



# Sunday, February 16, 2025

## Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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**WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP** whether in person or online. We welcome any visitors who have chosen to join us! Please take a welcome mug from the table in the back of church.

Today we will begin our new preaching series called "Holy Habits". Our aim is to study and learn about the historic disciplines of the faith as we grow in our walk of faith and our pursuit of Godliness. This week will be an introduction as we study Psalm 119:1-8 and the call to be a people who walk in the ways and law of God.

**PRE-K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** Children's Worship meets during the church service – they will be dismissed after the time of Praise and go to the back of church where they will meet their teachers. Visitors are welcome!

**Sunday School/Catechism:** 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 in the church's lower level. Visitors are welcome!

**Nursery care** is available to those under the age of 4 who need it, both for members and for guests. They meet in the church's lower level.

**ADULT Class** will meet in the council room and continue with the Ray VanderLaan videos. Grab your coffee and snack and come join us!

### THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS

|           |         |   |
|-----------|---------|---|
| Sunday    | 11:00am | Sunday School, Catechism and Adult Class  |
| Tuesday   | 1:30pm  | Ladies Afternoon Bible Study will meet at church<br>Lesson 9 – "One Final Night: Passover". |
| Wednesday | 11:00am | Biweekly Prayer Group- all are invited to come pray!  |
|           | 6:15pm  | GEMS – Craft Night – Lesson 6   |
|           | 6:45pm  | Worship Team  |
| Thursday  | 7:00pm  | Elders  |



**BOWLING NIGHT!** Come join us for a night of fellowship and competition on Friday, February 28 at 6:30pm.

Pizza and bowling fees will be covered so

**please sign up** on the sheet in the back of church.

Teams will be made, and spectators are encouraged to join in the fun. Any questions see Jon, Amy, or Sandy.

### MORNING WORSHIP

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

Welcome

\*Opening Song: "Lord Most High"

\*God's Greeting/Mutual Greetings

\*Time of Praise:

"The Lord Is My Salvation"

Call to Confession

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

Words of Assurance

\* "And Can It Be" vs. 1,2,4

Please be Seated – Children are dismissed for Children's Worship

Scripture: Psalm 119:1-8 (pg.957)

Sermon: "**Holy Habits – For Godliness**"

\*Song: "Take Time to Be Holy" vs. 1,2,4

Offering will be received for Ministries of Bethel and PIM - Scherings

Prayer

\*Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Doxology"

### THOSE IN SERVICE

Nursery

Children's Worship

Piano

Usher

Greeters

Media Shout

Offering

### Feb. 16

Rachel O. & Amy

Phyllis & Rachel B.

Marla

Russ

Scott & Nanci(E)

Randy & Sandy (S)

Scott

Ministries of Bethel

and PIM - Scherings

### Feb. 23

Ashley & Steph

Sandy & Norma

Will-guitar

Russ

Scott & Nanci(E)

Randy & Sandy (S)

James

Ministries of Bethel

and World Renew

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

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Please remember the following items in prayer:**

1. Delores C, who is receiving rehab at Oak Grove and who appreciates your prayers for her recovery and your visits of encouragement.
2. Mary R, continuing to seek treatment for her heart.
3. Dennis W, as he recovers from pneumonia.
4. Our members who have ongoing health challenges: Ruth DV and Andy W.
5. Mission Partners: Eric Schering (Feb. 21) and Dave Gifford (Feb 27) celebrate birthdays this month. Consider sending a note to them.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Lift Project Update.** Work on the lift continues this week. Please check the TOP of the mailboxes outside Pastor Jeremy's office for the materials normally put in the mailboxes.

**2024 Giving Statements.** Please contact Will Jansma if you would like a giving receipt for your 2024 tithes and offerings.

**New Members.** Last week we welcomed Laura H. from Community CRC and this week we extend a welcome to Jay and Donna M. from Emmanuel CRC in Sauk Village. We pray that God will use our new members to be a blessing to our church family.

**New Care Groups for 2025:** Please pick up a care group listing from on top of the mailboxes.

**Communion for Children.** The Elders have adopted a statement on the Lord's Supper that permits children to participate before they make a public profession of faith. Printed copies are on top of the mailboxes.

**Church Goals.** The council has spent time the last couple months developing goals for our council and for the church. For 2025-2026, we have adopted the following goals for our congregation to work on meeting together:

1. **Gather** - that each member will pray for the Lord to lead them to at least one person to invite to Bethel in the coming year.
2. **Grow** – that each member will put into practice at least one “Holy Habit” from the upcoming series.

**Outline for the “Holy Habits” Series**

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| February 23: Knowing God's Word | March 2: Meditating on God's Word |
| March 9: Prayer                 | March 16: Fasting                 |
| March 23: Giving                | March 30: Silence and Solitude    |
| April 6: Service                | April 13: Worship (Palm Sunday)   |

Items available on TOP of the mailboxes: 2025 Care Groups, Communion for Children Statement, Gifford Prayer Letter, New Hand out from ANEW, January Budget receipts, and the TODAY booklets for March/April.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

ANEW Ministries will be hosting a Community Packing Party on February 22nd from 10AM to 12PM at Crown Point CRC. This is a perfect opportunity for small groups, families, friends, couples... YOU!... to help pack and decorate beautiful gift boxes. These gift boxes will be distributed to young moms across NW Indiana as a personal invitation into ANEW Ministries. Brunch will even be provided! No need to RSVP or register- just come! If you have any questions, please contact Judy at [judy@anewministries.org](mailto:judy@anewministries.org). We hope to see you there!

Community CRC is looking for a **fulltime and part time preschool teacher**. Applicants must be willing to share their faith with their students and with the families they come in contact with. Applicants should ideally have a background in education and some early childhood experience. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested, please contact Mark Hubers – 219-712-9136 or Jill Dahm – 219-819-3501.

Community Church Roselawn is looking for volunteers to **help chop, split and haul wood** to area residents who primarily use firewood to heat their homes. We'd love for you to help! Please join us at 8 AM-Noon on the 1st Saturday of each month at 6000 Work St in DeMotte. No tools required. Then join us for lunch at Noon.