



## Bethel Christian Reformed Church Sunday, July 26, 2020

Welcome to Bethel Church! Pastor Rick begins a new sermon series in the morning on Joshua, and will be starting with Joshua 1:1-18 - "Be Strong and Courageous".

During the evening worship service, we will continue with the Mark Manuscript study, looking at Mark 1:9-15.

### Morning Worship

Welcome

Reading Psalm 46:1-7, 10

Song: "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

Moment of Prayer –

- Silent prayer
- Pastor Rick closes

God's Greeting

"How Great Thou Art"

Scriptures

- Isaiah 55:7
- Ephesians 1:18-20

Song: "What a Beautiful Name"

Morning Prayer

Scripture: Joshua 1:1-18

Sermon: **Be Strong and Courageous**

Prayer

Parting Blessing

Song: "The Lord is my Light"

**SERVING TODAY** July 26

Piano Dan Zylstra

Usher AM: Wes VanBruggen

Media Shout Todd Nanninga

Offering Ministries of Bethel and GRIL (Grand Rapids Initiative for Leaders)

**SERVING NEXT WEEK** August 2

Piano Amy Dekker

Usher AM: Hank VanderWall

Media Shout Ryan Schaafsma

Offering Ministries of Bethel and DMC Inc.

### Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m.

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Songs:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

"Give Glory to God All You Heavenly Creatures"

Mark Manuscript Study: Mark 1:9-13

Prayer

Closing Song: "Spirit of the Living God"

### CHURCH FAMILY

Please be in prayer for Elmer VanderMolen. He has been diagnosed with "myelofibrosis", a rare disorder/cancer of the bone marrow. He will be undergoing regular blood checks and will require blood transfusions on a regular basis to help keep his energy and strength up. Please pray for Elmer and Norma as they journey through this difficult time. Pray that the Lord will hold their hearts even as we pray that God will heal Elmer's body.

Pray also for Elizabeth Boerner. She has attended her a couple of times. She had cancer surgery about 6 months ago or so, but some uterine cancer has returned, so she'll be having a CT scan next Tuesday and then more visits with the oncologist to determine the best treatment for her. Pray for healing and strength and wisdom for the medical staff so she can receive the help that she needs.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE:** We are in need of a Sunday School Superintendent for the upcoming Sunday school year. A huge shout out and thank you to Dan and Laura Walstra who have so faithfully served in this capacity for the last 7 years or so. We may have someone who is willing to serve the fall of 2021, so we are presently looking for someone to serve for one year as an interim superintendent. If that is something you feel the Lord may be calling you to do to bless our children, please see Dan Walstra or Pastor Rick.

Pastor Rick will be on vacation this coming week. We welcome Jeff White who will be preaching at both services on Sunday, August 2.

The Men's Golf League has begun playing on Tuesdays at 4:30pm at Sandy Pines. All levels of skill are welcome. Any questions contact Dave Jolink at 219-671-0730.

**We welcome anyone who might be visiting with us here at Bethel!**  
In light of worshipping together with the social distancing restrictions still in place,  
we want to share some of the guidelines we are continuing to follow:

- There will be no greeters at church. The doors will be propped open so that worshippers can walk right into the church building and sanctuary without touching any door handles.
- Ushers will be present to help seat. Every other pew has been “cordoned off” by the placement of hymnals and Bibles on the seats.
- We ask and encourage that people adhere to CDC guidelines in terms of washing their hands, not touching their faces, and maintaining social distancing while we are together.
- We encourage that if you are sick, or have a temperature, or believe you are an “at risk” person according to CDC guidelines, that you stay home and take advantage of the on-line service opportunity.
- In light of the July 22 Mask Mandate issued by Governor Holcomb, we strongly encourage the use of face coverings as you enter the building, however you will not be turned away should you find it difficult to do so. Our number one concern is the health of our church family as we gather in worship, loving our God as well as our neighbor.
- There will not be an official nursery, with people there to watch children. Yet the nursery room will remain open in case a diaper needs to be changed, or to serve as a cry room if needed.
- Bathrooms are available. Again, please follow CDC guidelines about good hygiene.
- No offering plate will be passed during the worship service, but offering boxes will be available by the sanctuary doors in which you may place your gifts. Again, online giving continues to remain an option.
- Following the worship service, there will be no coffee or snack time. You are encouraged to NOT linger in the narthex. If you want to socialize, we ask that you do so outside, again remembering to maintain proper social distancing guidelines.

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

**Retirement Open House for Mrs. Sandi Post:** To celebrate Mrs. Post’s 31 years of teaching at DeMotte Christian School, we invite you to an outdoor Open House on Saturday, August 8, from 10:00am-12:00noon at DeMotte Christian School! We will be socially distancing during this event. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the DMC all-purpose room. We hope you will join us in this awesome celebration!

**DeMotte Christian School Seeking Fall Coaches** DeMotte Christian School is seeking coaches for Junior High Soccer and Junior High Volleyball. Schedules can be flexible. Anyone interested or seeking more information should email James Blom, DMC Athletic Director, at [jblom@dmcsemail.org](mailto:jblom@dmcsemail.org).

### **DeMotte Christian Grade School/Covenant Christian High School Registration Dates**

If you could not attend the July 23 student registration, come the evening of—Tuesday, July 28, from 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m to complete registration of your child(ren). This registration night is intended for all parents of DMC and CCHS students enrolled for the 2020-2021 school year. It allows parents to complete necessary forms, pick up vital information, ask questions, make financial arrangements, etc. All parents who were not able to attend last week **MUST** attend on this evening. If you have children at both schools, you need to visit both schools. Your Tuition Agreement Plan will be at DeMotte Christian Grade School.

### **SERMON NOTES**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Scripture: Joshua 1:1-18**

**Message: “Be Strong and Courageous”**

**Pastor Rick Vanderwal**  
**Worship Services 9:30am and 6:00pm**

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