



Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, July 28, 2024

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9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Pastor Jeremy Oosterhouse

WELCOME TO BETHEL! We welcome any who are new to Bethel whether in person, or online and pray you will be blessed by your time here. If this is your first time here please take a welcome mug from the table in the back of church and come back and worship with us again!

Today Pastor Jeremy will begin a new series on the Holy Spirit. He will look at Acts 1:1-11 – God’s Purpose for His Church”.

We invite everyone to stay after the service for a time of fellowship and coffee & treats in the back of church.

Thank you: We want to thank the Bethel congregation for the warm welcome they have given us as we've begun our ministry in this place. We're grateful for your words of welcome, your calls, and your cards; and thank you for the picnic and the beautiful installation service as well. Most of all, thank you for lifting us up in prayer during this time of transition. It is indeed a blessing to be here, and we are grateful for God's providential direction as he has led us to you.

With love,

Pastor Jeremy, Rachel, and family.

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Please stand for God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*We Continue in Praise:

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

"Holy Spirit"

"Ancient of Days"

Please be Seated!

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 53

Q. What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?

A. First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son,

Is eternal God.

Second, that the Spirit is given also to me,

so that, through true faith,

he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits,

comforts me, and will remain with me forever.

Congregational Prayer

Offering will be received for Ministries of Bethel and Mid-America Seminary

We will sing: "Spirit of the Living God"

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Message: **God's Purpose for His Church**

*Please Stand for Benediction

*Closing Song

"How Great Is Our God"

SERVING TODAY	July 28
Nursery	Bailee & Mary R.
Instruments	Will/Nate
Usher	Brent
Greeters	Dave & Barb (S) Mike & Andrea (E)
Media Shout	Todd
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Mid-America Seminary

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK	August 4
Nursery	Ashley & Anna.
Piano	Amy
Usher	Andrew
Greeters	Jon & Amy (S) Scott & Nanci (E)
Media Shout	Scott
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council will meet on Tuesday, August 6 at 7:00pm.

There will be a **Combined Outreach, Fellowship and Education Team** meeting on August 7 at 7:00pm.

The August Birthday/Anniversary Calendar is in your mailbox today. If you see any changes or additions that need to be made, please contact Shiela or Bailee. Thank you!

Did you notice the activity pages for kids in the back of church? There are two age groups--one for the younger and one for the older kids so check the appropriate age for your child. We hope they enjoy these pages!

New Directories were passed out a couple weeks ago. If you did not get your directory contact Barb or Bailee for a copy. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with this project. **Update to the directory:** Laura Visscher new email LBVisscher11@gmail.com – please make that change in your new directory.

Thank you to everyone for all your delicious Sunday morning snacks. There is a new sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex for the upcoming fall months September – November.

Our Church Family: Please continue to pray for:

- We give thanks that Delores C. was able to return home this week. Please pray for her to continue to regain strength.
- Continue to pray for Tom P. as he regains his strength.
- Continue to pray for our members who receive ongoing care for their health: Ruth D.V., Barb E., Donna H., Rich K., Carolyn V.V., Andy W.
- Pray for those with unspoken prayer needs, that the Lord of mercy would minister to their hearts.
- For our students and teachers as they soon return to school.

Make an Impact by Volunteering with World Renew - This fall, World Renew has volunteer openings for individual adults, couples, or church groups to help in areas impacted by disasters. These one-week trips include home repair and cleanup projects that give vulnerable homeowners a chance to rebuild their lives. No matter your skillset, lending your time and talents as a volunteer with World Renew will have lasting reach. Learn more and sign up at worldrenew.net/volunteer.

Join us for an evening of Mini-Concert & Hymnsing - I am Leo Joewono, a student at Mid-America who came and led a Sunday service at Bethel back in March. I would like to invite the community at Bethel to a concert-hymnsing that I am organizing in Gary, Indiana, on Wednesday, August 14, at 7 p.m. central time. The goal of this program is simply to re-familiarize people with the hymns and also to hear the gospel preached and sung. Free admission!