



# Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, October 6, 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!

We gather for worship today as we study Romans 3:21-26, "Salvation: In Christ Alone". This is the first of four sermons on the "Solas" of the Reformation. "Sola" is Latin for "alone/only", and we will study how our salvation is in Christ alone, by faith alone, by God's grace alone, and for God's glory alone.

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?*

**Sunday Afternoon Discipleship:** Pastor Jeremy will offer a 4-week series in October leading up to Reformation Day to examine how the church moved from the time of Acts to the time of the Reformation. Please plan to meet at church at 4:00 pm each Sunday as we study our church's history. Sunday, October 6, we will begin with Constantine, the church councils, and the rise of monasticism in the 300's-400's AD.

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

Welcome

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-4

\*Opening Song: "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah" (3 vs).

\*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

\*Time of Praise:

"Your Name"

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Please Be Seated

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

Confessional Reading: Lord's Day 11 (Our Faith pg. 78)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

We will sing "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" while offering is received. (3 vs.)

Scripture: Romans 3:21-26 (pg. 1750)

Message: "**Salvation: In Christ Alone**"

Prayer

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song: "In Christ Alone"

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

1. Andy Walstra has moved to a new address: 1005-B Carnation St. SE in DeMotte. Continue to lift up Andy, Cheryl, and their caretaker as they transition Andy to a new home. We praise God that he has provided this gift to him.
2. We continue to pray for Donna H., Rich K., and Barb E. as they receive care away from home. May the Spirit encourage them as they serve the Lord where he has placed them.
3. We continue to pray for the ongoing health concerns of Carolyn V.V., Ruth D.V., Delores C., Tom P., and others with unspoken needs. May the Great Physician continue to heal and restore our bodies in this world.
4. We continue to pray for Todd and Sharon N. and family as they mourn the loss of Todd's father.

**THOSE IN SERVICE**

	<b>October 6</b>	<b>October 13</b>
Nursery	Rachel B. & Velma	Rachel O& James
Children’s Worship	Sandy & Annabelle	Bailee & Leah
Piano	Marla	Marla
Usher	Steve	Steve
Greeters	Marlene (S) Larry & Velma (E)	Marlene (S) Larry & Velma (E)
Media Shout	Scott	Katie
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.	Ministries of Bethel and Navigators (Getz’s)

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

**THIS WEEKS MEETINGS**

Sunday	11:00am	Sunday School, Catechism, and Adult Education dismisses at 11:30am
	4:00pm	Sunday Afternoon Discipleship
Tuesday	6:00pm	Elders/Deacons meet followed by full Council at 7pm
Wednesday	6:15pm	Cadets

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**Time of Prayer:** Pastor Jeremy would like to start a time of prayer and fellowship on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings at 11 am. Come as you are able to spend time in prayer together and in fellowship. Pastor Jeremy will supply the coffee. Our next day will be Wednesday, October 16.

We want to recognize the following upcoming special birthdays and anniversaries: Donna H. celebrates her 85th birthday on Oct. 7; Barb E. celebrates her 81st birthday on Oct. 7; Scott and Nanci V.V. celebrate their 52nd anniversary on October 6; Wayne and Carolyn V.V. celebrate their 61st anniversary on October 8; Dave and Barb W. celebrate their 58th anniversary on October 8; and Jim and Bonnie W. celebrate their 53rd anniversary on October 8. We give praise to God for the blessing of long life and enduring marriages.

The Mission team encourages the congregation to stay in touch with our missionaries. A good way is to wish them Happy birthday. Today, Sunday, October 6 is Penny Schering’s birthday. You can use her email address in the new directory

**COUNCIL** will meet this week. Elders and deacons meet at 6:00pm followed by full council at 7:00pm.

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

**UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES:**

- **Sunday, October 27:** Harvest Feast STARTING AT 11:45AM after Sunday School
- **Sunday, November 3:** Baptism of Hazel Vanderwal
- **Sunday, November 10:** Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- **Sunday, November 17:** Congregational Meeting after the morning worship

The Connection Center is forming a church Pickleball League to begin in January 2025. Pickleball is a great sport for all ages, and it might be nice to have a team from Bethel compete. We'll have a signup sheet in the narthex if you might like to join this team.

**World Renew Hurricane Helene Response** - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is preparing to respond to Hurricane Helene in the most affected communities from Florida to North Carolina. You can help people whose homes and property have been flooded or destroyed since Helene made landfall on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024. Please give generously to World Renew DRS as we help families rebuild and recover their lives. Donate online at [worldrenew.net/hurricanehelene](http://worldrenew.net/hurricanehelene), call 1-800-552-7972, or make out your check to World Renew DRS, with Hurricane Helene written in the memo line, and mail to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr., SW, Byron Center, MI, 49315. Thank you for partnering with Resonate to build up God’s global church!

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Thank you for shining the light of Christ together with Resonate!  
In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf, Director