



# Sunday, February 9, 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.

As we gather for worship today we will complete our study of the book of Philippians and our series "Becoming a 5G Church". This week we will study Philippians 4:10-20 as we discuss God's call to the church to be people who "give" as they share in Christ and his work.

Next week we will begin our new "Holy Habits" series as we study the spiritual disciplines. Our aim in this series is to study and practice the ancient habits of the Christian faith as we seek to grow in our relationship and union with God. Psalm 119:1-8 will be our text for this first week.

**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 WEEKS MEETINGS**

Sunday	11:00am	Sunday School, Catechism and Adult Class
Wednesday	6:15pm	Cadets

**Lift Project Update.** Work on the lift began this week Thursday. As a result, you will see some changes in the narthex as we make room for the work. The biggest change is the mailboxes will temporarily be on the floor on the wall outside Pastor Jeremy's office. Shiela will be putting the items she normally puts in the mailboxes on top of the boxes for you to take as you would like.



### **BOWLING NIGHT! Save the date!**

for a night of fellowship and friendly competition

Friday, February 28 at 6:30pm.

More details to follow.

### **MORNING WORSHIP**

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

Welcome

\*Opening Song: "Thank You, Lord"

\*God's Greeting/Mutual Greetings

\*Time of Praise:

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

"Ancient Words"

Please Be Seated. Children are dismissed for Children's Worship

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-20 (pg.1830)

Sermon: "**Becoming a 5G Church: A Giving Church**"

\*Song: "Lord, Speak to Me"

Offering will be received for Ministries of Bethel and Capital Improvements

Prayer

\*Please stand for Parting Words

\*Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Spirit of the Living God"

### **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. Our members who have ongoing health challenges: Ruth DV and Andy W.
4. Our members who grieve the death of loved ones.
5. Our members traveling south for a portion of the next month or so; may they have safe travels and enjoy good weather.
6. Our country, for God's blessing and guidance for our new president and congress.
7. Congratulations to Mary and Rich B. as they celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on February 18. May God continue to bless their marriage.

Three of our missionaries have birthdays this month. Consider sending them birthday greetings by email or card: Karen G. – Feb. 11, Eric S. – Feb. 21 and Dave G. on Feb. 27.

Keep all of our missionaries in your prayers as they spread God's love around the world.

Wayne VV & the family of Carolyn VV wish to express our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love and support from Bethel Christian Reformed Church during this difficult time. Your prayers, kind words, and thoughtful gestures have provided immense comfort as we navigate through our grief. We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring congregation.

Wayne VV & Family

**THOSE IN SERVICE**

**Feb. 9**  
 Nursery Bailee & Leah  
 Children's Worship Mary B & Ashley  
 Piano Amy  
 Usher Jon  
 Greeters Scott & Nanci(E)  
 Randy & Sandy (S)  
 Media Shout James  
 Offering Ministries of Bethel  
 and Capital Improvements

**Feb. 16**

Rachel O. & Amy  
 Phyllis & Rachel B.  
 Marla  
 Russ  
 Scott & Nanci(E)  
 Randy & Sandy (S)  
 Scott  
 Ministries of Bethel  
 and PIM – Scherings

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Service Opportunities****From the Council**

**New Members.** The council has accepted the transfer of membership of Laura H. and Jay and Donna M. Welcome to Bethel! We pray that God will use our new members to be a blessing to our church family.

**New Care Groups.** The council has prepared new care groups for 2025. Please pick up a care group listing from on top of the mailboxes today.

**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. Please see the attached file to this email for more information on this change. Printed copies will also be on top of the mailboxes this week as well.

**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 this spring.

**2024 Giving Statements.** Consistent with our prior practice, Bethel CRC will prepare 2024 giving statements for members who request one. Please contact Will J. if you would like a giving receipt for your 2024 tithes and offerings. The reason for this practice is that we create these statements manually and it does take time.

**BIWEEKLY PRAYER GROUP** – We will next meet for prayer on Wednesday, February 19 at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome to come and join us!

**AREA 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!

**LifeWise Academy – Kankakee Valley** is looking for a Program Director to help launch the LifeWise program in DeMotte Elementary for the 2025-2026 school year. This position is part-time, around 20-25 hours per week. LifeWise is a program to deliver Christian religious education to public school students during school hours. Please contact Pastor Jeremy O. if you know of someone who might be interested in this role.

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.