



# Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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9:30 a.m. Worship Service

**WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP** whether in person or online. We welcome any visitors who have chosen to join us! Please take a welcome mug from the table in the back of church.

We welcome Brett VanderMolen as he leads us in our worship "Obedience Through Compassion" from Mark 6:30-38. They will also give us an update on their work in Cambodia.

## **UPCOMING 9:30 AM SERVICES AT BETHEL**

January 14 – We welcome back Mr. Joel Trinidad from Mid-America Seminary

January 21 – Pastor Blake Campbell from First CRC will lead us in worship and we will also, Lord willing, share the Lord's Supper together.

The Ray VanderLaan videos will resume today in the council room. Grab your coffee and join us!

There will be **NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** today - January 7. See you all back next week.

**From Gary DeVries to Bethel Congregation:** As the President of the Bethel Council, I want to let you know what is taking place following our recent Letter of Call to Jeremy Oosterhouse to be our next pastor. As had already been known, Jeremy is also facing a possible Call from a church in Elmhurst, Illinois. He had informed us of that from the outset and will be preaching at that church on January 14 as a Candidate. With that possibility we had agreed to have his response to our Call by the end of January. In the past couple of weeks, we have received and responded to some questions and clarifications to our Letter of Call that Jeremy had requested. So, the process is moving along as we had envisioned. As Council, we do pray that the Lord does have Jeremy in mind for Bethel and we ask that you, as the members of this Bethel family, do so as well. Thank you.

Please continue to keep Pastor Jeremy and Rachel Oosterhouse in your prayers as they consider the call to Bethel. We invite you to send them an encouraging note as they seek God's guidance and leading. His email is [joosterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:joosterhouse@gmail.com) and Rachel's is [rachel.ooms@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.ooms@gmail.com) There address to send snail mail: 12606 S. Menard Ave, Alsip IL 60803. Lift them up in prayer along with Bethel as we seek God's will.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**BOWLING NIGHT** for all bowlers to be held January 24 at 7 pm at Wheatfield Lanes. Sign up on back table so we know how many lanes to ask for. Don't want to bowl? Come and cheer on your team!  
**Fun Family Night!**

There is a **SNACK SIGN-UP SHEET** on the table. Thank you to all who supply us with snacks each Sunday morning to go with our coffee/tea in 2023. You are all very much appreciated.

**LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE?** We are in need of a volunteer to serve one Sunday service a month on **MEDIA-SHOUT**. It's not hard to do, we will teach you how. Great opportunity to serve the Lord in Worship. Contact Gary. Thanks

On the evening of January 9, the **DORDT UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA** will perform at 1st CRC DeMotte at 7:30pm. This free concert is part of a winter tour across Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. A freewill offering will be taken to defray tour expenses. Join us for an evening of music for the Glory of God!

## **MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Wednesday 6:15pm Cadets meets at First CRC

## MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: We will be glad and rejoice in it.**

Leader: We are about to begin the adventure of a new year, a gift from the Lord!

**People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed!

For his compassions never fail. They are new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness!

**People: Great is your faithfulness, O Lord!**

\*Please Stand for Opening Song: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" 3 vs.

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greetings

\*Time of Praise:

"My Life is in You, Lord"

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

Please Be Seated

Offering will be received for: Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

We Offer Our Prayers to God

Scripture: Mark 6:30-38 (pg. 1562)

Message: "**Obedience Through Compassion**"

Prayer

\*Please Stand for the Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" 3 vs.

### **CHURCH FAMILY: PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:**

- Continued prayers for Donna Hoekstra for healing in her leg as she is in rehab. Prayers for Ted also as he misses her and dealing with being alone.
- Andy, Barb E, Rich K, Ted & Donna, Ruth DV, Carolyn VV, Hank VW
- Be with all the sick and shut-ins as they journey into another year. Give them a peace and that they feel God's presence each day in their lives.
- Keep Bethel in your prayers along with Pastor Jeremy as we seek God's leading and His will for Bethel.

### **SERVING TODAY**

**January 7**

Nursery: AM

Suzy & Lyndsy

Children's Leaders

Christmas Break

Piano:

Amy

Usher

Russ

Greeters

Scott & Nanci(E), Brent & Suzy(S).

Media Shout

Scott

Offering

Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

You can continue to give online at [www.bethelcrcdemotte.org](http://www.bethelcrcdemotte.org). Thank you!

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK January 14**

Nursery: AM

Steph & James

Children's Leaders

Mary B & Sandy

Piano:

Amy

Usher

Russ

Greeters

Scott & Nanci(E), Brent & Suzy(S).

Media Shout

Katie

Offering

Ministries of Bethel and Life Legal Defense Foundation