

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 3, 2022



John 10:1-18

“I AM...The Shepherd and the Gate”

Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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

**Welcome to Bethel Church!** Whether in person, or online, we hope your time spent worshipping the Lord will be a blessing. Visitors, please take a mug from the table in the back of church.

**Today is the Fifth Sunday in Lent.** We are using this Lenten season to consider who Jesus is in the words and from the perspective of Jesus himself. In the gospel of John, Jesus declares who he is SEVEN times - In declaring who he is, Jesus also teaches us how he meets our deepest needs and offers himself as our greatest satisfaction! We look forward to our journey together with Jesus, the great I AM! This morning we explore Jesus' declaration: "I Am the Shepherd and the Gate".

Thank you to Lincoln D. who was the artist for this week's bulletin cover!

**Join us at 5pm** as Pastor Rick continues his study of Mark this week looking at "Trapping Jesus."



**"SHOW ME JESUS"** Sunday School for all PK (4 yr.) – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and **Catechism** for all 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders meets downstairs right after the morning worship. Visitors are welcome!

## **SERVING TODAY**

Nursery:	<b>April 3</b> Carli D., Kurt VM
Piano AM:	Dan
Piano PM:	Marla
Usher AM:	Todd N.
Greeters	Larry & Velma (S), Dunham Family (E).
Media Shout	Schaafsma Family
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

## **SERVING NEXT WEEK April 10 (Palm Sunday)**

Nursery:	Kim K, Lisa Z.
Piano:	Marla
Usher AM:	Todd N.
Greeters	Larry & Velma (S), Dunham Family (E).
Media Shout	Katie Eenigenburg
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and ANEW

Deacons are once again receiving the offering during the service as a part of worship. You can continue to give online as well at [www.bethelcrcdemotte.org](http://www.bethelcrcdemotte.org). Thank you!

**Resonate Match Campaign: Double Your Impact** - Resonate Global Mission has a great opportunity for your giving to God's mission through the Christian Reformed Church! April 1-30, any amount you give for our special campaign will be matched, dollar for dollar, by a generous donor! Learn more at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift). Our offering on April 17 is for Resonate!

## **MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Sunday	10:45am Sunday School & Catechism
Tuesday	1:30pm Ladies Afternoon Bible Study 7:00pm Council
Wednesday	9:30am Coffee Break 6:30pm GEMS

## MORNING WORSHIP

Gathering Song of Praise: "Ancient of Days"

Welcome

Opening Prayer:

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us.

When we face darkness and death, walk beside us.

When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence.

When we are fearful, feed us at your table.

May we dwell in your house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives.

**Amen.**

God's Greeting

Mutual Greetings

Songs: "What Can I Do"

"He Knows My Name"

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God's Grace

Song of Response: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Offering, for Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

Prayers of God's People

Scripture: John 10:1-18

Sermon: **I AM: The Shepherd and the Gate**

Prayer

God's Blessing:

Nourished by the Shepherd's abundant love,

go forth to walk in the paths of righteousness.

Love one another in truth and action.

**May God's abundant blessings remain on us forever. Amen**

Closing Song: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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

- Please continue to pray for Keith C. He continues to make improvements, bit by bit, and doctors are working to wean him off of dialysis treatments, breathing machines and antibiotics. Please keep Keith and Connie in your prayers, that God's healing grace may be upon him.
- A prayer of thanksgiving from Andrew and Heidi D about Lincoln who spent a night at Comer children's hospital in Chicago, due to some pain and a potential infection. He responded to treatment, was discharged and came home the next day! Praise God for his providential hand!
- We extend our sympathy to Dan and Lisa Zylstra and family as they mourn the loss of a close uncle Rev. David Zylstra. Pray for his family, for Dan's dad, and others as they mourn his loss. We praise God for the comfort we have in Christ!
- Prayers for Elmer, Ted & Donna, Corky, and others who are confined or struggle with health.

## 5 PM AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Welcome

Confession of Faith: Belgic Confession Article 1: The Only God

*We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths*

*that there is a single and simple spiritual being,*

*whom we call God—*

*eternal,*

*incomprehensible,*

*invisible,*

*unchangeable,*

*infinite,*

*almighty;*

*completely wise,*

*just,*

*and good,*

*and the overflowing source of all good.*

Opening Song: "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

Prayer

Time of Praise:

- "Amazing Love" (You Are My King)
- "This Is My Father's World"
- "I Love Your Church, O Lord"

Mark 12:13-27

Mark Manuscript Sermon Study: **Trapping Jesus**

Prayer

Closing Song: "Savior Again to Your Dear Name We Raise"

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** will meet at the home of Dianne DV on Tuesday, April 5 at 1:30. We will be studying Lesson 11, Balanced Expectations.

