

**Bethel Church Announcements**  
**May 10, 2020**  
**Mother's Day**

**Welcome to Bethel Church!** As we celebrate our moms this weekend, let's join together and give thanks to God for his gift to us of mothers and their wisdom, love and patience! Happy Mother's Day!

*My mother is so special; she means so much to me.  
She's patient, understanding, and as gentle as can be.  
She's lots of fun to be with, And she's always there for me.  
That's why she's a great example of J-E-S-U-S to me.*

We welcome you to watch today's worship service, found on YouTube. It's our hope that you experience the presence of God and the love of His people even though we can't meet together. 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 Philippians 1:12-30, and Paul's encouragement, in light of his own circumstances, to stay strong during a time of adversity.

**PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:**

- Prayers for Wayne & Carolyn VanVuren's grandson, Trenton, who is in the Navy and has just been shipped to Afghanistan for 4 months. Keep him in your prayers as he serves our country.
- Please keep Don and Sandy Zylstra in prayer, as Sandy (Dan Zylstra's mom) continues with her chemotherapy treatments. Pray for Lisa too as she spends time with Sandy to help her along.

At the council meeting on Tuesday evening it was decided that our opening date for services at church would be May 31. Until that time, we will continue with our online services. May 31 is also Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the giving of God's gift of the Holy Spirit, the powerful unseen one who has a profound impact on our lives as God's children. That is certainly worth celebrating, and Lord willing, we look forward to doing that together. We will certainly be sharing with you!

Online giving: Online giving continues to be available through our church website, and through Tithely. The link to the giving site is: <https://www.bethelcrcdemotte.org/giving/>. You can also give by downloading the app on your phone and creating an account. We have updated the list of giving causes on the website, so that instead of making donations to the general fund, you can also designate your offering to go to many of the special offerings we frequently give to, such as future capital improvements, GRIL, World Renew, Benevolence, or Oak Grove, to name a few. We are grateful for your continuing faithfulness in worshiping the Lord through your gifts and offering! Thank you!!

**UPCOMING OFFERINGS**

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

Looking for all Graduates – **8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school and college**. We would like to include you in the upcoming Bethel Branches Newsletter. Please let us know if you are graduating so we can send you a form to fill out with a little information.

**SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO**

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual DMCS Foundation Golf Outing** will take place on Wednesday, June 17, with a 1:00pm shotgun start at Sandy Pines Golf Course. Save the date and start practicing! The DMC Foundation provides an annual contribution to the school to reduce tuition costs. More information to follow!

**DeMotte Christian School "Class of 2020" Graduation** We invite you to the graduation ceremony of the DeMotte Christian School "Class of 2020" on Thursday, May 28, at 5:30pm outdoors at Covenant Christian High School. The speaker is Pastor Tim Cary. The class chose the following verse from Isaiah 40:8 as their motto, "*The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.*"

**Covenant Christian High School "Class of 2020" Graduation**

You are cordially invited to attend the graduation ceremony of the Covenant Christian High School Class of 2020. The ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 28, at 7:00pm outdoors at Covenant Christian High School.

**DMCS IMPORTANT DATES:**

May 15: Last Day of School  
May 28: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation: 5:30pm @ CCHS Back Parking Lot  
May 28: CCHS Graduation: 7:00pm @ CCHS Back Parking Lot  
June 2: DMCS Board Meeting: 7pm  
June 17: 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Foundation Golf Outing – 1:00pm  
July 29-July 3: DMCS offices closed for the holiday  
July 23: DMCS Registration Night: 6:00-8:00pm  
July 28: DMCS Registration Night: 6:00-8:00pm



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