

Bethel Church Announcements
April 26, 2020
GEMS Sunday!



Welcome to Bethel Church! This week we celebrate our GEMS! Their theme this year was LOVED, Period. The theme verse is 1 John 3:1, See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!. God is love, It's who He is, it's what He does. He loves us with an unending, unending, and unconditional love. Jesus loves me this I know. No matter how I feel, what I've done, or what others say about me, I am LOVED. Period! Let's celebrate God's love for us!

We welcome you to watch today's worship service, found on Youtube. The link should be up and running by the time you wake up on Sunday morning and sent to your email. You can also check Bethel's facebook page as the link will be posted there. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/BethelCRCDemotte/> to find more. This week's message will be on "Living Like You're Loved"

If anyone would like to share anything via video, a scripture reading, ministry of music in the weeks ahead, please let Pastor Rick know and we can figure out a way to share things. We love having a wide variety of participation! Also, if you have any prayer requests that you would want shared, please call or email Pastor Rick or the church office. Thank you!

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

We are mindful of the fact that the COVID-19 shelter-in-place has not only had an effect on our schools, our businesses, and our worship services, but also our girls and boys church clubs. We encourage you to lift up our GEMS group, and their leaders, in prayer today. Their season was shortened, but they were blessed with GREAT leaders and we as a church family are grateful for all the time that was put into making the meetings special, keeping the girls connected with God and with each other. It was a pleasure to see some of the GEMS featured in our video for worship this weekend.

Congratulations to Adam and Rebecca Gray who have been blessed with the save and healthy arrival of a new son: Dean Richard Gray, born Saturday, April 18th. Also, congratulations to Rick and Kristi Eenigenburg in the birth of their first grandchild. We praise God for the gift of new life, and we wish little Dean God's blessing to grow in His grace.

An update on Dan Zylstra's mom: Dan and Lisa wanted you to know more completely how things have been going with Dan's mom Sandy Zylstra so you can pray more knowledgeably: She had not been feeling well for a little while, and was then diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer. She had surgery for complications from her cancer, and while back in the hospital due to complications from that surgery, she fell and fractured her hip. She is also undergoing chemo. so please be in prayer for her, her husband, for Lisa who often helps provide some care and assistance.

An email was sent out with a newsletter from Eric and Penny Schering in Papua New Guinea. Continue to pray for their ministry and read about the exciting things happening there. They have returned to the US because the US Embassy arranged for a special charter for missionaries to come home. Keep all our missionaries serving around the world in your prayers.

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

April 26	Ministries of Bethel and GEMS
May 3	Ministries of Bethel and DMC Inc.
May 10	Ministries of Bethel and Illiana Right to Life
May 17	Ministries of Bethel and Mobility Ministry
May 24	Ministries of Bethel and Tuition Assistance
May 31	Ministries of Bethel and Future Capital Improvements

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Dear Friends,

In these uncertain times, when many are fearful, we have a new perspective of the mental and emotional strain that our friends with cancer experience every day. As always and especially now, we have the great opportunity and privilege to lift up those deep in the trenches battling cancer. Even though our Hope Centers are closed due to stay at home orders, our small but mighty team continues to make sure care packages are shipped out each week. Nurses at our partner hospitals are stepping in and providing our care packages to those in the hospital for treatment. We will continue to do our part to remember our friends with cancer.



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