

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

The earth shakes, the mountains quake—tempting our hearts to fear.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Storms rage, winds swirl. The chaos can be overwhelming!

Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Violence seems to be the story of the day...

In war-torn lands, and even in communities like ours.

We pray for peace and yet still fear for our own safety.

Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

For those whose lives are in chaos,

God is their refuge.

For those who find themselves living in fear,

God is their strength.

For those dreading the possibilities of bad news,

God is present.

For those caught up illness, grief, and all of life's challenges:

God is a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear.

And therefore, we will put our trust in the Lord and worship our God.

Song: "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

We Celebrate God's Grace

Time of Praise

"Lord, Most High"

"O Worship the King"

Prayer of Confession

God's Will for Our Lives

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Offering for Ministries of Bethel and Jasper County Recovery House

We Are Fed by God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 8:23-27 (pg. 1508)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God!

Sermon: "**Overcoming the Face of Fear**"

Prayer

We Depart to Serve

*Stand for God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: "Cornerstone"

Piano: Amy Dekker

Afternoon Worship – 5:00 p.m.

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 19:1-4, 7-11, 14

Prayer

Songs of Praise:

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

"Beautiful Savior"

Scripture: Genesis 1:20-31, Genesis 2:19-22

Confession of Faith: Belgic Confession Article 2

Sermon: **So you wanted to hear a sermon on.....Animals!**

Prayer

Song of Praise: "All Things Bright And Beautiful"

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Time of Prayer

Closing Song: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Piano: Amy Dekker

WELCOME TO BETHEL CHURCH. This morning Pastor Rick his series 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 overcoming the face of fear, and does so as we look at Matthew 8:23-27, and various other scriptures that encourage our trust in the Lord! During the 5 PM service, Pastor Rick will bring out one of the sermon requests he received from the congregation: So you wanted to hear a sermon about: ANIMALS!



There will be **NO Sunday School or Catechism TODAY.** See you all back next week Sunday. 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!

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 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

NEXT WEEK December 2 (First Sunday of Advent)
 Nursery AM: Ashley VanderWoude, Stephanie Konvalinka
 PM: Cindy Musch, Ashlyn DeBoer
 Greeters AM: John & Ruth Broertjes(E), Jon & Amy Dekker(S)
 Usher AM: Scott VanVlymen
 Media Shout Ryan Schaafsma
 Offering AM: Ministries of Bethel and DMC Inc.

CHURCH FAMILY

- We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to the family of Betty Vanderbilt, who passed away on Thursday (thanksgiving day) afternoon. Funeral arrangements are pending, but likely will take place Friday in Crete.
- Andy Walstra was admitted to St. Anthony hospital and it was discovered that he has an e-coli infection in his blood. The Walstras covet the prayers of the congregation for healing and for restoration of strength and health.
- Please pray for Donna Hoekstra as she struggles with a lot of back pain and discomfort.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Team will meet on Wednesday at 7:00pm.

THIS WEEKS ACTIVITIES

Sunday 10:50am “Show Me Jesus” Sunday School & Catechism will NOT meet
 Tuesday 7:00pm Executive Team
 Wednesday 9:30am Coffee Break
 1:00pm Phil’s Friends

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE BREAK BIBLE STUDY meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am. Our goal is to help women both inside and outside of our church grow in their faith. There are leaflets available in the back of church 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 for preschoolers. We are studying the Gospel of Mark!

PHIL’S FRIENDS will meet this week Wednesday from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Come and help as we continue tying blankets and coloring Cards of Hope for cancer patients. Care Packages are available here at Bethel for anyone you may know that has been diagnosed with cancer. Contact Cindy Musch at 219-863-6864

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!

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.** Two people will be responsible for two week shifts. 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 sign-up sheet and we can put them out when needed). Questions talk to Andrew or Heidi Dunham!

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.

We Need Your Help!!! WINTER IS COMING. We would like to offer **VALET PARKING** during the winter months when there is bad weather. **We need guys that are willing to park cars** for those who would like to use this service. There is a sign-up sheet on the round table if you are willing to help or talk to Marge Fase.

Be sure to check out the missionary table for an update from Brett & Sue VanderMolen in Cambodia.

YPS UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., Dec. 5 – OUTING TO SKY ZONE

- We will be leaving from 1st CRC at 5:45pm and expect to be back to 1st CRC at approx. 9pm. Total cost will be \$15 which includes jumping socks. Take \$15 with on night of 12/5/18. Sky Zone waiver was required by last meeting. Questions ask a leader.

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

SEEKING HOSPITALITY- DORDT COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR IS COMING TO

DEMOTTE! They will be performing a concert at 1st CRC on Jan. 11, 2019 and 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, feed them breakfast, and get them back to church in the morning, please contact Velma Ouwenga at 987-4393. Thanks so much!

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.

The Illiana Christian High School Foundation is planning an **eight-day, seven-night** trip to Boston, Martha’s Vineyard and surrounding areas for alumni and friends of Illiana. The trip will take place June 11-18, 2019; and will be led by Jeff White, a history teacher at ICHS. This guided tour will include two days on Martha’s Vineyard, visits to New Bedford, Concord, Lowell and Plymouth, and several days in Boston. The cost is \$1,850 per person for double occupancy or \$2,600 for single occupancy and includes airfare, transportation during the week, lodging, admission to all attractions and at least two meals a day. No Sunday activities will be planned. We are looking for commitments (\$250 non-refundable deposit) by **December 20th** and full payment will be due by **February 1st**. For any questions regarding the trip or to receive an informational brochure, please contact Bonnie Trepton (708) 474-0515 ext. 24 or Jeff White at jeff.white@illianachristian.org.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWS

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR JOB OPENING

DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. is currently looking for a part-time Communications Coordinator. The expectation of the time commitment is about 20 hours per week. Applicants should possess strong organizational and communicative skills, must agree fully with the school’s statement of beliefs, is an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion, and demonstrates strong computer skills. 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 (<http://www.demottechristianschools.org>).

BOXED SCRIPTURE CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE

DeMotte Christian Grade School has a variety of boxed Scripture Christmas cards for purchase near the Superintendent’s office at DMC.

DEMOTTE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DC BREAKFAST

Enjoy a hot breakfast Saturday, December 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!

REMINDER: POINSETTIA, WREATH, and GARLAND PICK UP

If you supported a DMC 7th or 8th grader during their fundraiser, you may pick up your poinsettia, wreath, or garland at DeMotte Christian Grade School (219-987-3721) November 28-30, between 7:15am-3:15pm. Thank you again for your support!

DMCS IMPORTANT DATES:

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 PS4-5 Christmas Program @ DMC– 6:30pm
January 7: PS(3), PS(4) and Kindergarten Sign Ups Begin