



Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, April 25, 2021

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9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Services

We welcome you to worship today at Bethel CRC. Whether we call on the Lord in person or through our live-stream option, it is our prayer that the Lord will encourage us, challenge us, and help us to grow in Jesus Christ. We welcome any visitors who have chosen to join us!

Today we welcome Pastor Barry Foster as he leads worship and preaches the Word from Nehemiah 1 in the morning worship service, and Pastor Laryn Zoerhof as he proclaims God's Word from Daniel 1 during the afternoon worship service.

We have a couple upcoming sermon series taking place in May and June. Pastor Rick will start out with **"God's Great Romans 8"** next Sunday, May 2. In June we will start a series on **"GO" ...as the Bible tells us to.** GO...and make disciples, GO...and do likewise, GO...and be reconciled, GO...on to maturity. How can you GO? Watch for series to begin!



Sunday School and Catechism **"SHOW ME JESUS"** for all children PK (4 yr.) – 6th grade meet downstairs immediately after the morning service. This is our last meeting for the season. Join us back on May 16th for our end of year party.

Pastor Rick's CATECHISM class will NOT meet today. We will come back together on May 16 to join in and help with the Sunday School end of season party!

SERVING TODAY

April 25

Nursery	Anna Vanderwal, Kim Kuiper
Piano	Marla VanderMolen
Usher AM:	Dan Walstra
Media Shout	Todd Nanninga
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and GEMS

SERVING NEXT WEEK May 2

Nursery:	Stephanie Konvalinka, Heidi Dunham
Piano:	Amy Dekker
Usher AM:	Scott VanVlymen
Media Shout	Ryan Schaafsma
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

No offering will be taken during the service, but offering boxes are available by the sanctuary doors to place your gifts. Also, you can use our online giving at www.bethelcrcdemotte.org. Thank you!

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome – Worship Leader – Dan Zylstra

Opening Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Prayer

Introduction of Morning Preacher

God's Greeting – Pastor Barry

Time of Praise

- "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
- "God You Reign"

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God's grace

April Memory Verse – 1 Peter 1:3-4

Prayers of God's People – Worship Leader

Scripture: Nehemiah 1

Sermon: **"Unexpected Mission" – Pastor Barry Foster**

Prayer

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE – 5pm

Welcome – Worship Leader – Larry Ouwenga

Opening Song: "It Is Good to Sing Your Praises"

Prayer

We Continue in Praise:

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

"Marvelous Grace"

Time of Prayer

Scripture: Daniel 1:1-21

Message: **"Daniel's Decision"**

Prayer

God's Parting Blessing

Closing Song: "When We Walk with the Lord"

CHURCH FAMILY: Please continue to lift up the following in prayer:

- Ted and Donna Hoekstra
- Elmer and Norma VanderMolen
- Mary Recker
- Pastor Rick will be in Michigan preaching at Zutphen CRC of Hudsonville today as they have extended an invitation to him to explore doing ministry together. Prayers for wisdom and direction are appreciated as he goes through this process of discernment and conversation with them.

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and expressions of concern during Scott's recent hip surgery. Praise God he is doing great! Scott & Nanci

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sunday 10:45am "Show Me Jesus" Sunday School – Catechism will NOT meet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last week we heard a presentation from Andrea Zickmund about **Compassion International**. The display table will remain up this week so you can view the profiles and explore whether you might be interested or able to support a child through this ministry. Be sure to check it out, and if you have any questions don't hesitate to ask Andrea...she would be glad to clarify anything.

"Attention April missionary writers: This is a friendly reminder to write/email one of our missionaries if you haven't yet done so." Thank you! Outreach Team

ALL GRADUATES – College, Senior, 8th grade. We would like to help you celebrate in our upcoming Bethel Branches Newsletter. If you were not emailed a form please pick one up from the round table in back of church, fill out the form and email the info back to bethelcrc@netnitco.net. Or give to Shiela or Bailee Jansma. Thank you!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come to **WORSHIP NIGHT ON MAY 8 AT 7 PM IN COVENANT'S GYM!** You can register by filling out the google form on the Facebook event, or by calling the school office. Snacks and refreshments will be provided and covid protocols will be followed. Hope to see you there for a great night of fellowship and worship!

Community Preschool is looking for a two-day preschool teacher. The two days are flexible. We are also looking for a cook. This would be 5 days a week 4 hours a day. To get more information on these jobs please call 219-251-0149 or email communitypreschoolroselawn@gmail.com.

THE MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE will begin playing on Tuesday, May 4 at 4:30 P.M. at Sandy Pines. All levels of skill are welcome. If you have any questions, please call or text Dave Jolink at 219-671-0730.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DeMotte Christian Grade School is looking for a full-time teacher for the 2021-2022 school year to teach fourth grade. Applicants must hold at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, agree fully with the school's statement of beliefs, is an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion, and demonstrates the ability to teach children well. If you are interested in applying for the position, please send a resume and application to Devon Brinks, Principal, at dbrinks@dmcs-in.org or contact the school office at (219)987-3721. An application may also be found on the school website (www.demottechristianschools.org).

Covenant Christian High School is looking to fill the following positions for the 2021-22 school year:

- 1.) Part-time Band/Choir Instructor
- 2.) Spanish Teacher
- 3.) Ag Science Teacher

If you are interested in applying, please contact Rick DeFries at (219)-987-7651 or by cell at (574) 242-0313. Applications can be found on the school website at 222.demottechristianschools.org.

DMCS' annual **Walk-A-Thon 2021** is on Friday, May 7 at Field of Dreams Park. We're so excited to raise money this year to continue building improvements by upgrading the playground areas and repurposing the computer lab into a classroom at DMC! This year has presented a unique set of challenges, but our students and staff have walked through them with faith and perseverance. We are using this year's Walk-A-Thon to celebrate all that God has seen us through, so we have chosen the theme, "WALK IN FAITH". Our theme verse II Corinthians 5:7 says, "We walk by faith, not by sight." We are so grateful for our supporters like you, who have prayerfully helped carry us through this year. Our goal is to raise \$18,000. Just contact any DMC student to sponsor them! You may also mail a check to DMC at PO Box 430, DeMotte, IN 46310; or donate online by clicking the "donate" link on our school website: www.demottechristianschools.org.

Come get a better night's sleep AND support the 1st Annual DeMotte Christian Schools **MATTRESS FUNDRAISER** on Saturday, May 15, from 10am-5pm! We will carry quality name brands like Simmons Beautyrest Black, Beautyrest Hybrids and Therapedic mattresses priced below retail. This is ONE DAY only, so we need your help to SPREAD THE WORD by inviting all of your family and friends! We will have an entire mattress store set up at the Covenant Christian HS Gym. (elderly/at risk are invited at 9am)

DMCS Important Dates:

April 29: JH Play "Bagful of Fables", 7pm (live-streamed)
May 3: No School
May 4: DMCS Board Meeting - 7pm
May 4-7: Co-ed Basketball Camp (gr. 1-3) @ DMC, 3-4:15pm
May 6: DMC JH Spring Band Concert, 7pm
May 7: PIE Annual Walk-A-Thon 2021
May 10: CCHS Band Concert
May 13: PS3 Last Day of School
May 14: PS4 Last Day of School
May 15: Mattress Fundraiser @ CCHS, 10am-5pm
May 27: Last Day of School (K-Grade 12)
May 27: 8th Grade Promotion, 7pm
May 28: CCHS Graduation, 7pm