

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Morning Worship

9:30 a.m.

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Gathering Song: "Everlasting God"

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

We Celebrate God's Grace

Time of Praise

"Holy Is the Lord"

"He Knows My Name"

Sunday School Kids Sing

"Banner Over Me is Love"

"I Am a Promise"

Baptism of Miles Jansma

Song: "This Is My Father's World"

Prayer

Offering for Ministries of Bethel and Tuition Assistance

We Are Fed by God's Word

Scripture: John 4:1-26 (pg. 1651)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God!

Sermon: "**Overcoming the Lies of Labels**"

Prayer

We Depart to Serve

*Stand for God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: "Good Good Father"

Piano: Marla VanderMolen

WELCOME TO BETHEL CHURCH. This morning Pastor Rick continues a new series for November, taking a look at the things in our lives that challenge us and prevent us from growing as Christians. We need to remember the truth of Romans 1:37 that tells us that we are "more than conquerors" through Him who loved us. This Sunday's sermon helps us look at the lies we believe when we label others based on what we see or think instead of what we truly know.

This morning the Sacrament of Baptism will be administered to **Miles Jeffrey Jansma**, infant son of Jeff & Jori Jansma. We praise God for his precious covenant promises!

We also welcome the Sunday School children who will be singing during our morning worship: "Banner Over Me is Love" and "I Am a Promise".

Join us TONIGHT for a **COMBINED COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE** of thanksgiving and praise here **at Bethel at 6pm**. The offering will be for KVMA – "Helping Hands". We look forward to joining with the greater Christian community in DeMotte to express our gratitude to our great and awesome God. **Note the change of time to 6 P.M.** for this service only. Next week we will revert to 5 P.M.

Our **THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE** will be held **Thursday at 9:30am**. The offering this year will be for the Land Purchase Fund and Church Renovation Fund. Join us as we give thanks to God for all his blessings to us through another year!



Come see Jesus in all of Scripture with us in our Sunday School Program "**SHOW ME JESUS**". All children ages PK-7th grade are invited to join us downstairs immediately after the morning service. Pick-up is 11:45am. **Pastor Rick's CATECHISM** for all 8th thru 12th grades will meet after church in the room next to the kitchen. Visitors are welcome! There will be **NO Sunday School or Catechism next week** – November 25th.

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

Nursery

November 18 (PM Combined Service at Bethel 6pm)

AM: Laura Walstra, Sydnee Walstra

PM: Maria Nanninga, Sue Bakker

Greeters

AM: Steve & Alice Reimers(E), Scott & Nanci VanVlymen(S)

PM: Steve & Alice Reimers(E), Brenda Vanderwal, Anna Vanderwal(S),

Usher

AM: Jr. Dahm

PM: Larry Ouwenga, Rick Eenigenburg, Cameron VanderMolen

Media Shout

Scott VanVlymen

Offering

AM: Ministries of Bethel and Tuition Assistance

PM: KVMA – Helping Hands

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Nursery AM: Elizabeth Bakker, Kim Kuiper
Greeters AM: Steve & Alice Reimers(E), Scott & Nanci VanVlymen(S)
Usher AM: Jr. Dahm
Media Shout Scott VanVlymen
Offering AM: Ministries of Bethel and Land Purchase Fund/Renovation Fund

NEXT WEEK

November 25
Nursery AM: Stephanie Konvalinka, Lisa Zylstra
PM: Brenda Vanderwal, Katie Eenigenburg
Greeters AM: Steve & Alice Reimers(E), Scott & Nanci VanVlymen(S)
Usher AM: Jr. Dahm
Media Shout Todd Nanninga
Offering AM: Ministries of Bethel and Jasper County Recovery House

CHURCH FAMILY

Remember Betty Vanderbilt in prayer as she continues to reside at Village Woods, in Crete, IL. Please pray she feels well, as she has been struggling with breathing and has started to be put on oxygen.

Today has been designated as Chaplaincy Sunday by our denomination, and this morning we want to recognize and pray for Pastor Jim Stoel who serves as a hospital chaplain at St. Mary's hospital in Hobart. He is not present with us this morning, but we are grateful for the ministry of care and compassion he provides to those who are sick, in need, and also grieving.

THIS WEEKS ACTIVITIES

Sunday 10:50am "Show Me Jesus" Sunday School & Catechism
Tuesday 1:30pm Ladies Afternoon Bible Study
Thursday 9:30am Thanksgiving Day Service

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

YPS will meet TONIGHT at 5:15 @ **Bethel** due to the combined service here at 6pm. YPS will begin at 5:15 with a dinner, listen to a guest speaker, attend the church service together and have snacks and games following the service. We'll end the night at 7:45.

LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will meet on Tuesday at 1:30. We will be meeting at Donna VanVuren's and study lesson #6 "Praying for Everyone".

At our **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** this past Tuesday, the following were elected as new office bearers. For elder: Ron Bakker. For deacons: Jeff Jansma and Michael Vann Schouwen. The proposed budget was voted on and approved. Give thanks to God for his provision! Let us pray that the Lord will bless those who've been called to serve in this capacity and will lead Bethel Church into another year of service. We are grateful also to Larry Ouwenga and Daniel Zylstra who were willing to serve and allow their names to stand for nomination. Thank you!

