



# 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. Come back and worship with us again!

**Today is the Fourth Sunday in Lent** -- a 6-week time period before Easter 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.

Welcome to Rev. Mark VanderHart from Mid-America. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper today. Our celebration is a faith-building reminder of God's promise to us of forgiveness and grace through the blood of Christ, shed on the cross. If you confess Jesus Christ as both your Savior and Lord, are sorry for sin and desire to live in dependence on God's grace, we welcome you to join with us in celebrating communion!

March 17 – Leo Joewono from Mid-America – “It Is I, Do Not Be Afraid!” from Mark 6:45-52

March 24 – Ben Verdonk from Mid-America – Palm Sunday

March 29 – Good Friday Service we will be joining at First CRC @ 7pm. Together we will remember the work Jesus did for us upon the cross. The Lord's Supper will be served; gluten free bread will be available.

March 31 – Pastor Jeremy Oosterhouse will be leading us in our Easter Celebration - "The Kingdom Has Come".

The children are dismissed after 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!

<b>SERVING TODAY</b>	<b>March 10</b>
Nursery	Steph & James
Children's Leaders	Linda & Lyndsy
Piano	Amy
Usher	Larry
Greeters	Jon & Phyllis(E)
Media Shout	Katie
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Food Pantry

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

<b>SERVING NEXT WEEK</b>	<b>March 17</b>
Nursery	Sue & Rachel
Children's Leaders	Mary Brown & Phyllis
Piano	Marla
Usher	Larry
Greeters	Jon & Phyllis(E)
Media Shout	Scott
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and PIM – Schering's

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

- Andy Walstra who is in the hospital with pneumonia. Prayers that he gets better soon.
- Hank VW - Prayers for renewed strength and peace for him & Marlene.
- Bonnie B, Barb E, Rich K, Carolyn VV,
- Donna H as she continues her therapy. Incision is slowly healing. Keep Ted in your prayers as well.
- Ruth DV who is dealing with issues from her Parkinson's which is effecting her blood pressure. She is at Oak Grove in rehab for a couple weeks to try and regain her strength
- Jon Huisman thanks Bethel congregation for their Christian love and care extended to him and Phyllis after recent knee surgery. Thanks for prayer, cards, visits, and the cheerful lending of tools, machinery, and recovery gadgets. Wow...the people of Bethel really care. Thank you!

## MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome and Call to Worship from Psalm 107

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,  
Those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.  
Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.  
They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death.  
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.  
He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.  
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deed for mankind.  
Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

Please Stand for Opening Song: “Forever”

Opening Prayer: *We come to you in prayer, O God. We thank you for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Remake our lives as thanksgiving sacrifices. Send us forth to tell of your deeds with songs of joy. Hear these and all our prayers, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to save us.*

\*God's Greeting / Mutual Greetings

\*Time of Praise:

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”  
“I Surrender All”

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

Offering will be received for: Ministries of Bethel and Food Pantry

We Offer Our Prayers to God

Scripture: Colossians 1:9-23 (pg.1831)

Message: “Belonging...My Only Comfort”

Prayer

We Prepare for the Lord's Supper: We Sing: “I Stand Amazed” vs.1,2

During this song Elders please come forward to serve!

We Share the Lord's Supper Together

We share the Bread

We share the Cup

Parting Words

\*Please Stand for God's Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song: “You Are My King” (Amazing Love)

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

Wednesday 6:15pm Cadets

### ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***



**Congregation! SAVE THE DATE!** Wednesday, March 20 – 6:30-8:30pm “**SPRING FLING**” **FAMILY FUN NIGHT!** Fun for all ages! Munchies, finger food and drinks will be available throughout the evening. Bunco will be played. Can't wait to see you all there!

**BIBLE LEAGUE SPRING LUNCHEON** will be March 21, 2024 at Smit's Farm Catered by Scrementis. Tickets are \$30.

**Deadline is TODAY March 10.** Contact Ruth or Rachel B for tickets.



Men's Bible discussion group next meeting next meeting is, March 23 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!

There is a new **snack sign-up** on the round table in back of church for March-May. Thank you to everyone for all the delicious snacks you provide each week for our coffee/tea time after church.

Joni Vander Woude is a quadriplegic that lives in Wheatfield. Joni is still in urgent need of care givers, nurses, or volunteers a few mornings a week and through the night, both during the week and on weekends. These needs vary from helping with her 3 kids, health care, cleaning, prepping meals, driving to different events, or even helping with small projects in and around the house. Your prayers are much appreciated for her family as they are going through a hard time right now and especially for her health as she is fighting a chronic wound infection. If interested or have questions? Call Joni at 219-898-0581