**COUNCIL** will meet this week Tuesday at 7pm.

**COFFEE BREAK** meets on Wednesday's from 9:30am-11am. Nursery Provided.

**GEMS** will meet this week Wednesday, April 6. We will be doing various activities in preparation for GEMS Sunday on April 24. This is an important meeting! We will also make a craft. Be sure to turn in completed badges and devotions.

**Check your mailbox for other announcements and information!**

**INSPIRE 2022 - Aug. 4-6, 2022.** We are considering attending, as a group, only for the day, Friday, Aug. 5. Early registration is due by March 31. If you are interested, but did not attend meeting last Sunday morning, please contact Cindy Musch.

Thank you so much congregation for your donations to Anew/Teen Mother Choices! Janell Rottier, the director, was very thankful for your generosity! Now we have **ANOTHER REQUEST**: One of the mom's is graduating out of the program this year and we are looking for at least 3 people who would be willing to help with the graduation dinner. It will be on May 19 from 6-8pm at the Crown Point CRC. This would be a great opportunity to serve and witness what God is doing through the program. If you are interested, please talk to Marla VM

**CPR/AED Training:** Some of you may have noticed that our church has an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) on the wall, by the coffee table. That machine can save a life and it is easy to use, should it be needed someday. Knowing how to do CPR, along with using the AED, can save a person's life is as little as 2 minutes and it is absolutely possible for anyone to learn how to do CPR and use the AED! Due to some interest in learning how to do both, Andrea Z. is willing to teach a class to whoever is interested in learning these very easy lifesaving skills. There is no set date or time at this point, this is just a call out to see who is interested. It is highly encouraged for anyone who would like to learn not only adult CPR, but also infant CPR, how to relieve infant choking, and how to use the AED, to come to this class. The class takes approximately 2.5 to 3 hrs. and you will walk out knowing some amazing skills, that hopefully you will never need to use, but if you do, you can save a life! Please email, call or text Andrea Z. if interested. If there is interest, a future date/time will be set. [andreaaffemt@yahoo.com](mailto:andreaaffemt@yahoo.com) or text or call 262-705-7280.

**Bible League** Illiana Division Volunteers are hosting a special **luncheon at Teibel's** Restaurant on Thursday, April 21 at 11:30am. Learn about the impact of ministry around the world and enjoy a fun fashion show. Reach out to Ruth or Rachel Broertjes for tickets – 219-987-2920. You will also have an opportunity to partner in sharing God's Word. Tickets for Chicken or Perch - \$20

Come to **WORSHIP NIGHT ON APRIL 16 AT 6 PM AT SPENCER PARK!** There will be yard games, snacks and refreshments at 5 pm and worship will begin at 6. This event is being organized by Covenant Christian High School students Kendra Zylstra and Nathan Bennett. Please call/text 219-743-8125 with questions and for more information, or visit DeMotte Christian Schools' Facebook page. (In case of inclement weather, it will be in Covenant's gym). Also, bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Hope to see you there for a great night of fellowship and worship!!

Oak Grove Nursing Home has a critical **need for volunteers** to help with opportunities such as assisting in Bible studies, bingo, arts and crafts and other social functions. If interested, you will need a TB test that they provide. Call 219 987 9227.

**THE MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE** will begin Tuesday, April 12 at 4:00 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**

**DMCS Bylaw Changes 2021-2022** – Society members will vote on proposed Foundation Bylaws. Hard copies of these changes are available at either campus (DeMotte Christian Grade School or Covenant Christian High School).

DMCS Society Meeting – April 12, 2022 – DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. strongly encourage you to attend the Annual Society Meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at 7pm at Covenant Christian High School. Society members will vote on the proposed advisory budget, new Board members, and proposed Foundation Bylaws. The bylaws require that a member “be 18 years of age or older and have individually contributed a minimum of \$50 to the school corporation in the 13 months prior to the publication of the agenda.”

If submitting an absentee ballot for board members, a member must complete the election ballot AND the member affirmation statement, place in a sealed envelope, sign the outside, and turn in to the school offices. Hard copies of the Society booklets and Annual Financial report are available at either campus DMC Grade School or CC High School. The annual Financial Report will not be opened for discussion, it is simply provided to give insight and transparency into the financials of DMCS.

