



Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, March 17, 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. Come back and worship with us again!

As the time of Lent draws to a close and we soon approach Good Friday and Easter we pray this has been 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 Mr. 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. There will be NO Children’s Worship March 24 and March 31.

Ray VanderLann Video today in the council room. Grab your coffee and join us. Palm Sunday – March 24 we will show a special Easter Ray VanderLann Video. No Video on Easter Sunday.

TODAY	March 17
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

You can continue to give online at www.bethelcrcdemotte.org. Thank you!

SERVING NEXT WEEK March 24 (Palm Sunday)

Nursery	Velma & Marla
Children’s Leaders	No Children’s Worship
Piano	Amy
Usher	Todd
Greeters	Jon & Phyllis(E)
Media Shout	Todd
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Jasper County Recovery House

CHURCH FAMILY: PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:

- Andy Walstra has been moved to Oak Grove for therapy to get some strength back.
- Hank VW - Prayers for renewed daily strength.
- Bonnie B, Barb E, Rich K, Carolyn VV, Ted & Donna H.
- Ruth DV who is at Oak Grove in rehab for a couple weeks to try and regain her strength

NEW ADDRESS: Will & Bailee Jansma, 9315 N 900 W, DeMotte, IN 46310

THIS WEEKS MEETINGS

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

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship from Psalm 119

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Praise be to you Lord; teach me your decrees.

With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.

I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.

I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

Please Stand for Opening Song: "How Shall the Young Direct Their Way"

Opening Prayer: *O Lord, help me to trust you with my decisions and my future. Let me lean on you with all my heart instead of relying on my own imperfect understanding. Give me clear guidance in my life, Lord. As I submit myself to you, I know that you will direct my paths and I can have confidence that your direction is always the best way to go.*

*God's Greeting / Mutual Greetings

*Time of Praise:

"O Worship the King" (vs.1-3)

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

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

Offering will be received for: Ministries of Bethel and PIM – Schering's

During the offering we will sing: "Offering"

We Offer Our Prayers to God

Scripture: Mark 6:45-52 (pg.1563)

Message: "**It Is I, Do Not Be Afraid!**"

Prayer

*Please Stand for God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: "Trust and Obey"

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS 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!

Bethel will present the **SERVICE AT OAK GROVE** on March 31, Easter at 2:30pm. You are invited to attend, join in the singing and just be there to visit and help. Gary will be delivering the message.

The Parsonage is almost ready for our new Pastor and family. We have painted all the walls, new carpeting throughout, ceiling fans in all bedrooms, new vanities and tops in 2 bathrooms, all light switches and outlets updated, new stair rails, updated all smoke detectors to code, and new windows where needed. **Now we need your help. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Saturday, April 6 for construction cleanup.** There is a sign-up sheet on the round table in the back. Please note when signing up if you can bring a bucket/mop and/or vacuum. All cleaning products and rags will be provided. There's work in the basement and outside for men, so we need you too. Any questions, please ask Amy.

LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will meet Tuesday March 19 at 1:30 at the home of Dianne DV. We will be studying in Jonah, lesson 2, "A Poetic Prayer."

FRONTLINE Men's Bible discussion group next meeting **THIS Saturday, 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!

Recently you received a letter from Elim Christian School. I hope you read it. There's no time limit on giving. Any amount is greatly appreciated and thank you. Ruth B.

Joni Vander Woude 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