



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 4:23-31– “The Power Through Prayer”.

Next week we will, Lord willing, celebrate the Lord’s Supper together. May God use this gift he has given through his son Jesus to affirm our faith and draw us closer to him.

Combined Mission Emphasis: Join Community Church Roselawn on September 8, 5pm for a focus on Pacific Island Ministries. Pastor Eric and Penny Schering will give an overview of PIM in Papua New Guinea; it’s beginning until today. Prepare to be amazed at how God works. Pastor Jeremy Oosterhouse will bring the message from Acts 26:12-29, *A Place Among the Saints*. Light refreshments provided. Nursery provided.

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, check that box as well. If you have any Questions, please ask Russ, Cindy or Sandy. Thanks.

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

MORNING WORSHIP

*We invite you to stand in body or in spirit during the service as indicated.

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Opening Song: “Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name” vs. 1,2,3,4

*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Time of Praise:

“Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit”

“Speak, O Lord”

Please be Seated

Catechism Reading: Lord’s Day 45 Q & A 116 and 117

Congregational Prayer

Offering will be received for Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

Scripture: Acts 4:23-31

Sermon: “**God’s Power Through Prayer**”

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

1. We continue in prayer for all our members who face ongoing health challenges: Barb E., 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.
2. 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.
3. We thank God for blessing Jim and Lois K. with 58 years of marriage on August 20.
4. We thank God for upcoming birthdays: Jon H. (August 30, turned 83) and Judy V.B. (September 2, turning 83).
5. As we celebrate Labor Day, we praise God for providing good jobs that allow us to bless others in this world.
6. We pray for traveling mercies for those who take some time away this Labor Day weekend.
7. I would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and concern as I recovered from my back injury and now as I seek to understand and handle my current blood related issue. Larry O.

Please take out the home phone number for Rich & Mary B. in your directory. They will only be using their cell numbers.

SERVING TODAY	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.

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK	September 8
Nursery	Suzy & Lyndsy
Piano	Amy
Usher	Larry
Greeters	Rick & Sean (S) Jon & Phyllis (E)
Media Shout	Katie
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Resonate

THIS WEEKS' MEETINGS

Wednesday 6:15pm GEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SAVE THE DATES: HARVEST FEAST will be Sunday, October 27 after the morning service. CHRISTMAS PARTY is planned for December 13 at 6:30 at church. Will be a fun night with white elephant exchange and snacks. Watch for details.

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 **THIS 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 konvalinka1984@gmail.com so we have a good headcount for food. Thank you & see you September 4!

COUNCIL, ELDERS AND DEACONS will meet on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30pm.

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.

LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will begin September 17th. We meet on Tuesday's twice a month at 1:30pm. 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.

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. 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. Please contact Jeff Eenigenburg at jeburg@go-ics.com if you would like to join us!