



Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, September 8, 2024

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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 how "God Preserves His Church" from Acts 5:1-11. We will also celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. 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!

Join us at 5pm today for a Combined Mission Emphasis at Community Church Roselawn. The focus will be 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.

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

PRE-K-12 SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin NEXT Sunday, 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. See you all next week Sunday!

MORNING WORSHIP

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

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Opening Song: "I Will Sing of the Mercies"

*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Continue in Praise:

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"

Please be Seated

Congregational Prayer

Offering will be received for Ministries of Bethel and Resonate

Scripture: Acts 5:1-11

Message: "**God Preserves His Church**"

Prayer

*We Prepare for the Lord's Supper:

Please stand as we Sing: "Behold the Lamb"

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: "Thank You, Lord"

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

- 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.
- We continue in prayer for the Vander Woude family
- We praise God for the good weather and provision of a good growing season for our farmers.
- We pray for the Mission Emphasis service tonight at 5:00 pm at Community CRC
- We pray for the children's ministries that are beginning: GEMS, Cadets and Sunday School at Bethel

SERVING TODAY	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

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK	September 15
Nursery	Amy & Sandy
Piano	Marla
Usher	Mike
Greeters	Rick & Sean (S) Jon & Phyllis (E)
Media Shout	Scott
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Women's Center of NW Indiana

THIS WEEKS AGENDA

Tuesday	6:30pm	Council
Wednesday	6:15pm	Cadets

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We will again show a video series after the morning service beginning September 15. We will watch *How Then Should We Live?* by Francis Scheaffer Grab your coffee and plan to join us in the council room.

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.

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.

Council, elders and deacons will meet on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30pm.

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 meeting will be THIS Wednesday September 11th. 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!

LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will begin September 17 at 1:30pm at the home of Dianne DeVries. We meet on Tuesday's twice a month. If you are planning to attend and would like to have a study book 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.

Suzy will be doing the bulletin for September 15. Please send all announcements to bethelcrc@netnitco.net by Thursday noon.

We are missing a table that belongs in the room next to the kitchen. Please return it ASAP. Questions see Duane!

Thank you for joining with friends of Bible League to provide God's Word! We appreciate the generous gift our church was able to provide of \$335.00. Continue to pray with us for the provision of God's Word to a lost and needy world.