



# 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!

We gather for worship today and Pastor Jeremy will continue his series on the “Solus” 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. Today we look at Ephesians 2:1-10 – “Salvation: By Grace Alone”. This is one of the most wondrous passages in all of scripture outlining God's demonstration of his grace and love for us.

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

**No Children's Worship/Sunday School:** The Children's walk-out worship and Sunday school classes will not meet this week Sunday due to the fall break at DeMotte Christian School. We will resume meeting on Sunday, October 27. Please remember that nursery care is available to those under the age of 4 who need it, both for members and for guests.

**ADULT Class will not meet** for the next two weeks. It will resume Nov. 3 with the 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. Today we will look at the period c. 900-1200 AD and discuss patterns of corruption and renewal in the Catholic church along with socio-political background of the Crusades. We will meet in the sanctuary from 4-4:50 pm.

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

Welcome and Call to Worship

\*Opening Song: “All Creatures of Our God and King”

\*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

\*Continue in Praise:

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

“Marvelous Grace”

Please Be Seated

Children’s Worship will NOT meet today!

Confessional Reading - Q & A 60

Song of Response: “Beautiful Savior” vs. 1,2,4

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Ministries of Bethel & World Renew - (Disaster Response Services - Hurricane Relief)

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Message: **“Salvation: By Grace Alone”**

Prayer

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song: “Before the Throne of God Above”

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

1. We continue in prayer for our members who receive ongoing medical care, especially Donna H, Rich K, Carolyn VV, Ruth DV, Tom P, Delores C, Andy W, and Barb E.
2. We pray this week for our members who are awaiting testing results. May God give good results and bring his peace to our minds.
3. We pray for our farmers and continue to ask for God's provision of good weather for the harvest.
4. Congratulations to Rick K. as he celebrates his 86th birthday this coming Wednesday, October 23. Please consider sending Rich a card or note in the mail.
5. Please remember to pray for those dealing with the aftermath of the hurricanes Helene and Milton. We will take an offering this Sunday morning, October 20, for World Renew as they respond to these disasters.

**THOSE IN SERVICE**

	<b>October 20</b>	<b>October 27</b>
Nursery	Steph & Ashley	Anna & Ren
Bailee & Leah	Does Not Meet	Phyllis & Norma
Piano	Amy	Guitar/Drums: Will/Nate
Usher	Jon	Jon
Greeters	Marlene (S) Larry & Velma (E)	Marlene (S) Larry & Velma (E)
Media Shout	Katie	Todd
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and World Renew (Disaster Response Services - Hurricane Relief)	Ministries of Bethel and ANEW

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 will <b>NOT</b> meet
	4:00pm	Sunday Afternoon Discipleship
Wednesday	6:15pm	Cadets

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**From the Deacons:** We will once again be collecting food for our local food pantry. Here is a list of some food items that they are in need of. Look over the list and choose as many items as you would like to purchase (a can or a case – your choice) and bring the items to church on **October 27**. Please place your food items by the coat racks in the east entrance. Thank you for helping to feed our local community and those in need.

OATMEAL, CANNED FRUIT, MAC & CHEESE, TUNA, SPAGHETTIO’S, PASTA, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, SOUP, PORK & BEANS

The council has accepted the resignation of Gary DeVries from the office of elder. We thank Gary for his many years of service to Bethel CRC on our council. For matters related to the council or consistory, please contact the vicar, Mike Zickmund.

**OUR ANNUAL HARVEST FEAST** will be Sunday, October 27 @ 11:45 am after Sunday School. A potluck dinner will be served. Families of 1 or 2 please bring one dish to share, families of 3 or more please bring two dishes. You can bring a hot dish, cold dish and/or a dessert. There is a **SIGN-UP SHEET** on the back table.

**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.

**October: Staff Appreciation.** October is often the month churches use to show special appreciation to those who work in support of their ministries. The Council encourages the congregation to take this month to express their thanks for the work undertaken by Shiela DeBoer, Suzanne Van Schouwen, and Duane Vander Woude on behalf of our church. Thank you Shiela, Suzanne, and Duane for your faithful ministry!

**Outreach Event:** The Connection Center in DeMotte is hosting a Fall Fest on Saturday, October 26 from 6-8 pm. If you are interested in helping run a game station on behalf of Bethel and passing out information about our church, please see a member of the Outreach Team or Pastor Jeremy.

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. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you might like to join this team.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES:**

- **Sunday, October 27: Harvest Feast after church**
- **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 Service Team is utilized to help our members for various needs such as making amazing meals for those in need, assisting in transportation to doctor's appointments, yard work or even just visiting with those who need some company. We have amazing people on this team who jump to help those in need, and it is so greatly appreciated. How this team works is, when we are advised of someone in need, a group text message is sent with the information and if someone can help, they respond with what they can do. There are no requirements on how many times you need to help, there is no pressure at all. If you would like to be placed on the list to help, please let Andrea Z. know via email or cell with your name and contact information. If you have any questions, feel free to ask the service team committee team: John and Phyllis H, Ron B or Mike and Andrea Z. We are so grateful for those that have helped in the past and we are excited about some new ways to help, that will be discussed in the future!

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