



Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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



WELCOME TO BETHEL CHURCH as we honor **Jesus the King on this Palm Sunday! Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!** Whether in person, or online, we hope your time spent worshipping the Lord will be a blessing. We welcome the Sunday School this morning as they will join in our Palm Sunday celebration! (all younger children are welcome with a mom or dad – meet us downstairs at 9:15 before the service)

Today we welcome Rev. Van Eck who will lead us in our Palm Sunday Worship. This morning he looks at “The Kingship of Jesus” from Mark 11:1-10. **Join us at 5pm** as Rev Van Eck leads us from 1 Kings 16:29-34— “Lifeless Stones: Living Word”.

There will be a **COMBINED GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** held this Friday at 7PM at First CRC where together we can remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Participation from both congregations will take place through scripture reading, a meditation and the serving of The Lord's supper. Please join us!

Nest Sunday we join together to celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! Our **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE** will be held at 9:30am led by Pastor Tim Toeset – “**Alive with Christ**” from Romans 6:1-14. There will be **no 5pm afternoon service** on Easter.



“**SUPERBOOK ACADEMY**” Sunday School meets immediately after the morning worship downstairs for all PK (4year.) – 6th Grade. Pick up 11:45am. We will NOT meet next week for Easter.

There will be a special Ray Vanderlaan video about Easter this Sunday during Sunday School hour. Grab your coffee and join us in the council room after the am service.

CELEBRATING EASTER – ALIVE WITH CHRIST!

- April 2 **TODAY Palm Sunday** Service with Sunday School joining
Rev. Steve Van Eck – AM: “The Kingship of Jesus”
PM – “Lifeless Stones; Living Word”
- April 7 **Good Friday** Service – 7pm at First CRC
- April 9 **Resurrection Sunday** – Pastor Tim Toeset
AM Worship: “Alive with Christ”
There will be no 5pm service!

MORNING WORSHIP

Please **Remain Seated** for our Opening Song: “Hosanna”

As the children march in with their Palm Branches honoring our King!
Children Sing: “Shout Hosanna”

Welcome & Announcements
GEMS update

*Please stand for God’s Greeting

*Mutual Greetings

*Time of Praise

“In Christ Alone”

“Alleluia” W/C 91 4 vs.

Worship Leader: Lord Jesus, often we have kept silent before you, afraid to proclaim your praise.

It is easy to join the crowd as you ride triumphantly into Jerusalem— singing our joys and expectations, dancing our hopes and dreams.

It is far more difficult to stand by you as the crowd cries for your crucifixion.

ALL: *Forgive our weakness when we turn away.*

Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive your suffering and death, that we might stay beside you to the end.

Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day. Amen.

*We Sing in Response: “Hallelujah, What a Savior!” W/C 175 vs.1,4,5
Please Be Seated

Offering is received for: Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.
Morning Prayer

Scripture: Mark 11:1-10 (pg. 1572)

Message: The Kingship of Jesus”

Closing Prayer

*Please Stand for God’s Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” W/C 174”

5PM WORSHIP

Welcome

*Please Stand for our Opening Song: “He Keeps Me Singing” W/C 488 vs.1,3,5

*Opening Prayer

*We Continue in Praise:

- ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” W/C 350
- “More About Jesus” W/C 389

Time of Prayer

Scripture: 1 Kings 16:29-34 (pg. 554)

Text: vs. 34

Message: Lifeless Stones: Living Word”

Closing Prayer

- Please Stand for God’s Parting Blessing
- Closing Song: “Standing on the Promises” W/C 271 vs.1,3,4

CHURCH FAMILY: PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:

- Henry D. Sr. – Thank you for all the prayers for our Dad. We would appreciate continued prayers as the doctor is working on a plan for a surgery on Tuesday. There is an aneurysm in a difficult place to reach, they are trying to decide the best way to repair this artery and the aneurysm. Dad has been feeling fine but it’s frustrating to wait around for the plan to form. Please pray for patience and a successful surgery. Thank you!
- Phyllis H. – the test she had hoped to have last week is now scheduled for this Wednesday. Pray for good results for her test.
- Ruth DV - Thank you for your cards and prayers during my heart procedure and re-cooperation. God is so good! Prayers for continued daily strength!
- Carolyn VV continues to have rehab at Oak Grove but progress has been slow. She still is quite weak. Pray for encouragement and strength as well as wisdom for her doctor as they re-evaluate things this coming week.
- Elmer & Norma, Wayne & Carolyn, Andy & Cheryl, Barb E, Ted & Donna, Rich K.
- Pray for our Council and Search Team as they seek the Lord’s leading and direction as to who the next pastor for Bethel will be. Pray for the Lord’s guidance.

Dear Friends at Bethel, It may be that you have already heard our sad family news. Our son-in-law Mike Shockley, had a "cardiovascular event" on March 11 and entered the presence of Jesus. Needless to say, this was an unexpected and total shock to our daughter, Melissa, and to everyone! Our sympathy to Mary Recker also as Melissa is her grand-daughter. The funeral was on March 18. Melissa is doing amazingly well though it is also very hard at the same time. Her church and Christian community of friends have been amazing in their show of love and support. Your special prayers for her would be greatly appreciated.

For us, we do have an Easter Celebration scheduled for this Saturday with our international friends here at Michigan State University. Thank you for your special prayers.

With love in Him, Jim & Karen Getz.

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sunday	10:50am	Superbook Academy Sunday School
	10:50am	Ray Vanderlaan Easter Video
Tuesday	1:30pm	Ladies Afternoon Bible Study
	7:00pm	Council
Wednesday	9:30am	Coffee Break
	6:15pm	GEMS
	7.00pm	Combined Fellowship, Education, Outreach Teams

SERVING TODAY

Nursery:	Steph and Anna
Piano:	Amy
Usher AM:	Scott
Greeters	Larry & Velma (E), Dunham Family (S).
Sunday School	Velma & Mike
Media Shout	Riley
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc

SERVING NEXT WEEK April 9 EASTER

Nursery:	Anna and James
Piano:	Amy
Usher AM:	Scott
Greeters	Larry & Velma (E), Dunham Family (S).
Sunday School	Easter Break
Media Shout	Katie
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Gifford’s

You can continue to give online at www.bethelcrcdemotte.org. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Outreach Team **WOULD LIKE TO ADD TWO OR MORE PEOPLE TO OUR TEAM** to expand the impact of Bethel Church to the Community. **Do you feel God calling you to serve?** For more information, talk to any team member: Marla, Cindy, Russ or Larry

LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will meet Tuesday, April 4 at 1:30. We will be studying Psalm 91. See Dianne DV if you still need study materials.

COUNCIL meets this week Tuesday at 7pm

COFFEE BREAK meets on Wednesday’s at 9:30 a.m. We are studying the book of II Samuel. Nursery is provided! Our last lesson will be on April 19th.

FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH TEAMS will be meeting at a combined meeting on Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00.

GEMS meets this week Wednesday at 6:15pm at First CRC

There is a **NEW NURSERY SCHEDULE** in your mailboxes. **Anna Vanderwal is our new Nursery Coordinator.** Thank you Anna for being willing to serve and also **thank you to Stephanie** for all your years of dedicated service in taking care of the nursery program.