



Bethel Christian Reformed Church Sunday, August 23, 2020

Welcome to Bethel Church! Today Pastor Rick resumes his morning series on the book and the person of Joshua, this morning looking at Joshua 4 and the Stones of Remembrance..

During the evening worship and study time we'll be continuing with the Mark manuscript, Mark 1:35-45, and Jesus' healing touch of a leper. As we delve into the details of the text we will explore what that means for us...

Morning Worship

Welcome

Opening Song: "We Will Remember"

Prayer of Praise

God's Greeting

"Lord Most High"

"And Can It Be" – vs.1,2,4

Prayer

"Lord Reign in Me"

Time of Prayer

Scripture: Joshua 4:1-24

Sermon: **The Stones of Remembrance**

Prayer

Closing Song – "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

SERVING TODAY August 23
Piano Dan Zylstra
Usher AM: Duane Jansma
Media Shout Todd Nanninga
Offering Ministries of Bethel and Tuition Assistance

SERVING NEXT WEEK August 30
Piano Dan Zylstra
Usher AM: Duane Jansma
Media Shout Scott VanVlymen
Offering Ministries of Bethel and Future Capital Improvements

Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m.

Welcome

Prayer of Praise

Songs of Worship

- "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
- "In Moments Like These"

Scripture: Mark 1:35-45

Mark Manuscript Study Time

Closing Prayer

Song: "He Touched Me"

CHURCH FAMILY: Please continue to pray for:

- Elmer VanderMolen and his continuing struggle with weakness. Pray that his treatments and transfusions will continue to strengthen and bless him.
- Elizabeth Boerner will be having hysterectomy surgery to remove cancer. She has worshipped with us a few times, here is an opportunity to bless her and her daughter Esther, who is deeply concerned about her, through prayer support.
- Congratulations to Jeremy & Laura Visscher on the birth of little Maverick Case, 9 lbs.1 oz 22 in. born Monday - mom and baby are doing well! We praise God for the gift of new life.
- Please continue to pray for civility and wisdom as political tensions rise with the continued campaigning prior to November's election
- Continue to pray for safety, for protection, and health during the unknowns of the pandemic

THIS WEEKS AGENDA & MEETINGS

Tuesday 7:00pm Executive Team
Thursday 7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study the "BAIT OF SATAN" will meet at 7pm THIS Thursday, August 27 to conclude our study. **We will meet upstairs in the sanctuary** to view on the big screen. Contact Russ VanderMolen if you have any questions 219-869-8759.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Team will meet this week Tuesday at 7pm.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY we welcome Pastor Tim Toeset who will be leading us in worship. Pastor Rick and Brenda will be on vacation. If a need arises contact your Care Group elder/deacon.

Nominations for office bearers: The council requests nominations from the congregation for those who could serve as elders and deacons. For next year we need 2 elders and 2 deacons. A nomination sheet was placed in everyone's mailboxes and there are extra copies on the round tables. Please return them to the council room by September 8. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS- (Pre-school (4)-7th Grade) PLEASE SIGN UP if you plan on sending your child/children to Sunday school this September. Please sign up asap on the round table or email church at bethelcrc@netnitco.net with your child/children's name(s) and ages.

At a recent education team meeting, it was decided to begin Sunday School on September 13. We wrestled with this decision due to the uncertainty of how things would pan out with the pandemic and COVID-19 infections. So many unknowns! As in school, masks will be required in Sunday School class rooms, for both teachers and students. We will continue to monitor what happens in our school systems. The safety of our covenant children is of great importance to us. Should there be a rise in infections in school that would cause any changes in local schools staying open, we will not hesitate to pause Sunday School either until things get back on track. But we felt we should have a date to start and go from there. Stay tuned for further announcements. Thank you

YPS kick off September 13. Parents & HS students are invited to the **YPS KICK OFF** lunch on September 13 at noon held at First CRC at the pavilion. Please RSVP to Kim DeVries txt 219-869-2339 or email kmdvrs12@gmail.com so we can have an accurate number of people (siblings of the high school students are invited). Parents, please make sure to bring: cell phone, insurance information for your student and \$30 YPS fee.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: We are in need of a Sunday School Superintendent for the upcoming Sunday school year. 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 Laura Walstra or Pastor Rick. Laura will continue to prep/help with the start of the Sunday School year and has a binder she is putting together to help continue to lead this ministry.

SCHOOL NEWS

DMCS Magazine Sale DMCS's Annual Magazine Sale is here! We are also selling delicious Mrs. Fields cookie dough! Contact a current elementary or high school student or order online at www.gaschoolstore.com and use DMCS's online store code: 2582989. Note: cookie dough can only be ordered from a student. DMCS receives 40% of each and every order. What a wonderful way to place a new subscription or renew a current one AND support DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.!

The 29th Annual **DeMotte Christian Schools Foundation golf outing** will take place on Wednesday, September 30, with a 1:00pm shotgun start at Sandy Pines Golf Course in Wheatfield, Indiana! Eighteen holes, cart, and pork chop dinner is included. Cost is \$100 per golfer. Call DeMotte Christian School at 219-987-3721 to register!! The DMC Foundation provides an annual contribution to reduce tuition costs.

DMCS Important Dates:

September 1:	Great American Magazine Sale Ends
September 1:	DMCS Board Meeting – 7:00pm
September 9:	Jog-A-Thon
September 15-25:	Charleston Wrap Fundraiser
September 23:	“See You At The Pole” @ DMC and CCHS
September 30:	29 th Annual DMCS Foundation Golf Outing
October 3:	57 th Annual Harvest Sale @ CCHS
October 13-27:	Fruit Sale
October 17:	Fall Rummage Sale @ CCHS

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 if you are sick, 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.