



## Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Services

**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 **welcome Dr. Venema** who will continue with his series on the Beatitudes: AM: Blessed Are the Merciful, 5PM: Blessed Are the Pure in Heart” both from Matthew 5:1-16.

We will celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord’s Supper today**. Our celebration is a faith-building reminder of God’s promise to us of forgiveness and grace through the blood of Christ, shed on the cross. If you confess Jesus Christ as both your Savior and Lord, are sorry for sin and desire to live in dependence on God’s grace, we welcome you to join with us in celebrating communion!

The children are dismissed for **CHILDREN’S CHURCH** after our time of praise. Please go to the foyer where your teachers will meet you. Children turning 4 years old by Jan. 1st are welcome along with any children parents feel would benefit from this opportunity. Visitors welcome!

Next week we welcome Pastor Drew Brown from Crossroads Community Church in Schererville. AM: Luke 8:40-48 – “Zoom Lens”. 5PM: The message will be “Awe” from Exodus 19:10-20.

**BLESSINGS BOARD** – week 2: **this week focus on things you are thankful for in our own church.** Fill out the green paper and place on the bulletin board. Start thinking ahead for week 3: Share your favorite Bible passage you’re most thankful for and why. **Let’s fill the board with blessings!** (If you missed week 1 it’s not too late to fill that out also. – look on little table by Blessing Board.) We will use these blessings during our Thanksgiving Day Service!

**THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP** – Join us on Thursday, November 23 as we thank God once again for all his blessings to us through another year. Mr. Bryce Klassen will look at 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 -- The Kind of Church God Wants to See.

We are still collecting food for our local food pantry and **will be accepting food items the month of November!** What a way to share with our neighbors in need. Place food items in east entrance. One load was taken to the pantry let’s fill the table up again! Thanks for your donations!

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE: THE 2023 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held Tuesday, November 28 at 7pm in the sanctuary. All pertinent papers have been placed as a packet in your mailbox. There is a considerable amount of information to digest prior to the meeting, so please take time to read it all in preparation as we will be voting on the 2024 budget, extending a Pastoral Call to Jeremy Oosterhouse, and a change in Sunday afternoon worship service. For those unable to attend the meeting, there will be Absentee Ballots available for each of these issues. Thank you. Gary DeVries, Council President

## MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome & Opening Prayer

\*Please Stand for Opening Song  
“The Love of God”

\*God’s Greeting  
\*Mutual Greeting

\*Time of Praise & Worship  
“Thank You Lord”  
“His Mercy is More”

Please be Seated

*Children are dismissed for Children’s Worship!*

Offering for Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-16 Text vs. 7 (pg. 1501.)

Message: **“Blessed Are the Merciful”**

Prayer

We Share the Lord’s Supper together

We Share the Bread

We Share the Cup

Parting Words

\*Please Stand for God’s Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song: “I Will Sing of the Mercies”

## 5PM WORSHIP

Welcome

\*Please Stand for our Opening Song:

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” W/C 405 4 vs

\*Opening Prayer

\*Continue in Song:

“In My Heart There Rings a Melody” W/C 514 3 vs.

“:Open Our Eyes, Lord” W/C 383

Please Be Seated

Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-16 Text vs. 8 (pg.1501)

Message: **“Blessed Are the Pure in Heart”**

Prayer

God’s Parting Blessing

Closing Song: “Shepherd of Love” W/C 464 2 vs.

**CHURCH FAMILY: PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:**

- Carollyn B update: I am doing really well. The second procedure I had done on 10/24/23 went well also. Less pain, less recovery time, everything went according to plan. This past week I went back to work - 1/2 days then build up to full days. Final procedure is scheduled for Dec 12, another outpatient, even shorter recovery time. Then I should be back to my normal. So, 2024 should be a good year!! I am so thankful for friends, family, & our congregation for help, visits, calls, meals, cards, thoughts, prayers. It really means a lot to know that people care. Prayers were answered, God is good!
- Larry O who is dealing with pain from a compression fracture in his back. Prayers for healing and pain relief.
- Henry D., Andy & Cheryl, Barb E, Rich K, Ted & Donna, Elmer & Norma, Ruth DV, Carolyn VV
- Remember our veterans and all those who have served to protect our freedoms. We pay tribute to those who have served and those who sacrificed their lives for our country. We also pray for the countries at war and those who are serving now. We pray for peace around the world! Thank you to all those who serve!

**THIS WEEKS MEETINGS**

Wednesday 6:15pm GEMS at First CRC

**SERVING TODAY**

**November 12**

Nursery: AM	Velma & Ashley
Children's Leaders	Mary Buitter and Lyndsy
Piano:	Amy
Usher	Mike
Greeters	Cindy & Ashley VW(E), Steve & Alice(S).
Media Shout	Katie
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

**SERVING NEXT WEEK November 19**

Nursery: AM	Sue & Mary
Children's Leaders	Phyllis and Ashley
Piano:	Marla
Usher	Andrew
Greeters	Cindy & Ashley(E), Steve & Alice(S).
Media Shout	Scott
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Capital Improvements.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On Wednesday, December 13th from 6-8pm, Anew Ministries is hosting a Momma's Christmas Market at First Church in Hebron. This event will provide a wonderful opportunity to show the love of Jesus to young mommas in this area. Each young mother will get to shop, purchase, and wrap her own gifts for her child, giving her the dignity of being a part of providing Christmas for her child. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering or purchasing toys for this event, please visit [anewministries.org](http://anewministries.org) for more information!