



# Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, September 22, 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!

As we gather for worship this morning we will study Acts 9:1-20 "God Brings Transformation". This is the account of Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus. As we take up the study of this passage, consider reflecting on where transformation might be needed yet in your own life. Next week we will conclude this series – Empowered by the Holy Spirit - looking at Acts 11:1-18 "Seeing as God Sees".

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:** There are three classes: Pre-k through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 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; 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade meets from 11:00-11:30am and a 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Catechism class will meet from 11:00-11:30am both in the church basement. Visitors are welcome!

**FOR ADULTS:** Grab your coffee and snack and join us in the council room for a video series *How Then Should We Live?* by Francis Scheaffer.

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

Welcome and Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

\*Time of Praise:

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

“I Stand Amazed”

“Be Unto Your Name”

Please Be Seated

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

Catechism Reading – “Our Faith” pg. 101

Congregational Prayer

Offering will be received for Ministries of Bethel and Mobility Ministries

Scripture: Acts 9:1-20 (pg. 1706)

Message: **"God Brings Transformation"**

Prayer

\*Benediction followed by Closing Song: “Mighty to Save”

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

- Andy W. has moved to a new address: 1005-B Carnation St. SE in DeMotte. Please continue to lift up Andy, Cheryl, and their caretaker as they transition him to this new home.
- We continue in prayer for our members with health challenges: Barb E., Carolyn V.V., Ruth D.V., Rich K., Donna H., and Delores C.. We also remember those in our fellowship with various unshared health concerns and ask for God's healing upon them.
- Please be in prayer for Todd and Sharon N. as they care for Todd's father who continues under hospital care in Michigan.
- Congratulations to Mary R. as she celebrates her 96th birthday on Tuesday, September 24.
- We pray for those in need in DeMotte and Jasper County, and that Bethel will find ways to extend the mercy of Christ.

Thank you to our Bethel church family for praying for our mom while she was sick and for the cards and prayers for our family as mom went to her Eternal home. 1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Jon and Amy D. and family

**THOSE IN SERVICE**

**September 22**

**September 29**

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| Nursery            | Bailee and Steph                           | Ashley & Anna                                 |
| Children's Worship | Dianne & James                             | Mary & Rachel                                 |
| Piano              | Will (guitar)                              | Marla   |
| Usher              | Mike                                       | Mike  |
| Greeters           | Rick & Sean (S) Jon & Phyllis (E)          | Rick & Sean (S) Jon & Phyllis (E)             |
| Media Shout        | Todd                                       | Scott   |
| Offering           | Ministries of Bethel & Mobility Ministries | Ministries of Bethel and Capital Improvements |

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

**THIS WEEKS' MEETINGS**

Sunday 11:00-11:30 am: Sunday School, Catechism, and Adult Education  
 Wednesday 6:15pm: Cadets

**FROM THE COUNCIL**

- 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.

**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.

**Cadets** meet this week Wednesday at 6:15-8:15pm at First CRC. Any boys 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade is invited to come join us.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**HARVEST FEAST** will be Sunday, October 27 after the morning service.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is scheduled for Sunday, November 17 after the worship service.

**ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY** is planned for December 13 at 6:30 at church.

It will be a fun night with white elephant exchange and snacks. Watch for details.

Q & A 88

**Q. What is involved  
in genuine repentance or conversion?**

A. Two things:

the dying-away of the old self,  
and the rising-to-life of the new.

Q & A 89

**Q. What is the dying-away of the old self?**

A. To be genuinely sorry for sin  
and more and more to hate  
and run away from it.

Q & A 90

**Q. What is the rising-to-life of the new self?**

A. Wholehearted joy in God through Christ  
and a love and delight to live

according to the will of God  
by doing every kind of good work.