



## Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, September 15, 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: "God Expands His Church" from Acts 8:1-4; 26-40.

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 begin TODAY!** There will be three classes: a class for pre-k through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade that meets during the church service – they will be dismissed after the time of Praise. They will go to the back of church where they will meet their teachers; a class for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade that meets from 11:00-11:30am and a 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Catechism class that will meet from 11:00-11:30am. Visitors are welcome!

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

### **THIS WEEKS' MEETINGS**

Sunday	11:00-11:30 am: Sunday School, Catechism, and Adult Education
Tuesday	1:30pm: Ladies Afternoon Bible Study
Wednesday	6:15pm: GEMS
	7:00 pm: All Teams' Meeting

### **MORNING WORSHIP**

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

Welcome and Call to Worship

\*Opening Song: "10,000 Reasons"

\*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

\*Continue in Praise:

"Across the Lands"

"By Faith"

Please Be Seated

Children ages Pre-K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade are dismissed for Children's Worship

Law/confession/Assurance

Congregational Prayer

Offering will be received for Ministries of Bethel and Women's Center of NW IN.

Scripture: Acts 8:1-4; 26-40

Message: **"God Expands His Church"**

Prayer

\*Please Stand for Closing Song: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs.1-4

\*Benediction followed by Doxology "O for a Thousand Tongues" vs. 8

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

- We celebrate with Al D.V. in his upcoming birthday on September 17.
- We continue in prayer for all our members who face ongoing health challenges: Barb E., Carolyn V V., Ruth D V., Rich K., 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 rejoice that Tom P. was able to return home last week Sunday and pray for continued healing.
- We continue in prayer for the Vander Woude family.

<b>THOSE IN SERVICE</b>	<b>September 15</b>	<b>September 22</b>
Nursery	Amy & Sandy	Bailee and Steph
Piano	Marla	NA
Guitar/Drums	Will/Nate	Will/Nate
Usher	Mike	Mike
Greeters	Rick & Sean (S) Jon & Phyllis (E)	Rick & Sean (S) Jon & Phyllis (E)
Media Shout	Scott	Todd
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Women's Center of NW Indiana	Ministries of Bethel and Mobility Ministries

You can continue to give online at [www.bethelcrcdemotte.org](http://www.bethelcrcdemotte.org). Thank you!

## 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. 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. **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be Sunday, November 17 after the worship 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.

**ALL TEAMS MEETING** will be Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. We will meet the first 20-30 minutes in our respective teams (fellowship, outreach, education) before joining together for the last 30 minutes to share and collaborate.

**LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** will begin this week Tuesday, 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 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.

**GEMS** meets this week Wednesday at 6:15-8:15pm at First CRC. This will be a theme Night, Lesson 1 with games and snacks. Any girls 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade is invited to come join us. Questions? Contact Steph Konvalinka Phone:708-846-4458 Email: [Konvalinka1984@gmail.com](mailto:Konvalinka1984@gmail.com)

## FROM THE COUNCIL

- Please be in prayer for Pastor Jeremy, Gary D.V., and Rich B. as they attend the classis meeting on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Christian College.
- The council seeks nominations from the congregation for the office of elder and deacon. If you have men you wish to nominate, please contact the clerk, Jon D.

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

We are grateful in God's provision of a caretaker for Andy W! He was able to move into a condo on Friday. We pray God's blessings on him, Cheryl and the caretaker as he transitions to his new home. His new address is 1005-B Carnation ST SE, DeMotte.