



Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, August 22, 2021

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

Welcome! This morning Pastor Rick will look at Colossians 1: 24-2:5 – “Stewards of the Mystery”. Join us for our 5pm service as he will be doing an “Intro to the Heidelberg Catechism” from Psalm 78:1-8.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, August 29, “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.

SERVING TODAY

August 22

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

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!

CHURCH FAMILY --Please keep in prayer:

- * Elmer VanderMolen
- * Bill VanderWoude has moved to the community health and rehab care in Crown Point to undergo rehab. Pray that he will become stronger and continue a good recovery
- * Ashley VanderWoude has been struggling with rheumatoid arthritis. Pray for her as she struggles with this.
- * Ted and Donna Hoekstra, Towne Centre, 7250 Arthur Blvd. Room 151, Merrillville, IN 46410

Please also be in prayer for the situation in Afghanistan - so much to consider: from societal chaos, the abuse and subjugation of women and children, the persecution of Christian, the hopelessness and despair of anyone who enjoyed the promise of freedom, the harsh restrictiveness of the Taliban, and the hearts of those who think sharia law is the only answer. Pray for Afghanistan!

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7:00pm Executive Team

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Prayer for God’s Holy Spirit

Song: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Call to Worship

God’s Greeting

Songs of Praise:

- “Beautiful One”
- “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Prayer of Confession

God’s News of Amazing Grace

“Amazing Grace – My Chains Are Gone”

Memory Verse: Colossians 3:1-2

Prayers of God’s People

Scripture: Colossians 1:24-2:5

Sermon: **Stewards of the Mystery**

Prayer

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: “What Can I Do”

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Video prelude – “I Am Not My Own”

Welcome

Song of Praise: “Across the Lands”

Prayer of Praise

Songs of Worship

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

Time of Prayer and Intercession

Scripture: Psalm 78:1-8

Sermon/Teaching – Intro to the Heidelberg Catechism

Prayer

Closing Song – “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

SERVING NEXT WEEK August 29

Nursery: Jori Jansma, Brenda Vanderwal
Piano: Dan Zylstra
Usher AM: Wes Van Bruggen
Media Shout Scott Vanvlymen
Offering Ministries of Bethel and Mobility Ministries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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" is over, we still want to encourage the kind of hospitality that goes beyond just being friendly and to continue being inviting.

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	DEACONS
Ron Bakker (21) Vicar	Michael VanSchouwen (21) Secr.
Larry Ouwenga (22) Clerk	Jeff Jansma (21) Chairman
Hank VanderWall (22)	Dan Zylstra (22) Treas.
Russ VanderMolen (22) Pres.	Andrew Dunham (22) Asst. Treas.
Mike Zickmund (22)	Jeremy Visscher (22) Benevolence

EXECUTIVE TEAM will meet on Tuesday, August 24th at 7pm.

GEMS will begin on Wednesday, September 1 for all girls 1st thru 8th 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 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 boys. 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.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DMCS FALL FUNDRAISER: DMCS students are selling Mrs. Fields cookies, tumblers now through August 26! Contact any elementary or high school student to order Mrs. Fields cookies or order a tumbler online at tiny.cc/demottesale. Thank you for supporting DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.! For more information, please call DMC at 219-987-3721 ext. 110.

2021 JOG-A-THON! It's back! Covenant Service Committee is again hosting the annual Jog-a-thon.

When? Wednesday, September 8 from 12:30-2:30pm

Where? Field of Dreams

Why? To help fund Service Week 2022.

How can you help? By giving a donation to students when they call or ask.

We are so grateful for your past support and are looking forward to a wonderful day on the track!

For more information, please call CCHS at 219-987-3721 ext. 210.

DMCS Important Dates:

August 23: First Day of School PK4

August 24: First Day of School PK3

August 26: Fall Fundraiser Ends

August 31: PIE Sponsored "Back to School Night" (PS-Grade 5)

September 6: Labor Day - No School

September 7: DMCS Board Meeting

September 8: CCHS Jog-A-Thon at Field of Dreams

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

October 5: Butter Braid Fundraiser Begins

October 21-22: Fall Break

October 26: Butter Braid Fundraiser Ends

October 28: Red Cross Blood Drive @ Keener Township (1pm-6pm)