

Sunday, April 21, 2019
Easter Sunday
Pastor Dan Bloesch

Welcome Easter Video

Gathering Songs of Praise to our Risen Savior!

"Low in the Grave He Lay" followed by "He Lives"

Worship Leader: The Lord is Risen!

People: He is Risen Indeed!



Welcome

God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

We Continue in Praise: (Please remain standing if able)

"Christ Is Risen! He's Risen Indeed!"

Worship Leader: Matthew 28:5-6a

People: He has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus
from the dead. Alleluia!

Song of Celebration: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Offering for Ministries of Bethel and Resonate – Home Missions
Prayer

Children's Message

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks Be to God!

Message: "Experiencing Jesus' Resurrection"

Prayer

Please stand for God's Parting Blessing

Closing Song: "Because He Lives"

Piano/Keyboard: Marla VanderMolen and Dan Zylstra

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! We welcome you to worship today especially as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We serve a risen and living Savior!! We wish you the joy and peace of this awesome good news as we sing, pray, and reflect on His word to us today! This morning we Welcome Pastor Dan Bloesch. He will look at how we can "Experience Jesus' Resurrection!"

There will no afternoon service today! Celebrate our risen Savior as you spend time with friends and family.

Today we will be receiving an offering for Resonate -- Home Missions. Your support helps people realize that they are part of Christ's new light dawning! We are called to shine the new light of Jesus' resurrection. Celebrate our risen Lord!

"SHOW ME JESUS" Sunday School and Catechism will NOT meet today.

We will meet next week Sunday, April 28th for a regular class meeting and then have our end of Year Party 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 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

NEXT WEEK		April 28 (GEMS Sunday)
Nursery	AM:	Jori Jansma, Elizabeth Bakker
	PM:	Phyllis Huisman, Katie Eenigenburg
Greeters	AM:	Rich & Frances Kros(E) Duane & Lisa Jansma(S)
Usher	AM:	Joseph Dekker
Media Shout		Todd Nanninga
Offering		Ministries of Bethel and GEMS

PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR:

- Marge Fase as she has been put on hospice care. Pray for peace for Marge and also for the family as they care for her and decisions are made. Give her a call and stop in for a visit.
- Andy Walstra, continued prayers for complete healing and daily strength. We were thankful he could join us in worship.
- Pastor Rick and Brenda as they continue on their journey – exploring Jesus' home, the early church's home and their ancestral home. Pray for safety and a time of renewal.

THIS WEEKS ACTIVITIES

Sunday 10:50pm “Show Me Jesus” Sunday School & Catechism will NOT meet
Wednesday 9:30am Coffee Break
7:00pm Worship Team

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week on 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 beginning a series called FAITH UNFOLDED -- a fresh look at the Reformed Faith. He will be using the acronym FAITH. His first message is titled: “Fallen Humanity from Ephesians 2:1-10.

The deacons are looking for a couple people 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.

At the past Council meeting, the decision was made to NOT HOLD an afternoon service tonight 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. Together as our Bethel Church family we CELEBRATE our RISEN Savior this Easter Morning!

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The GEMS would like to **THANK each of their Hidden GEMS** for an amazing night together. Thank you for Being a Blessing!

WORSHIP TEAM will meet this week Wednesday at 7pm.

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 only have 3 weeks left for this season! We meet on Wednesday mornings t 9:30am. Nursery is provided!

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.

For our email prayer chain 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.

Please check your mailbox for Christian School Announcements and Local Events!

LOCAL EVENT:

BLOODMOBILE AT AMERICAN REFORMED CHURCH: The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the American Reformed Church on May 2, 2019, 1:00 - 7:00 PM. There is always a dire need for blood supplies to be replenished. It normally takes an hour, but it is an hour that could save someone's life. Please consider coming in to donate blood. It's best to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome, but must wait until all appointments are taken first. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS, or go to redcrossblood.org, sponsor code “amrefch” to schedule your appointment.

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:

Kal-Bro Gift Card Fundraiser

DMCS Partners In Education is excited to announce a new fundraiser! Kal-Bro Farms has partnered with us for Kal-Bro Farms gift cards. Kal-Bro Farms will donate 20% of the sales to DMCS. Orders will be taken until Wednesday, April 24, with cards available on May 3. These gift cards, in \$25, \$50 and \$100 increments, will make great gifts for Mother's Day that can be used for flowers or flowers to give as gifts. Plan ahead for your spring plantings. Kal-Bro Farms offers a beautiful selection of annuals, perennial, garden supplies and accessories. See any DMC student for more information, or call the DMC office at 219-987-3721!

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, call the CCHS main office at 219-987-7651. Thank you!

April 22-27, 2019 is **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

“Be The Messenger”: Walk-A-Thon '19 is on its way! DMC will be having the annual Walk-A-Thon on Friday, May 5! All DMC students will be walking the path at Field of Dreams to raise funds to help make the DMC and CCHS building interiors look better and brighter! Our school buildings' update began last year, and we are hoping to continue adding fresh paint, more color, signs to help our friends find their way around, exciting artwork, and some updates to our front entrances and school offices. We want everyone to see how awesome our schools are the moment they walk in! The goal this year is to raise \$20,000. The theme is *Be the Messenger* based on Isaiah 52:7a, “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news.” Will you sponsor one of our students by making a donation? Any amount can help us reach our goal. Please contact any student, the DMC office (219-987-3721), mail a check to DMC (PO Box 430, DeMotte, IN 46310), or donate online by clicking on the “Donate” link on our school website (www.demottechristianschools.org) to make a donation. Thank you so much for your support and generosity!

Christian Education Week 2019: “Citizens of the Kingdom” During Christian Education Week (April 22-28), we give thanks to God that He has called us to kingdom citizenship and has given us Christian schools in partnership with church and home as places to advance that kingdom. Christian schools and their alumni bring the hope of God's kingdom to a broken world, and this week we celebrate the ways that these kingdom citizens shine the light of Christ wherever they are. In Matthew 6:33, Jesus reminds us of our call to the kingdom: “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Christian schools allow us to be faithful to this calling, urging us and supporting us in our desire to cultivate a new generation of disciples prepared for service in God's kingdom.

DMCS IMPORTANT DATES:

- 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: 1pm start/5:45pm dinner

