



# Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, February 25, 2024

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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 second Sunday in Lent** -- 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 Dr. Beach from Mid-America Seminary. March Pastor Schedule:

March 3 - Pastor Dan Bloesch – “Eternal Security”

March 10 – Rev. Mark VanderHart from Mid-America. We will also, Lord willing, celebrate the Lord’s Supper together.

March 17 – Pastor David Feddes

March 24 – Ben Verdonk from Mid-America

March 31 – Pastor Jeremy Oosterhouse will be leading us in our Easter Celebration

The children will be dismissed after the Time of Praise for CHILDREN’S CHURCH. Please go to the foyer where your teacher will meet you. Children turning 4 years old by Jan. 1st are welcome along with any children parents feel would benefit from this opportunity.

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

Pastor Jeremy Oosterhouse will be leading us in our **Easter Worship**. They will be moving here after the school year. We look forward to him and his family coming to Bethel and beginning a new ministry together.

### **SERVING TODAY**

### **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.

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

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK March 3**

Nursery	Anna & Lyndsy
Children’s Leaders	Dianne & Ashley
Piano	Amy
Usher	Larry
Greeters	Jon & Phyllis(E)
Media Shout	Scott
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc..

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

- Hank VW - Prayers for renewed strength and peace for him & Marlene with his diagnosis of cancer.
- Bonnie B, Andy & Cheryl, Barb E, Rich K, Ruth DV, Carolyn VV,
- Continued prayers for Donna H. for strength and healing.

## MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship from Psalm 22

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord,  
And all the families of the nations will bow down before him.  
For dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.  
All the rich of the earth will feast and worship,  
All who go down to the dust will kneel before him—  
Those who cannot keep themselves alive.  
Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.  
They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

Please Stand for Opening Song: "The Ends of all the Earth Shall Hear" LUYH 594 vs. 1,4

Opening Prayer: *Prayers: Dear God, we pray that your word will be shared with people all over the world. We ask that you give us the courage and wisdom to speak your truth with clarity and respect. May your word be a light to guide us in our daily lives and may it bring hope and comfort to those who hear it. We pray that your message will reach those who need it most and that it will transform their lives for the better. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

\*God's Greeting / Mutual Greetings

\*Time of Praise:

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (Sovereign Grace)  
"Be Unto Your Name"  
"How Great is Our God"

Please Be Seated *Children Are Dismissed for Children's Worship*

Offering will be received for: Ministries of Bethel and Women's Center of NW IN.  
During the offering we will sing: "God, You're So Good"

We Offer Our Prayers to God

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (pg.1786)

Message: **How About a Better Way?**

1) Love's Necessity; 2) Love's Character, 3) Love's Permanence

Prayer

\*Please Stand for God's Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Benediction Song"

### ***THIS WEEKS MEETINGS***

Wednesday 6:15pm Cadets

### ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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



Congregation! **SAVE THE DATE!** Wednesday, March 20! Join us for our "**SPRING FLING**" **FAMILY FUN NIGHT!** Plan now for an evening of lots of fun, food and fellowship! More details to follow in the weeks to come.

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

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.

**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.



Men's Bible discussion group next meeting is Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 AM. No pre-study required. Coffee will be hot and waiting for you to enjoy. All ages are welcome! Plan to come join us!