



Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Pastor Jeremy Oosterhouse

WELCOME TO BETHEL! We are glad that you have joined us in worship. 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 continue his series from Acts: Empowered by the Holy Spirit. This week he will look at Acts 4:1-22– “The Holy Spirit Changes Lives” – Part 2. As we examine the change the Holy Spirit brings to Peter and John and us today. In 2 weeks, September 8, Bethel will celebrate the Lord’s Supper together in our morning worship service.

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

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Please Stand for God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Time of Praise:

“I Love to Tell the Story”

“Seek Ye First”

Please be Seated

Law/Confession/Assurance

“Blessed Assurance”

Congregational Prayer

Offering will be received for Ministries of Bethel and Bethel Capital Improvements

Scripture: Acts 4:1-22

Sermon: "**The Holy Spirit Changes Lives**" – Part 2

*Please Stand for God’s Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: “Spirit of the Living God”

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

1. Congratulations to Nathan and Anna V. in the birth of a little girl, Hazel Faye, born on Friday morning. We pray that as a church family we will be a blessing to our covenant children as they grow in his love.
2. We continue in prayer for all our members who face ongoing health challenges: Barb., Carolyn V.V., Ruth D.V., Rich K., Tom P., Andy W., Donna H., and Delores C. We also remember those in our fellowship with unshared health concerns and ask for God's healing upon them.
3. We mourn with the Zickmund family in the recent passing of Mike's aunt, Sandy Z. Please keep Sandy's husband, Tom, and their children and grandchildren in your prayers.
4. We pray for Amy and Jon D. as they support Amy's mother, Cathy M., recently placed under hospice care.
5. We pray for Joni V.W. and family, that she will find the caregivers she needs. We also lift up Duane V.W. as he assists in Joni's care, and for Jim C. (Joni's father) in his recovery from heart surgery.

SERVING TODAY	August 25
Nursery	Bailee & Ashley
Guitar/Drums	Will/Nate
Usher	Todd
Greeters	Jon & Amy (S) Scott & Nanci (E)
Media Shout	Todd
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Bethel Capital Improvements

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK	September 1
Nursery	Marla & Velma
Piano	Amy
Usher	Larry
Greeters	Rick & Sean (S) Jon & Phyllis (E)
Media Shout	Scott
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Transition Team would like to invite the congregation to a time of fellowship with the Oosterhouse's. We are putting together small groups for a little "one on one" time with our new pastor and family. If you would like to attend one of these events, please sign up on the sheet in the back of church. Currently Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons work the best for them. If you are willing to host one of these get together times, please check that box as well. If you have any Questions, please ask Russ, Cindy or Sandy. Thanks.

LADIES TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will begin in September. If you are planning to attend and would like to have a study book ordered for you, please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex. We will be studying the book of Exodus. Any questions or want more info talk to Mary B. or Dianne DV.

WORSHIP TEAM will meet on Tuesday, August 27th at 7pm

September **COUNCIL MEETING** will meet on Tuesday, September 10 at 6.30pm

September 8 at 5:00 pm, Bethel CRC is invited to join with our sister CRC churches at Community CRC in Rose lawn for a Combined **Mission Emphasis** service. Pastor Jeremy will be preaching at that service on Acts 26:12-29 "A Place Among the Saints".

PRE-K-12 SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin on September 15. There will be three classes: a class for pre-k through 2nd grade that meets during the church service; a class for 3rd-5th grade that meets from 11:00-11:30am and a 6th-12th grade Catechism class that will meet from 11:00-11:30am. We are looking for one more co-teach for the 3rd-5th grade class and at least one more for the pre-k-2nd grade class. Please see Pastor Jeremy if you might be interested in helping that way.

Looking for a way to serve? We are in need of someone to **help with sound** one Sunday a month starting in September. Please reach out to Gary if you are interested.

We are excited to start a new **GEMS** season! GEMS meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's from 6:15-8:15pm for all 2nd thru 8th grade girls at First CRC. Registration night will be Wednesday, September 4 at 6:15 @ First CRC. Join us for some dinner (pizza) and let us tell you and your girls about this year's theme "**TRANSFORMED**", Changed by God's word from the inside out". The girls will also meet their counselors and talk over plans for the year. Please rsvp to Stephanie at konalinka1984@gmail.com so we have a good headcount for food. Thank you & see you September 4!

Now that the kids have started back to school, it's time to get Cadets started. **CADETS** is a program for all boys 2nd thru 8th grade. We meet at First CRC on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's from 6:15-8:15pm. Our first regular meeting will be Wednesday September 11th. The Illiana Kick-off Campout will be held on September 20 thru the 22nd at Davis Creek Campground in Bourbonnais, Illinois. Please let me know whether or not your son plans on participating in the upcoming season. This year's theme is "**Lead the Way**" based on 1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity. On behalf of the counselors and myself we're looking forward to this upcoming season. Please contact Jeff Eenigenburg at jeburg@go-ics.com if you would like to join us!

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