UPCOMING SERVICES:

- Save the Date for our **CANDLELIGHT/CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**—"Sing a Song of Christmas" which will be on Sunday, December 16th at 5pm.
- **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**, December 25 at 9:30am. Come celebrate the birth of our Savior! The offering will be for World Renew.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE BREAK BIBLE STUDY will NOT meet this week Wednesday. See you all back November 28th. Our goal at coffee break is to help women both inside and outside of our church grow in their faith. There are leaflets available on the table by the council room for you to share with your friends and neighbors. Please take a few, share them, then join us on Wednesday's at 9:30am. Child care is provided for preschoolers. We are studying the Gospel of Mark!

Our congregation is in charge of the **SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS BELL RINGING** at Tysens, for Saturday, December 15. A sign-up sheet is on the round table. Please consider signing up for an hour time slot. The money that's collected in the Salvation Army red buckets is used in Jasper County and in our community as well!

WISDOM SEEKERS will not meet again until December 5th.

Have you signed up yet? C IS FOR COOKIE...yum, yum, yum! Thanks to all who have helped out with cookies after church. We have put out a **NEW SIGN-UP ON THE ROUND TABLES** in the back of church. Two people will be responsible for two week shifts (so person A and B will join together and will cover both December 2 and 9.) It is a shared responsibility. If there are a couple Sunday's you would be able/ willing to bring cookies, please sign up. 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 cookie sign-up sheet and we can put them out when needed). Thanks very much!! Any questions talk to Andrew or Heidi Dunham!

The Good Neighbor Food Pantry would like to thank Bethel CRC for the generous harvest donation. We are currently serving an average of 80 families per month – a little less than previous year due to the better economy. We are supported by monetary gifts and food given by churches, various organizations and individuals. Thank you and God Bless The Food Pantry

YPS UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., Dec. 5 – OUTING TO SKY ZONE

- Sky Zone **waiver is required by next meeting on Sunday, Nov 18.** That is TONIGHT! May bring friends, but they are required to fill out a waiver form as well. Link to waiver is: <https://scherervillestore.skyzone.com/waiver/WaiverInfo.aspx>
- If your student plans to attend please send an email confirming yes or no and date of birth.
- We will be leaving from 1st CRC at 5:45pm. We plan to jump from 7-8 pm and expect to be back to 1st CRC at approx. 9pm.
- Total cost will be \$15 which includes jumping socks. Not collecting the \$ ahead of time. Just take \$15 with on night of 12/5/18.

Wed., Dec. 12 – CHRISTMAS PARTY AND OUTING AT BETHEL CRC FROM 5-8:30

- **We will NOT meet Sunday night Dec. 16.**
- We will meet at Bethel at 5:00pm for a Christmas pizza party. We will go Christmas caroling and visit with church shut ins and come back to Bethel for Christmas party, games and snacks. We will be done at approx. 8:30pm.
- Please have your student bring a plate of homemade cookies that we can divide and give to the people we are visiting. The leftovers will be our snack once we return.

LOCAL EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

The 3rd annual **REASON FOR THE SEASON 5K RUN/WALK** will be held on November 24 at 8:30 am. The race is sponsored by and begins at American Reformed Church, 1021 S Halleck St, DeMotte. REGISTER ONLINE to run or walk: runsignup.com/Race/IN/DeMotte/ReasonfortheSeasonRun or visit demottearc.com and scroll down to find a link to the registration page. Registration will also be open on race day, however t-shirts will then be on a first come, first served basis. A free FUN RUN for KIDS will follow. Proceeds from the race benefit THE BACKPACK MINISTRY, which helps to supply KVSC families in need with a backpack of food each weekend. Refreshments will be provided and awards will be given after the race.

An Acoustic Evening with Disciple – November 30th at 6:30pm at Ignited Ministries, 5825 W St Rd 10 , DeMotte. This is a free event! (poster on bulletin board by council room)

2018 **Christmas Concert Event** – “Merry and Bright” at Cedar Lake Ministries. Check out the bulletin board by the council room for more info.

Illiana Oratorio Society-- Handel’s Messiah. The concert will be Sunday December 2, 2018 at 2:00 pm at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. Please join us as we present this marvelous work to God’s praise!

Come celebrate the Christmas season with song! The **Men of A-Chord -- A Festival of Nine Lessons in Carols for Christmastide** on Saturday, December 15th at 7 p.m. at Thorn Creek Reformed Church of South Holland, IL. Justin Rich is the director, Beverly Hoitsma is the pianist, and Nancy Venema is the organist. Betsy Archer will be with us this year as soprano soloist. A free-will offering will be taken.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWS

DEMOTTE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DC BREAKFAST: Enjoy a hot breakfast Saturday, Dec. 1, from 6:30-10:00am! Come hungry and support our 7th and 8th graders raising funds for their trip to Washington, DC. A freewill donation will help with those expenses. Your generosity is appreciated!

DMCS Important Dates:

November 21-23: Thanksgiving Break

November 28-30: Poinsettia/Wreath Pick Up @ DMC from 7:15AM-3:15PM

December 4: DMCS Board Meeting – 7:00pm

December 6: DMC Winter Concert – 7:00pm

December 11: CCHS Winter Concert – 7:00pm

December 18: DMC K-5 Christmas Program – 6:30pm