

Sunday, April 28, 2019
Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.
GEMS SUNDAY
Pastor Joseph Brinks

Gathering Song: “Blessed Be Your Name”
Welcome
Opening Prayer
God’s Greeting and Mutual Greetings

Songs of Praise:
“How Great Is Our God”
“Mighty to Save”

GEMS: Update and Litany

Offering for Ministries of Bethel and GEMS
Gems Video During Offering

Time of Prayer

Scriptures: Psalm 1:1-6; 2 Corinthians 9:8 (pg. 843, 1803)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God

Sermon: “Blessed to Be a Blessing!”

Prayer

Please Stand for God’s Parting Blessing

Response: “We Receive Your Blessing”

Piano: Amy Dekker

Evening Worship
5:00 p.m.
Pastor Don Jabaay

Welcome
Opening Song: “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah” W/C 51 vs.1-3
Prayer

Songs of Praise:
“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (vs. 1,2,3)
“Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart” (vs. 1,3,5)

We Confess our Christian Faith Together – Apostles’ Creed

Offering, for GEMS
Time of Praying and Sharing

Song of Preparation: “God, Be Merciful to Me” (vs. 1,2,4)

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10 (pg. 1818)

Sermon: **“Fallen Humanity”**

Prayer

Please Stand for God’s Parting Blessing

Closing Song: “Not What My Hands Have Done” (vs.1-3)

Piano: Amy Dekker

WELCOME TO BETHEL! Today is GEMS Sunday. Their theme this year is “Be a Blessing” teaching the girls what blessing means and how they can Be a Blessing to others because of what Jesus has done for them. Welcome to all those visiting with us today!

Welcome to our guest pastors today. Pastor Joseph Brinks will be with us for our morning worship. For our 5pm service we welcome back Pastor Don Jabaay. He will begin a series on the Canons of Dordt. This year is the 400th Anniversary when the canons were published and given to the church. This series will be called FAITH UNFOLDED -- a fresh look at the Reformed Faith. He will be using the acronym FAITH. His first message is “Fallen Humanity” from Ephesians 2:1-10.



“**SHOW ME JESUS**” Sunday School and Catechism will meet today for our last regular class meeting. Next week – May 5 -- will be our end of Year Party. Hope you will all be there.

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 28 (GEMS Sunday)
 Nursery AM: Jori Jansma, Elizabeth Bakker
 PM: Phyllis Huisman, Katie Eenigenburg
 Greeters AM: GEMS(E) GEMS (S)
 Usher AM: Joseph Dekker
 Media Shout Todd Nanninga
 Offering Ministries of Bethel and GEMS

NEXT WEEK May 5
 Nursery AM: Mary Buitter, Riley Schaafsma
 PM: Sharon Nanninga, Desirae Nanninga
 Greeters AM: Nathan & Anna Vanderwal(S) Dave & Barb Werblo (E)
 Usher AM: Dan Walstra
 Media Shout Ryan Schaafsma
 Offering Ministries of Bethel and DMC Inc

PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR:

- Marge Fase has been moved to the VNA Hospice Center in Valparaiso. Her visiting address is 2404 Valparaiso St., Valparaiso, IN 46383. The Mailing Address is 501 Marquette St. Valparaiso, IN 46383. Stop for a visit or send her a card! Keep Marge and the family in your prayers as they make this journey. Pray for Marge for strength of body to match her strength of heart and faith!
- Andy Walstra, as he continues to heal and gain strength each day. Pray for complete healing.
- Pastor Rick and Brenda –keep them in your prayers as they make their journey “finding their way home”.
- Prayers for the Covenant students during their SERVE Week, April 29-May 3, as they along with parent/teacher chaperones are headed to places in Guatemala, Kentucky, Michigan and various local outreach areas to SERVE and to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Pray for safety, and for life-changing experiences for each one of them.

THIS WEEKS ACTIVITIES

Sunday 10:50pm “Show Me Jesus” Sunday School & Catechism
 Tuesday 7:00pm Executive Team
 Wednesday 9:30am Coffee Break
 7:00pm Wisdom Seekers

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week Sunday, May 5th we welcome Pastor Louis Bury. He will be preaching in the morning on “Experiencing God: Wind Power” and in the evening “Experiencing God: Spirit Power”. On May 12th we welcome back Pastor Tim Toeset in the morning and Pastor Don Jabaay for the 5pm service.

EXECUTIVE TEAM will meet on Tuesday at 7pm.

Have you been looking for a place to SERVE at Bethel? We have a perfect place for you! The deacons are looking for a couple people to be 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.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE BREAK is ending the season with a study on the book of *Jonah*. We only have 2 weeks left for this season! We meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am. Nursery is provided!

WISDOM SEEKERS meets this week Wednesday at 7pm. This will be our last lesson for the season.

YPS will meet next week at 6:15pm at First CRC. Reminder that final SERVE payment of \$50 is due May 5 at the next meeting.

The Crochet group of ladies will **NOT** meet on the first Wednesday of May. We will meet again this fall. Please continue to crochet squares and hats on your own till then. Thank you!

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.

CALL 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. 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.

LOCAL EVENTS:

The Women’s Service League of **BETHSHAN** Association works once a year to fund special projects to assist in serving their residents who have developmental disabilities. There is information distributed in your mailbox today about Bethshan’s project to purchase a minivan to transport people using wheelchairs. Please consider how you may be able to support this valuable ministry.

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 judye@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:

"Be The Messenger": Walk-A-Thon '19 is on its way! DMC will be having the annual Walk-A-Thon on Friday, May 3! 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. (We will be recognizing Christian Education Week at Bethel on May 5)

DMC Seeking 2nd Grade Teacher: DeMotte Christian School is seeking a 2nd grade full-time teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must hold at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, agree fully with the school's statement of beliefs, is an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion, and demonstrates the ability to teach children well. If you are interested in applying for the position, please send a resume and application to Devon Brinks, Superintendent, at dbrinks@dmcs-in.org or contact the school office at (219)987-3721. An application may also be found on the school website at www.demottechristianschools.org.

DMCS IMPORTANT DATES:

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
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

