



## Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, August 15, 2021  
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219-987-2005  
9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Services

Welcome! This morning Pastor Rick will look at Colossians 1: 15-23 – “Jesus is Greater – the Supremacy of Christ”. Join us for our 5pm service as he will continue in Amos, looking at Amos 9 – “Hope Restored!”

We welcome Jim & Karen Getz who will be giving a ministry report on their work with the Navigators at Michigan State University.

**August 29**, will be a “LET’S GO! LET’S GROW!! SUNDAY” in which we will be kicking off the new school season and showcasing our educational programs and ministries. This would be a great opportunity to invite a neighbor or any others you know to come and check things out. As we have been practicing hospitality with each other this month, you are now encouraged to invite someone new to come and be a part of this visitor’s service.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS!** Over the past month we’ve encouraged the congregation members to open their homes to others, inviting people over for a meal, a coffee/tea-time, a drink, as an opportunity to deepen our fellowship with one another. While this “month of Sundays” will be over this weekend, we still want to encourage the kind of hospitality that goes beyond just being friendly to continue being inviting.

<b>SERVING TODAY</b>	<b>August 15</b>
Nursery:	Laura Visscher, Kim Kuiper
Piano:	Marla VanderMolen
Usher AM:	Wes Van Bruggen
Media Shout	Scott VanVlymen
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Oak Grove Retirement Village

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](http://www.bethelcrcdemotte.org). Thank you!

<b>SERVING NEXT WEEK</b>	<b>August 22</b>
Nursery:	Stephanie Konvalinka, Pam VanSchouwen
Piano:	Dan Zylstra
Usher AM:	Wes Van Bruggen
Media Shout	Todd Nanninga
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and the Gifford’s

## MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome  
Opening Song of Praise – “Holy Is the Lord”  
Prayer of Praise  
God’s Greeting  
“Rejoice the Lord is King”  
“Cornerstone”  
Prayer of Confession  
God’s Good News of Grace:  
Song of Praise: “Amazing Grace” – vv. 1-3 (Acapella)  
Bible Memory: Colossians 3:1-2  
Jim & Karen Getz – Ministry Report  
Prayers of God’s People  
Scripture: Colossians 1:15-23  
Sermon: **Jesus is Greater – the Supremacy of Christ**  
Prayer  
God’s Parting Blessing  
Closing Song: “Jesus Shall Reign”

## AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Welcome  
Song of Praise: “O Worship the King” – vs. 1,2,3,4  
Prayers of Praise  
Confession of Faith: Apostles’ Creed  
Songs:

- “In Christ Alone”
- “God Who Touches Earth with Beauty”

Prayers of God’s People  
Scripture: Amos 9  
Sermon: **Hope Restored!**  
Prayer  
Parting Blessing  
Closing Song: “Lord of All Hopefulness”

**CHURCH FAMILY** --Please keep in prayer:

- \* Rich and Fran Kros
- \* Bill VanderWoude. Pray for complete healing.
- \* Ted and Donna Hoekstra, Towne Centre, 7250 Arthur Blvd. Room 151, Merrillville, IN 46410
- \* Pray for our college-bound students as they are traveling or preparing to attend college and university.
- \* Pray also for our schools, teachers, students, and leadership as they have begun a new school year.

**MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Wednesday 12:00pm Ladies Afternoon picnic lunch at Spencer Park  
1:00pm Phil's Friends at the Connection Center till 3pm  
7:00pm Worship Team  
Saturday 10:00am Men's Fun Shoot

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Nominations for Office Bearers:** The council requests nominations from the congregation for those who could serve as elders and deacons. For next year we need 1 elder and 2 deacons. They will each serve a 2-year term. A nomination letter was placed in everyone's mailboxes and there are extra copies on the round tables. Please return them to the council room by September 7. Those now serving are:

**ELDERS**

Ron Bakker (21) Vicar  
Larry Ouwenga (22) Clerk  
Hank VanderWall (22)  
Russ VanderMolen (22) Pres.  
Mike Zickmund (22)

**DEACONS**

Michael VanSchouwen (21) Secr.  
Jeff Jansma (21) Chairman  
Dan Zylstra (22) Treas.  
Andrew Dunham (22) Asst. Treas.  
Jeremy Visscher (22) Benevolence

**GEMS** will begin on Wednesday, September 1 for all girls 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be meeting the first and third Wednesdays from 7 PM -8:30 PM. Watch for updates and info.

