



**Bethel Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, September 13, 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 7 and the challenge of facing "hidden sin". What does that even mean? What do our hearts hunger after?

We will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the morning worship. May God use this gift he has given through his Son Jesus to affirm our faith and draw us closer to him. If you have publicly confessed Jesus as your Savior and Lord, are sorry for sin and desire to live for him, we invite you to join with us and participate in communion. We will be using pre-packaged communion cups and so you are encouraged to pick them up prior to entering the sanctuary.

The Congregations of First CRC, Bethel and Community are invited to come together for a **Mission Emphasis Service TONIGHT at 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 "Keys to Mission Partnerships". Light snacks will follow the service. The service can also be heard in their church parking lot on radio station 94.5 and a bulletin with song sheets can be found in the church entryway.

Beginning next week Sunday our evening worship at Bethel will begin at 5:00pm.



"SHOW ME JESUS" Sunday School BEGINS TODAY! All PK (4 yr) – 6th Grade are invited to join us immediately after the morning service downstairs. Please send a mask downstairs with your child. With the size of our classrooms we encourage masks for teachers and students. We have prepackaged snacks/juice boxes for snack time and will be singing with proper distance. Pick up is 11:45am. Offerings will be for Phil's Friends with a box near the snack table. Any questions talk to Laura Walstra laurawalstra@gmail.com or 219-689-9497. **CATECHISM** for all 7th – 12th grade will meet with Pastor Rick in the room next to the kitchen. Visitors are always welcome! We pray for a wonderful year and hope your kids are excited to get back into the word of God.

SERVING TODAY September 13 (Communion)
Piano Amy Dekker
Usher AM: Rick Eenigenburg
Media Shout Katie Eenigenburg
Offering Ministries of Bethel and Resonate Global Mission

SERVING NEXT WEEK September 20
Piano Marla Vander Molen
Usher AM: Russ Vander Molen
Media Shout Scott Van Vlymen
Offering Ministries of Bethel and Mobility Ministries

MORNING WORSHIP

Opening Scripture: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Opening Song: "Ancient of Days"

Prayer of Praise

God's Greeting

Songs of Praise

- "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"
- "Before the Throne of God Above"

Prayers of the People

Scripture: Joshua 7

Sermon: **The Sting of Compromise**

"Nearer, Still Nearer"

We Share Communion

Closing Prayer, of Thanks, and of Blessing

Closing Song – "The Blessing"

CHURCH FAMILY: Please continue to pray for:

- Elmer VanderMolen, as he faces the continuous challenge of going from strength to weakness as he receives blood infusions every other week.
- Norma VanderMolen, as she faces surgery to remove a para-thyroid gland
- Duane and Cindy VanderWoude, as their family mourns the loss of Duane's mother Esther Vander Woude. We grieve with them because of their loss but we also rejoice with them as they celebrate Esther's faith and God's promises.

This Saturday, September 19th, Bethany Jansma and Tyler Zylstra will be united in marriage as they share their vows to each other, before the Lord and family and friends at their wedding ceremony here at Bethel CRC, at 3:30 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend the ceremony.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday	10:50am	Sunday School & Catechism BEGINS
	10:45am	YPS/Parents meet at First CRC
	5:00pm	Combined Mission Emphasis Service First CRC
Wednesday	7:00pm	Special Congregational Meeting

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been set for this **Wednesday, September 16**, at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel Church for presentation of the proposal, discussion, and a vote on installing a lift system. We hope that you will be able to attend this important meeting. Please look in your mailbox for the agenda. Absentee ballots are in your mailbox with extra copies on the round tables. Please return them to the basket on the council room table before the meeting on Wednesday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YPS KICK OFF: TODAY - September 13 for a coffee time at 10:45am immediately following the morning service at First CRC pavilion. Finish time around 11:10. Meeting will just be for parents and HS students. 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.

GEM'S/CADET MUM FUNDRAISER. There is an order form on the back round tables in the narthex. If you are interested in ordering mum's, please fill out with your name and your order. Pick up will be Wednesday September 23rd from 3-6pm. This is a good opportunity to support our youth and bring a little splash of color to your patio! Any questions contact Stephanie Konvalinka 708-846-4458. You can give the money to Stephanie this week or by next week Sunday. **Order deadline is Monday, September 14th - TOMORROW, so sign up or give Stephanie a text or call and get your orders in!**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

The GEMS are looking for a leader for the 7th and 8th grade class. If you are interested talk to Stephanie Konvalinka 708-846-4458

We are in need of a **Sunday School Superintendent** for this Sunday school year. 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.

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. Nursery 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

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, or 219-987-3721.

Suds for A Cause: This bi-annual fundraiser grows every year! All products are comparable to your name-brand favorites! Get a 5-gallon pail for only \$35, and come with a FREE pump and are HE compatible. Sale ends September 21. Your order will be available for pick up at DMC on Thursday, October 8, from 2:45-4:00pm.

The 29th Annual DeMotte Christian Schools Foundation Golf Outing will take place on Wednesday, September 30, with registration and grilled lunch at noon and a 1:00pm shotgun start at Sandy Pines Golf Course in Wheatfield, Indiana! Eighteen holes, cart, grilled lunch 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.

57th Annual Harvest Sale: This year's Harvest Sale is Saturday, October 3, 2020. The Farmer's Market will begin at 4:00pm, Food Service at 5:00pm and Live and Silent Auctions at 6:00pm! Mark your calendar and tell your friends! We will see you there! Check our DeMotte Christian Schools Facebook page for any event updates.

Harvest Sale Bakery Pre-Order Due to the uncertain times we are experiencing this year, the Harvest Sale Committee is offering a new option to purchase the baked goods from the Farmers Market in advance! Visit DMCS' Facebook page for ordering info! You will be able to pick up your order on October 3 (Harvest Sale day) curbside from 3:30-4:00pm or during the Harvest Sale from 4:00-8:00pm.

DMCS Important Dates:

September now thru 21:	"Suds for A Cause" Fundraiser
September 15-25:	Charleston Wrap Fundraiser
September 23:	"See You at The Pole" @ DMC and CCHS- 7:40 am
September 30:	29 th Annual DMCS Foundation Golf Outing
October 3:	57 th Annual Harvest Sale @ CCHS
October 6-27	Butter Braids Fundraiser
October 8:	"Suds for A Cause" Pick Up @ DMC (2:45-4pm)
October 9:	End 1st Quarter / Teacher In-Service
October 13-27:	Fruit Sale
October 17:	Fall Rummage Sale @ CCHS

COMMUNITY REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking for some support as you are on the journey of motherhood? MOPS&MOMSnext kick off meeting is Tuesday, September 15 from 6:00pm to 7:45pm at Grace Fellowship in DeMotte. Childcare is available for those who need it. If you have any questions or want more information call Jeannie Bultema (708)712-2628 or Tacy Stacy (937)499-3032.

MOPS&MOMSnext is in need of mentor moms. MOPS&MOMSnext meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:00pm-7:45pm at Grace Fellowship in DeMotte. If you are a mom with grown children that wants a community and to be a support to many moms across the community, please call Sandi Strong (219)789-7862.