



# 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.

**Today is the first Sunday in Lent.** Lent is a 6-week time period before Easter that has been used as a time of reflection and renewal for believers to consider the purpose and the cost of the cross of Jesus, the Savior who gave his life for sinners, to redeem them as children of God. As we look at the Psalms each week in our call to worship, we pray for our hearts to be listening for ways that the Holy Spirit is calling us to live out our calling in new and courageous ways.

Today we welcome Pastor Josh Christoffels who is currently serving at Hammond CRC. Next week Dr. Beach from Mid-America Seminary will lead us in worship.

There will be **NO Children's Worship today**. See you all back next week.

The Ray VanderLaan videos will meet in the council room after the morning worship. Grab your coffee and join us!

Pastor Jeremy Oosterhouse will leading us in our Easter Worship. They will be moving here after the school year. We are excited and look forward to him and his family coming to Bethel and beginning a new ministry together. We pray our ministry will be a time of growing for us as a church, for the community, and for the kingdom of God."

## **SERVING TODAY**

### **February 18**

Nursery	Amy & Rachel
Children's Leaders	No Children's Worship today
Piano:	Marla
Usher	Brent
Greeters	Randy & Sandy(E), Steve & Alice(S).
Media Shout	Scott
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Bible League

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

## **SERVING NEXT WEEK February 25**

Nursery	Suzy & Bailee
Children's Leaders	Sandy & Velma
Instrumentalists	Will & Nate
Usher	Brent
Greeters	Randy & Sandy(E), Steve & Alice(S).
Media Shout	Todd
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Women's Center of NW IN.

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

- Hank VW who is still in the hospital after having a biopsy done. Prayers for renewed strength.
- Bonnie B, Andy & Cheryl, Barb E, Rich K, Ruth DV, Carolyn VV,
- Continued prayers for Donna H. for strength and healing.

## **THIS WEEKS MEETINGS**

Tuesday	1:30pm Ladies Afternoon Bible Study
Wednesday	6:15pm GEMS
Saturday	7:30am Frontline Men's Bible Study

## MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship from Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life  
The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore..

Please Stand for Opening Song: “I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains”

Opening Prayer: We pray for this world, and for all the people in it.

Make us good stewards of all that you have given us; Land, water, sky, plants, creatures and people.  
Be with those in places of conflict or danger this day. Be with those who lay down their lives for others.  
Be with those who lead us. Our help comes from you, O Lord; watch over our lives.

\*God’s Greeting / Mutual Greetings

\*Time of Praise:

“Our God”  
“Shout to the Lord”

Please Be Seated *There is NO Children’s Worship today!*

Offering will be received for: Ministries of Bethel and Bible League  
During the offering we will sing: “Ancient Words”

We Offer Our Prayers to God

Scripture: Psalm 121 (pg.965)

Message: “**Who is My Keeper?**”

Prayer

\*Please Stand for God’s Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” vs.1,3

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

If anyone would like to have a **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2023** please contact deacon Brent VS.

**LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** will meet Tuesday, February 20 at 1:30 at the home of Dianne DV. We will be studying Nehemiah, lesson 8 – Dedication and perseverance. Starting in March we will be starting a new lesson book entitled “Jonah, Fish, Flaws and Forgiveness.” We want to encourage new members to join us. If interested, please talk to Dianne DV or Mary B. Ladies of all ages are welcome.

**GEMS** meets on Wednesday 6:15-8:15pm at First CRC

**FRONTLINE** REMINDER: Men's FRONTLINE Bible discussion group meets Saturday morning at 7:30. Come join us! No pre-study required. Coffee will be hot and waiting for you to enjoy. All ages are welcome!

Thank you to all who supply us with snacks each Sunday morning to go with our coffee/tea. You are all very much appreciated. There is a new sign-up for March thru May.

**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. Great opportunity to serve the Lord in Worship. Contact Gary. Thanks

**BIBLE LEAGUE SPRING LUNCHEON** will be March 21, 2024 at Smit’s Farm Catered by Scrementis. Tickets are \$30. Deadline is March 10. Contact Ruth or Rachel B for tickets.

**ROSELAND CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES FUNDRAISER**--- Join us Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 3pm-6pm at ROW 24 in Chicago. Learn how you can **Walk With Us** as we continue to love our neighbors in Roseland. A silent auction and raffle will be a highlight of the evening. Purchase tickets at <https://roselandchristianministries.yapsody.com/>. Call 773.264.5665 for more information. Can't make it in person? Bid online: <https://www.32auctions.com/RCMauction2024>