

## BETHEL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION!

An email was sent out to all of our members on Thursday, March 19. Here is a shortened version of some of that information if you did not read it.

Hello, brothers and sisters in Christ at Bethel. . . . The church council met on Wednesday night to discuss where we, for now, go from here. Here are some of the decisions that were made:

- Sunday Worship Services and all activities are cancelled for the next three weeks, and will re-evaluate where things are at following April 5.
- We proclaim that being the church is MUCH MORE than coming to a building. “It’s you, It’s us together. It’s encouraging and supporting each other, it’s growing together, it’s praying together. Therefore, even though we will NOT be gathering together physically, we will be providing some weekly video messages that people can watch from home, with an opportunity to enjoy some music, scripture reading, praying together and a message. We will be sending out an email with a link.
- We want to encourage the church family to continue in tithing giving faithfully. Online Giving is now available on our web site just go to the Giving Tab. You can also always just simply mail a check.
- We will strive to make information available to everyone if there are prayer requests that need to be shared, questions that need to be asked. Elders and Deacons will be in contact with their Care Groups also through phone calls and emails.
- If you have prayer requests, please send them to the church office or to pastor Rick. We will share them with the body of Christ here at Bethel.

These are unique times. And yet though this Coronavirus is certainly a BIG deal, we confess that our Sovereign God is **BIGGER** than any threat, any disease, and any fear we may have. We will continue to trust that our Lord will keep his family, his children, HIS CHURCH, in his hands.

All activities here at Bethel are cancelled for the next 3 weeks. We may not be able to physically gather because of concerns of the Coronavirus but we can always pray!

Please be praying for:

- Wisdom for the government and those government officials as they wrestle with the spread of the virus, and as they make decisions to help find ways to halt the detrimental effects of the virus to our society, the country, and the world.
- God’s protection on the members of our church.
- For the elderly and those who struggle with health concerns.
- Us as Christians to live by faith and not by fear.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bible League Volunteers Annual Spring Luncheon at Teibel’s Restaurant – has been cancelled!

## A few “jokes” to look at the lighter side and hopefully bring a smile to your face!

**An inexperienced preacher** was to hold a graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workman say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."

**It was Palm Sunday** but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."

### SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SEEKING 1<sup>ST</sup> and 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE TEACHERS FOR 2020-2021:** DeMotte Christian School is looking for a full-time 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must hold at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, agree fully with the school’s statement of beliefs, and is an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion. Preferably this candidate would possess leadership qualities as well as a coaching or special education background. If interested in applying for the position, please contact the school office at (219)987-3721, or send a resume and request an application from Devon Brinks, Superintendent, at [dbrinks@dmcs-in.org](mailto:dbrinks@dmcs-in.org).

**SEEKING PART TIME LIBRARIAN FOR 2020-2021:** DeMotte Christian Schools is searching for a part-time Librarian for the 2020-2021 school year. Responsibilities include developing and maintaining the library and assisting students and staff in its use to enhance Christian instruction and scholarship. It is preferred that applicants hold at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and are active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion. If interested in applying for the position, please contact the school office at (219)987-3721 or send a resume and request an application from Devon Brinks, Superintendent, at [dbrinks@dmcs-in.org](mailto:dbrinks@dmcs-in.org).

### **COVENANT CHRISTIAN COACHING OPPORTUNITIES**

The school is looking for coaches to fill the following positions:

- Varsity Girls' Soccer
- JV Girls' Volleyball
- Co-Ed Cross Country
- Varsity Boys' Basketball
- Varsity Girls' Basketball
- JV Girls' Basketball

If you are interested in any of these positions, contact Rick DeFries at [rdefries@dmcsemail.org](mailto:rdefries@dmcsemail.org) or call the high school at 219-987-7651 by Friday, March 27.

### **DMCS SOCIETY MEETING**

DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. strongly encourages you to “attend” the Annual Society Meeting TBD.

- Society members will vote on the proposed advisory budget and new Board members. The bylaws require that a member “be 18 years of age or older and have individually contributed a minimum of \$50 to the school corporation in the 13 months prior to the publication of the agenda.”
- Society booklets can be found DMCS Google Calendar at <http://bit.ly/dmcs-calendar>, click on the Society Meeting date of April 7, 2020, and view the attachment.
- To submit a ballot for board members, a member must complete the election ballot and the member affirmation statement; submit via email to [dmcsecretary@dmcs-in.org](mailto:dmcsecretary@dmcs-in.org), by April 7, to be “present” for the voting process.

### **DMCS IMPORTANT DATES:**

March 19: ~~PIE Spring Pork Chop Dinner at CCHS—5:00-7:00pm~~ CANCELED  
March 23-27: DMCS Spring Break  
April 2: “Suds For A Cause” Drive Thru Pick Up – TBD  
April 3 & 4: ~~Covenant Spring Musical “Cinderella”—7:30pm~~ CANCELED  
April 7: DMCS Society Meeting ballot information due  
April 23/24: ~~DMC Spring Musical “Aladdin, Jr.”—7:00pm~~ CANCELED

