAR-END MEETING** on Wednesday at 7pm.

YPS OUTING! When: April 17 - Wednesday night, meeting at First CRC at 6:30. If meeting at Wheatfield Lanes, 6:45 Where: Wheatfield Lanes for a night of bowling. Cost: Just \$ for snacks or drinks at concession stand. YPS will cover shoes and cost of game. After bowling we will come back to church and have ice cream.

LOOKING FOR ALL GRADUATES – College, High School and 8th Grade. WE would like to feature our graduates in the upcoming Bethel Branches. If you did not have a form in your mailbox there are extra available on one of the round tables or contact Shiela.

Thank you to everyone for your great response to the new **EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN**. If you have not been receiving the emails and would like to be added there is a sign-up sheet on the round table. Those of you who do not have or use email you are on a call list. If you prefer to be called you can also sign for that. Thank you to everyone.

You can **CALL IN OR TEXT YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS** to Shiela DeBoer at 219-863-6848. You can also leave messages on the church voicemail that will get checked on Wednesday and Friday or contact your care group elder/deacon and they can pass on the prayer chain announcement as needed. Thank you for being a praying congregation for our church family!

There is a **NEW SNACK SIGN-UP** sheet on the round table. Thank you to everyone who has so willingly been supplying us each week with delicious snacks and coffee after church.

KEEP THE BANNER GOING - The annual appeal for The Banner, the monthly magazine of the Christian Reformed Church, is coming to your home mailbox this month. Although The Banner is delivered free of charge to every household in the CRC in print and online, our annual donation appeal makes this possible. To keep the conversation going look for the annual appeal in your mailbox or give online now at www.thebanner.org/donate

LOCAL EVENT:

PHIL'S FRIENDS 4TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION DINNER, Friday, May 17th at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, IN. Tickets are free, but space is limited so register today www.philsfriends.org. Phil's Friends is a non-profit faith based organization (with a Hope Center in Crown Point, IN) that supports cancer patients through Care Packages and monthly Cards of Hope. Join us to hear how God continues to bless people, from patients to volunteers through the PF ministry. For more information or to donate an auction item contact Judy Earnshaw at judy@philsfriends.org

The **Men of A-Chord** is pleased to announce their annual "**Night of Song**". The concert will be on **Saturday May 4, 2019 at 7 p.m.** at the **First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland** located at **16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL**. The concert this year will include the **Heritage Singing Men** of Jenison, MI, and the **Singing Crusaders** of Kalamazoo, MI. Each choir will sing numbers separately and a number of songs together as a mass chorus. There will be plenty of audience participation as well with favorites you love to sing! Make your plans now for a great evening of praise to our great God. A free will offering will be taken. For information please see our website at www.menofachord.org or contact any member of the Men of A-Chord.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWS:

New Boxed Greeting Cards at DMC! Visit DeMotte Christian School and view our new fabulous boxed cards! Assortments include: Easter, Graduation, Wedding, Anniversary, Birthday, Thinking of You, Encouragement, Praying for You, Sympathy, Get Well, Friendship, New Baby, All Occasion, and Special Occasion! All cards and notes include inspirational messages to share with family and friends every day. Boxed card prices range between \$5 & \$6. That makes each quality card .42-.50 cents each!

Matching Gift Announcement! April 22-27, 2019 will be matching gift week at DMCS. We have been given the opportunity to unlock a \$25,000 gift if we are able to raise a matching \$25,000. And YOU can help us unlock the matching gift! How can you donate? Online at <http://tinyurl.com/dmcsgiftweek2019> OR by mail at PO Box 430, DeMotte IN 46310

Spring Dinner @ CCHS: DMCS invites everyone to the Spring Dinner on Tuesday, April 16, from 5:00-7:00pm at CCHS. Eat in or carry out!

Covenant Christian High School invites everyone to its **Spring Rummage sale** on April 27, from 9am – 1pm in the school gym. Come shop for some great bargains for \$7 per bag from 9am – 12pm and just \$2 per bag from 12-1 pm. If you have any gently used items you wish to donate to the sale, they can be brought in through the back door at school on Thursday, April 25 from 2pm – 5pm, OR bring them in through the front door of school on Friday, April 26, from 8am – 2pm. If you would like to volunteer to help set up on Friday, please call the CCHS main office at 219-987-7651. Thank you!

DMCS IMPORTANT DATES:

April 11-24: PIE Kal-Bro Gift Card Sale
April 16: Spring Dinner at CCHS – 5:00-7:00pm
April 19: Good Friday / No School
April 22-27: Matching Gift Week
April 22-28: Christian Education Week based on Matthew 6:33
April 22-May 17: ILEARN Testing Window (grades 3-8)
April 26: PS4 Spring Fling: 6:30-7:30pm
April 27: Rummage Sale at CCHS: 9am-1pm
April 29-May 3: CCHS Students on Service Week

May 3: Walk-A-Thon
May 7: DMCS Board Meeting: 7pm
May 9: DMC Spring Band and Choir Concert: 7pm
May 11: DMCS Spring Carnival @ DMC
May 13: CCHS Spring Concert: 7pm
May 17: Kindergarten Program: 6:30pm
May 21: Kindergarten Round Up: 7:50am
May 29: 8th Grade Graduation: 7pm
May 30: K-12 Last Day of School
May 31: CCHS Graduation: 7:00pm
June 3-7: 8th Grade to Washington, DC
June 4: DMCS Board Meeting: 7pm
June 4-6: Volleyball Camp (entering grades 3-5) at CCHS: 8:30-11:30am
June 10-13: Soccer Camp (entering grade 3-8) at CCHS: 9:00-11:45am
June 11-14: Volleyball Camp at DMC: 8am-5pm
June 17-20: Boys Basketball Camp (entering grade 7-9) at CCHS: 9am-2pm
June 19: DMCS Foundation Golf Outing at Sandy Pines
June 24-27: Girls Basketball Camp (entering grade 7-9) at CCHS: 9am-2pm
June 24-27: Co-ed Basketball Camp (entering grade 4-6) at DMC:
Advanced class: 9am-2pm/beginner class: 1-4pm

