



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.

Today we welcome Pastor John Gorter. AM: "Going Forward" from Philippians 3:12-4:1. At the 5pm service he will look at Lord's Day 1 – "The Christian's Only Comfort" from Romans 8:28-39.

Next week Pastor Ken Anema will lead us in worship. He is an instructor at Divine Hope.

Ray Vander Laan series will resume TODAY after the morning worship in the council room.

SERVING TODAY	August 6
Nursery:AM	Marla and Belle
Piano:	Amy
Usher AM	Russ
Greeters	Jon & Amy (E), Scott & Nanci (S).
Media Shout	Riley
Offering AM	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK August 13	
Nursery:AM	Bailee and Carli
Piano:	Amy
Usher AM	Russ
Greeters	Jon & Amy (E), Scott & Nanci (S).
Media Shout	Katie
Offering AM	Ministries of Bethel and Elim Christian Services

CHURCH FAMILY: PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:

- Elmer VM who has been put on hospice care. Keep Elmer and Norma in your prayers.
- Emmett DB - He is doing well and they say the surgery was a success. Gaining strength every day and looking forward to complete healing and release to go about normal activities.
- Henry D., Ruth D.V. Elmer & Norma, Wayne & Carolyn, Andy & Cheryl, Barb E, Rich K, Ted & Donna
- Carollyn B - continued prayers for recovery, healing and reconstruction over the next several months. Prayers of thanksgiving that she is cancer free.
- Carolyn VV - prayers for healing from her surgery. Also pray that she can regain mobility.
- Prayers for students and teachers as they head back to the classroom this week.

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

*Please Stand for Our Opening Song
"Be Still for the Presence" 3 vs.

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Time of Praise

"Wonderful Words of Life" 3vs

"Standing on the Promises" 4 vs

Please Be Seated!

Prayer of Confession/God's Will

Song of Response: "Amazing Grace" vs 1.2.3.5

Offering will be received for Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

Morning Prayer

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-4:1

Text: Philippians 3:12-4:1

Message: "**Going Forward**"

Prayer

*Please Stand for God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: "My Jesus I Love Thee" vs 1,2,4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL will meet this week Tuesday at 7pm.

Our **GEMS** program will begin meeting again soon and **WE ARE IN NEED OF A FEW VOLUNTEERS** to teach small groups. We meet 2 nights per month and have 1 counselors meeting per quarter. Please contact Stephanie if you are interested in helping out.

LAST CHANCE: IF COFFEE BREAK IS GOING TO CONTINUE AT BETHEL WE WILL NEED AN ADDITIONAL PERSON TO HELP LEAD. It is a challenge, but also a blessing to be involved in studying the Bible with others. We have good materials available and leader's guides are helpful. If you feel led to help, please talk to Velma.

TOUCH OF DUTCH - SATURDAY, AUG.12 – Bethel looking for volunteers!

In an effort to reach out, Bethel will be handing out Bethel information, words of encouragement and a gift to non-members who choose to use our parking area during the day of the Touch of Dutch Festival. We are looking for at least 2 volunteers every hour throughout the main hours of the festival. **PLEASE CHECK SIGN-UP SHEET ON TABLE** in back of church if interested in volunteering. Thank you!



Mark Your Calendars! Saturday, Sept. 16!
BETHEL'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
will be held at Spencer Park. Lots of food!
Lots of fun! and Lots of fellowship!
Watch for more details in the weeks to come.

5PM WORSHIP

Welcome

Please Stand for our Opening Song:

"Count Your Blessings" vs.1,2,4

Opening Prayer

Time of Praise:

"Day by Day" 3 vs

"Victory in Jesus" 3 vs

Please Be Seated

Prayer

Scripture: Romans 8:28-39

Text: Lord's Day 1

Message: **The Christian's Only Comfort"**

Prayer

Please Stand for God's Parting Blessing

Closing Song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" 3 vs.

Lord's Day 1 – Heidelberg Catechism

Q&A 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,

but belong—

body and soul,

in life and in death—

to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way

that not a hair can fall from my head

without the will of my Father in heaven:

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,

Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready

from now on to live for him.

Q&A 2

Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three things:

first, how great my sin and misery are;

second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;

third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

A big THANK YOU to all who answered the call for the Bible Love Letters. So far we have received \$230. It's not too late to give. God Bless. Ruth & Rachel BLI Volunteers.

There is an **UPDATED AUGUST BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR** in your mailbox today. There were a couple dates missing on the first print. If you see any additions or corrections, please let Bailee or Shiela know. Thank you!

The ***IRBC Basic Training Course in Biblical Counseling*** is for those who really want to grow in a practical understanding of God's Word as it applies to the common problems people experience. For more information and an online registration form, go to www.reformedbiblicalcounseling.org

Looking for a way to SERVE. Contact Anna VW and sign up to help in the nursery on Sunday mornings. There is also a sign-up sheet on the round table in back of church. s