#### **Restored Resale Inc.**

Restored Resale, a DMCS partner, is in desperate need of volunteers and monetary donations to get the store up and running. They have a great many needs to meet, so please consider how you may be able to help them. Contact them at [RestoredResaleInc@gmail.com](mailto:RestoredResaleInc@gmail.com) to find out more and get involved. Thank you!

#### **DMC JOB OPENINGS FOR 2022-2023**

##### **Full-time Elementary Teaching Position for 2022-2023**

DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc is accepting applications for a full-time elementary teacher position. Grade level of the position to be determined based on the candidate's strength and current teaching staff. Applicants should hold at least a baccalaureate degree in elementary education from an accredited college or university and be an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion. Although not a requirement, it is preferred that candidates possess leadership qualities or a special education background. Opportunities to lead extracurricular activities or athletics are also available. The position will be posted until filled. If interested, please submit your cover letter, resume, and a completed application to the contact below. Contact: Dan Weaver DeMotte Christian Grade School Assistant Principal  
Phone: 219.987.3721 Email: [dweaver@dmcsemail.org](mailto:dweaver@dmcsemail.org)

##### **Junior High Science Teaching Position for 2022-2023**

DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. is accepting applications for a full-time Junior High Science teacher. Applicants should hold at least a baccalaureate degree in secondary education from an accredited college or university and be an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion. Although not a requirement, it is preferred that candidates possess leadership qualities or a special education background. Opportunities to lead extracurricular activities or athletics are also available. Position will be posted until filled. Contact: Mr. Dan Weaver DeMotte Christian Grade School  
Email: [dweaver@dmcsemail.org](mailto:dweaver@dmcsemail.org) Phone: 219.987.3721

## **DMCS JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

DMCS is looking to create a list of **substitute custodians** if any of our current custodians need additional help or are absent. If you are interested, please contact Superintendent Hucks at [lhucks@dmcsemail.org](mailto:lhucks@dmcsemail.org).

Do you have a CDL with a passenger endorsement, or are you interested in obtaining one? DMCS is in need of **bus drivers** for the 2022-2023 school year! For more details, contact Jill Struble at [jstruble@dmcsemail.org](mailto:jstruble@dmcsemail.org).

### **High School English Teacher**

The applicant should be passionate about teaching English to students from a Reformed perspective. The applicant would teach classes including, but not limited to Composition, Literature, Speech, Film Literature, and Writing at the high school levels. The applicant should have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. If interested, complete an application (found at [demottechristianschools.org](http://demottechristianschools.org)) and submit it to the contact below.

### **High School Foreign Language Teacher**

The applicant should be passionate about teaching foreign language to students from a Reformed perspective. The applicant would teach either Spanish, French, German, or Latin at the high school level. There are potential opportunities to teach PE, Health, Child Development, or English, as well. The applicant should have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. If interested, complete an application (found at [demottechristianschools.org](http://demottechristianschools.org)) and submit it to the contact below.

### **High School PE/Health Instructor**

The applicant will teach classes including 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade PE, Advanced PE, and Health at the high school level. The applicant may also teach classes such as English or Family and Consumer Science courses. Applicants should have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. If interested, complete an application (found at [demottechristianschools.org](http://demottechristianschools.org)) and submit it to the contact below.

Contact: Mr. Richard DeFries                      Covenant Christian High School Principal  
Email: [rdefries@dmcsemail.org](mailto:rdefries@dmcsemail.org)                      Phone: 219.987.7651

***If interested in high school level positions, direct questions/submit applications to Rick DeFries, CCHS Principal, at [rdefries@dmcsemail.org](mailto:rdefries@dmcsemail.org) (or call 219-987-7651). Applications may be found at [www.demottechristianschools.org](http://www.demottechristianschools.org), under the “About” tab drop down menu, “Employment Opportunities” tab.***

### **DMCS Important Dates:**

March 28:	Kal-Bro Gift Card Fundraiser Begins (ends April 11)
April 7:	Suds for a Cause Pick Up at DMC from 2:45-4pm
April 8:	Grandparent’s Day
April 8-9:	CCHS Spring Musical: ANNIE, 7:30pm both nights
April 11	Kal-Bro Gift Card Fundraiser Ends
April 12:	Society Meeting at CCHS @ 7pm
April 15 and 18	School in Session
April 21-22:	DMC Junior High Musical Disney’s “The Jungle Book” @ 7pm
April 24	Christian Education Sunday
April 25-29	CCHS Service Week