



## Bethel Christian Reformed Church Sunday, September 20, 2020

Welcome to Bethel Church! This morning we look together at Joshua 8, where the Israelites again face the city of their first defeat, Ai. This scripture reminds us that the Battle Belongs to the Lord.

During our afternoon worship service (5 p.m.), we will again look at the Mark Manuscript Study, this time from Mark 2:23-3:12, which relate to us Jesus and his encounter with Pharisees regarding things he and his disciples did on one particular Sabbath. Come with a hunger to discover the heart of God's Word together!

Beginning today, our 2nd services will begin at 5:00 p.m.



**“SHOW ME JESUS”** Sunday School: All PK (4 yr) – 6th Grade are invited to join us immediately after the morning service downstairs. Pick-up is 11:45am. 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. Offerings this year will be for Phil's Friends with a box near the snack table. Any questions talk to Laura Walstra [laurawalstra@gmail.com](mailto:laurawalstra@gmail.com) or 219-689-9497. **CATECHISM** for all 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade will meet with Pastor Rick in the room next to the kitchen. Visitors are always welcome!

### MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

God's Greeting

Reading of Scripture: Isaiah 40:31

Songs: “Everlasting God”

“To God Be the Glory”

Prayer of Confession

God's Will for Our Lives

Song of Response: “In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified”

Prayers of the People

Joshua 8:1-2, 18-29

Sermon: **The Battle Belongs to the Lord**

“The Battle Belongs to the Lord”

Parting Blessing

Song: “You Are Holy” (Prince of Peace)

### 5:00 PM AFTERNOON SERVICE

Welcome and Prayer

Confession of our Faith: apostle's Creed

Songs to Sing:

“Blessed Assurance”

“Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Time of Mutual Prayer

Scripture: **Mark 2:23-3:12**

Mark Manuscript Study

Prayer

Closing Song: “Lord of All Hopefulness”

#### **SERVING TODAY**

September 20

Piano

Marla Vander Molen

Usher AM:

Russ Vander Molen

Media Shout

Scott Van Vlymen

Offering

Ministries of Bethel and Mobility Ministries

#### **SERVING NEXT WEEK** September 27

Piano

Dan Zylstra

Usher AM:

Russ Vander Molen

Media Shout

Todd Nanninga

Offering

Ministries of Bethel and Library

#### **CHURCH FAMILY:**

Congratulations to **Tyler and Bethany (Jansma) Zylstra** who were united in marriage yesterday here at Bethel CRC. We wish them the Lord's blessings as they build a home and share life together.

Dear Bethel Congregation, Thank-you so much for all the acts of Christian love and kindness shown to us since the passing of Glen. Thank-you for the cards, flowers, food, visits, words of encouragement, and especially for the prayers offered on our behalf. We have really felt the love of God and this congregation. It has all been so very appreciated. In Christian Love, the Glen Musch Family

Pray for Norma VanderMolen as she had her para-thyroid removal surgery on Wednesday. The surgery was successful but she is recovering from the effects of the anesthesia as well. Pray also for Elmer...we are grateful with them that another transfusion has blessed him with energy and feeling well again. Pray for the Lord's sustaining power in his life!

#### **AGENDA THIS WEEK**

Sunday

10:50am

Sunday School & Catechism

Wednesday

3:00pm

GEMS/Cadet mum pick up till 6:00pm.

7:00pm

Worship Team

Thank you to all who ordered **MUMS** from the GEMS/Cadets. **PICK UP TIME will be this week** Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-6pm. Any questions check with Stephanie 708-846-4458.

**WORSHIP TEAM** will meet Wednesday at 7:00pm.

## **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

At our special congregational meeting held on Wednesday, the motion to move forward to install a lift from the sanctuary level to the basement level was approved. Thank you to everyone who came out to show interest, to discuss, and to vote whether in person or by absentee ballot. The body of Christ at Bethel has affirmed the need. We also very much appreciate the generous donation offer of seed money from outside of our congregation to help us get going and make the possibility a reality.

At her request, the membership of Bethany Jansma (now Zylstra) was transferred to the Peace Protestant Reformed Church in Dyer.

Classis Iliana will meet this Tuesday at 9 a.m. at Munster Christian Reformed Church. Pastor Rick and Gary DeVries will attend as delegates from Bethel CRC. Pastor Rick will also be serving as the chairman of the meeting. Please pray that all will go well as we conduct the “business” of Classis, handle some church concerns, listen to interviews for those who hope to be licensed to exhort/preach, and conduct an examination for someone who will be ordained in the CRC.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Coffee Break Bible study will begin on October 7. We will begin the season by studying the book of Esther. God called Esther to serve her people in her role as queen. We will be challenged to think about how we can serve in our time. Nursery will be available. Consider joining us and bring a friend. Questions can be directed to Brenda Vanderwal or Velma Ouwenga

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 708-846-4458

### **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 during this time.
- Usher 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, that you stay home and take advantage of the on-line service opportunity.
- In light of the Mask Mandate 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**

**29<sup>th</sup> 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 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

**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 TOMORROW! Your order will be available for pick up at DMC on Thursday, October 8, from 2:45-4:00pm.

**See You At The Pole:** This year’s annual ‘See You At The Pole’ is September 23, but due to Covid-19 restrictions, this year’s event will not be open to the public. However, we are asking that families /pastor’s would join us in prayer remotely. Thank you!

This year’s **57<sup>th</sup> Annual 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.

**Dear DMCS Grandparents:** Our students miss you and want to remind you that Grandparents Day will be postponed until a future date! We thank you for always being such a great support system!

**CHARLESTON WRAP:** Support students planning to visit historical Washington DC in the spring of 2021 (or 2022) by purchasing Charleston Wrap at [www.charlestonwrapstore.com](http://www.charlestonwrapstore.com), click "Shop Now", "Participants" if you're supporting a certain student or "Organization" and enter 11074. Start shopping for anything from acacia wood bowls to chocolate to wrapping paper to valet catchalls! Sale ends Friday!

Covenant Christian High School invites everyone to their **FALL RUMMAGE SALE** on Saturday, October 17, from 9am-1pm in the high school gym. Only \$7 per bag from 9am-12pm, and \$2 per bag from 12-1 pm! To donate clean, gently used items for the sale, please bring them on Thursday, October 15, from 2pm- 5pm at the back door or Friday, October 16, from 8am-2pm at the front door. Volunteers are needed to set up and sort on Thursday from 2pm-7pm or Friday from 8am-4pm. Please call CCHS’s office at 219-987-7651 to sign up. Hope to see you there! \*Please note that due to liability issues, children will not be allowed to accompany adult volunteers. We ask that volunteers and shoppers please wear a mask.

### **DMCS Important Dates:**

September 15-25:	Charleston Wrap Fundraiser
September 23:	“See You At The Pole” @ DMC and CCHS (Private)
September 30:	29 <sup>th</sup> Annual DMCS Foundation Golf Outing
October 3:	57 <sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**SERMON NOTES**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Scripture: Joshua 8:1-2, 18-29**

**Message: "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"**

**Pastor Rick Vanderwal  
Service 9:30a.m.**

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