



## Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, August 29, 2021

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

**“LET’S GO! LET’S GROW!! SUNDAY”** This morning we are kicking off the new season and showcasing our educational programs and ministries. We welcome any visitors today that have joined us!

This morning Pastor Rick will look at Colossians 2:6-15 -- “Knowing is Growing!” Join us for our 5pm service as he will be continuing his study on the Heidelberg Catechism this week looking at Q & A 1 “The Comfort of Belonging”.

### ***SERVING TODAY***

**August 29**

Nursery:	Jori J., Brenda V.
Piano:	Dan Z.
Usher AM:	Wes V B
Media Shout	Scott V.
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Mobility Ministries

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!

### ***SERVING NEXT WEEK*** **September 5**

Nursery:	Heidi D., Lisa Z.
Piano:	Amy D.
Usher AM:	Mike Z.
Media Shout	Ryan S.
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

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

- \* Elmer V.M. - we are grateful he has been blessed with longer periods of strength due to a change of medical treatment.
- \* Bill V.W. - was released from rehab and is now at home with Duane and Cindy for the time being. Pray he will continue to grow stronger and can return to his apartment in time.
- \* Ashley V.W. - struggles with some pain and discomfort. Pray for relief and health.
- \* Ted and Donna H, Towne Centre, 7250 Arthur Blvd. Room 151, Merrillville, IN 46410
- \* We extend our Christian sympathy to Mike and Andrea Z. at the passing of Mike’s father, who went to be with his Lord and Savior Thursday afternoon. We pray that the Lord will bless them with comfort and strength! Funeral arrangements will be shared once they are made.

## MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Song of Praise: “Better is One Day”

Prayer

God’s Greeting

Call to Worship: Psalm 63:1–4

Time of Worship

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

“He Knows My Name”

Prayer of Confession

God’s Good News of Amazing Grace

Response: “God, You’re So Good”

Memory Verse – Colossians 3:1-2

Prayers of God’s People

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-15

Sermon: **Knowing is Growing!**

Prayer

Parting Blessing

Closing Song – “We Receive Your Blessing”

## AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Welcome

“Open The Eyes of My Heart”

Prayer of Praise

God’s Greeting

Songs of Praise

Shout to The Lord

This Is My Father’s World

Prayers of God’s People

Scriptures: Romans 14:7-9, 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Confession of Faith – HC – Q&A 1

Sermon: **The Comfort of Belonging**

Prayer

Closing Song – “In Christ Alone”

## MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 7:00pm GEMS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

Immediately following the AM service on September 12, all church members who do or may work with youth, including nursery volunteers, Sunday School, GEMS, Cadets, and any others, should meet in the church basement to review best practices for working with youth. This will help us best meet the needs of our young people and also ensure compliance with our liability insurance carrier.

The **Bethel Sunday School season will officially begin on September 19**. Students will finish their activities at 11:45. Council thanks those that have volunteered their time to help instruct our church's youth. We are still in need of substitutes and individuals who would be willing to teach a class once a month to complete the schedule. Anyone interested contact Dan Zylstra at 708-341-2155 or [djzylstra@gmail.com](mailto:djzylstra@gmail.com).

**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 B. (21)  
Larry O. (22)  
Hank V W (22)  
Russ V. M. (22)  
Mike Z. (22)

#### DEACONS

Michael V.S. (21)  
Jeff J. (21)  
Dan Z. (22).  
Andrew D. (22)  
Jeremy V. (22)

A new group of Bethel members are being encouraged to write to our missionaries in September. A note is in your mailbox. Of course any one can write any of the missionaries at any time. Note that the VanderMolens have returned to Cambodia, The Gifford's have returned to Mexico City and the Schering's are back in the states for the rest of the year.

**SAVE THE DATE:** On September 19 at 5pm we will be joining our sister churches at Community CRC in Roselawn for a combined Mission Emphasis service entitled "The Call: DeMotte to Africa." We will hear testimonies from Mark Luckey (Director of Every Child Ministries in Hebron) and Aaron Shupe (DMCS teacher-turned-missionary). Several other DeMotte-to-Africa missions/missionaries will be represented as well. Missionary Eric Schering will be sharing a message entitled, "God at Work Among the Nations Big Time!" Nursery will be provided. Please make plans to join us for this exciting night of worship!

All bulletin announcements are asked to be turned in by 6pm on Thursday's. Also, if you request something be put in the bulletin or need copies made please let me know who it is from in case there is a question so we know who to contact. Thanks, Shiela

Bible League's **Spreading the Fragrance of Life conference** is Saturday morning, September 25 at Faith Church in Dyer, Indiana from 8-12:30. Register online at [bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets). Cost \$20. Check out your mailbox for more information.

### SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FALL DMCS SPIRIT WEAR SALE** The Fall Spirit Wear Sale is now LIVE! Visit [https://cchsdmcspiritwear2021.itemorder.com/sale?read\\_message=true](https://cchsdmcspiritwear2021.itemorder.com/sale?read_message=true) to place your order through Varsity Sports. The sale ends September 3 and orders will be sent home with students once they arrive or may be picked up at the schools. Happy shopping!

### 2021 JOG-A-THON

It's back! Covenant Service Committee is once 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.

**PINT-SIZE HERO RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** DMC is sponsoring an October blood drive on October 28 at the Keener Township Fire Department from 1-6pm. More details to follow!

### 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)