



## Bethel Christian Reformed Church Sunday, September 6, 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 5:13-6:27 – “Let the Walls Fall Down”

During the evening worship and study time we’ll be continuing with the Mark manuscript, Mark 2:1-22. Join us as we delve into the healing of a paralytic and other teachings of Jesus and what they mean for us today.

### Morning Worship

Kids Video: Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

Welcome

Opening Song: “Cornerstone”

Prayer

God’s Greeting

“We praise You, O God”

“Forever”

Time of Prayer

Scripture: Joshua 5:13-6:27

Sermon: **Let the Walls Fall Down!**

Prayers for God to work in our lives

Song: “Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho”

Parting Blessing

Closing Song – “Salvation Belongs to Our God”

**SERVING TODAY** September 6  
Piano Amy Dekker  
Usher AM: Rick Eenigenburg  
Media Shout Ryan Schaafsma  
Offering Ministries of Bethel and DMC Inc.

**SERVING NEXT WEEK** September 13 (Communion)  
Piano Amy Dekker  
Usher AM: Rick Eenigenburg  
Media Shout Katie Eenigenburg  
Offering Ministries of Bethel and Resonate

### Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m.

Welcome

Prayer of Praise

Songs of Worship

- “Amazing Love/You Are My King”
- “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

Prayers of the People

Scripture: Mark 2:1-22

Mark Manuscript Study Time

Closing Prayer

Song: “Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old”

**CHURCH FAMILY: Please continue to pray for:**

- Elmer VanderMolen – continued prayers for strength
- Cindy Musch, and all her family – as they continue to mourn the loss of Glen. Pray for continuing comfort and encouragement, rooted in God’s promise of life in Christ.
- Duane and Cindy VanderWoude, as their family mourns the loss of Duane’s mother Esther Vander Woude. A visitation will be held Tuesday, September 8th from 5 - 8 pm and Wednesday from 9 - 9:45 am at the [Valparaiso Nazarene Church](#). The funeral service will begin at 10:00 am Wednesday at the church with burial to follow at [Angelcrest Cemetery](#).

### COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Council will meet this Tuesday evening at 7:00pm.**

**Last opportunity to turn in your NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS:** The council requests nominations from the congregation **by September 8** 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.

**Next week**, Lord willing, we will be celebrating the **sacrament of the Lord’s Supper** during the morning worship service. May God use this gift he has given through the Son Jesus to affirm our faith and draw us closer to him.

As many of you have heard by now, the building and grounds and council have been exploring the possibility of installing a lift or elevator system to give access to the basement for those who find navigating the stairs a difficult thing. After some research, and then consulting with Hamstra Builders, the council, at a special meeting held on September 1, approved a proposal to be presented to the congregation for your approval. A special congregational meeting has been set for Wednesday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel Church for presentation of the proposal, discussion, and a vote. We hope that you will be able to attend this important meeting. Please look in your mailbox for more complete information on the project, including projected cost.

The Congregations of First CRC of DeMotte, Bethel CRC and Community CRC are invited to come together for a combined **Mission Emphasis Service** on September 13th, 5PM to be held at First CRC in DeMotte. Join us for a time of worship and focus on missions. Pastor Jim Alblas will deliver a message from Philippians 1:1-11, entitled "Finding a Missions Partner". Light snacks will follow the service.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **GEMS & CADETS WILL BE SELLING MUMS** again this fall. Keep your eye out for the opportunity to support our youth and to bring a little splash of fall color to your patio! Sale will begin next week and run for 2 weeks. Pickup will be in the back parking lot on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for your continued support.

The **GEMS** are looking for a leader for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. If you are interested talk to Stephanie Konvalinka.

**CHANGE TO YPS KICK OFF: September 13** we are going to change the kick off to a coffee time instead of a full meal. Start time: 10:45, immediately following the morning service at First CRC pavilion. Finish time around 11:10 so kids can go to catechism. Meeting will just be for parents and HS students. Please RSVP to Kim DeVries txt 219-869-2339 or email [kmdvrs12@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**“SHOW ME JESUS”** Sunday School **BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY**, September 13.

All PK (4 yr) – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to join us immediately after the morning service downstairs. This year Students will be served pre-packaged snacks and juice boxes. Students will all need to wear a mask to attend class. We will use the prize room on a weekly rotation by class. (So approx 1x per month) We will be singing (The kids will each stand in a hula hoop to stay socially distanced.) Pick up is at 11:45am. Any questions talk to Laura Walstra. **CATECHISM** for all 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade will meet with Pastor Rick in the room next to the kitchen. Visitors are always welcome! 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. Thank you!

**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.

#### **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.

#### **SERMON NOTES**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Scripture: Joshua 5:13-6:27**

**Message: “Let the Walls Fall Down”**

## **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](http://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.!

**29th Annual DMCS Foundation Golf Outing** The 29<sup>th</sup> 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 awards are included. Cost is \$100 per golfer. Call DeMotte Christian School at 219-987-3721 to register!! The DMC Foundation provides an annual contribution to the school to reduce tuition costs.

### **DMCS Seeking Assistant Communications & Public Relations Coordinator**

DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. is seeking a part-time (10-15hrs/week) Assistant Communications & Public Relations Coordinator. This position's main responsibility is to assist in social media communication, update/maintain website content, and assist in advertising, marketing, and promotional efforts. The ideal candidate should have strong computer skills including, but not limited to, basic computer systems, Adobe Systems, photo editing apps, video creation apps, and Google programs. If interested, please contact Devon Brinks, Superintendent, at [dbrinks@dmcs-in.org](mailto:dbrinks@dmcs-in.org), or 219-987-3721.

### **DMCS Important Dates:**

September 1:	Great American Magazine Sale Ends
September 1:	DMCS Board Meeting – 7:00pm
September 8-21:	“Suds For A Cause” Fundraiser
September 9:	Jog-A-Thon
September 15-25:	Charleston Wrap Fundraiser
September 23:	“See You At The Pole” @ DMC and CCHS
September 30:	29 <sup>th</sup> Annual DMCS Foundation Golf Outing
October 3:	57 <sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Sale @ CCHS
October 8:	“Suds For A Cause” Pick Up @ DMC (2:45-4pm)
October 9:	End Quarter 1 / Teacher In-Service
October 13-27:	Fruit Sale
October 17:	Fall Rummage Sale @ CCHS