The Sunday School Year will begin soon. **Parents, please sign up your students** on the sign-up sheet in the narthex if they are preschool age or older. **WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF TEACHERS** to teach our 4-year-old through 7th grade students. Responsibilities could be split between many individuals. The more that volunteer, the better it is for everyone. Anyone interested or even intrigued should contact Dan Zylstra at 708-341-2155 or [djzylstra@gmail.com](mailto:djzylstra@gmail.com) to let him know.

**THERE IS A NEED FOR HELP WITH CADETS** of at least two guys to help lead the 1st - 3rd graders, currently there will be 6-7 of them. Is that something that you might be able to help with? Please give that some prayerful consideration, and let Dan Walstra know – 219-689-0459. Thank you.

**Ladies Afternoon Bible Study** will be having a **PICNIC LUNCH** Wednesday, August 18, 12:00 noon at Spencer Park. There is a signup sheet on the round table in the narthex if you plan to attend and if you're willing to bring a dish to share. Chicken and beverages provided. We welcome new members!

**ATTENTION MEN!** Tired of hearing its lady's night out again? Then here is your chance to meet up for a **MEN'S MORNING OUT!** **Join us THIS SATURDAY**, August 21 – start time 10am for a **FUN SHOOT**. Try your hand at clay birds or just do some target practice for fun. See, call or text Kurt 219-869-3523 or Russ VanderMolen 219-869-8759 for more details. We will meet at the former original VanderMolen farm from 10am to noon. Need directions text Kurt or Russ.

**WORSHIP TEAM** will meet this week Wednesday at 7pm.

**EXECUTIVE TEAM** will meet on Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Phil's Friends- Wednesday, August 18, 1:00-3:00.** DeMotte Connection Center. Join us for our monthly gathering where you can GATHER with others from our community, GO to give your time and talents and GROW in your love and support for those battling cancer. Join us in tying fleece blankets, decorating Care Packages or coloring Cards of Hope. Donations Items are appreciated. We are in need of crayons, markers, Sharpies and colored pencils for our sessions. Any donations can be placed in the basket under our bulletin board in foyer. Also, check out the list of needed items for the Care Packages posted on the bulletin board. Any questions, contact Cindy Musch - 219-863-6864. Thank you! Hope to see you there!

The **Good Neighbor Food Pantry** located in DeMotte would like to thank Bethel CRC for your support through prayers, food and monetary gifts. For the months of April, May and June we fed a total of 495 adults and children. We will gladly accept any extra vegetables from your gardens. We are opened every Wednesday from 9:30am to 12 noon. This summer we opened a few extra hours on the last Wednesday of the month from 5pm to 7pm to accommodate families who are working and can't make it during the day. Those who receive food appreciate all that the pantry does. Thank you!

**SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DMCS Fall Fundraiser:** DMCS students are selling Mrs. Fields cookies, tumblers, and so much more now through August 26! Contact any elementary or high school student for the catalog or order a tumbler online at [tiny.cc/demottesale](http://tiny.cc/demottesale). Thank you for supporting DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.!

DMCS Important Dates:

August 23:	First Day of School PK4
August 24:	First Day of School PK3
August 26:	Fall Fundraiser Ends
September 7:	DMCS Board Meeting
September 15:	Mrs. Fields Cookie Dough Pick Up at DMC, 2:45-4:00pm
September 22:	"See You at The Pole" (DMC-7:40am)
October 2:	58th Annual Harvest Sale