



## Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, August 8, 2021

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

We welcome you to worship today for our Celebration Sunday! During the morning worship service, we celebrate God's working in the hearts of four of our Covenant young people and adults as Kurt VanderMolen, Maria Nanninga, Morgan Schaafsma and Desirae Nanninga proclaim Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord! We praise the Lord for this precious opportunity to see God's Spirit at work. Please join us following the morning worship for a time of cake and fellowship

This morning Pastor Rick will look at Colossians 1 – “Praying to Grow in Christ”. Join us for our 5pm service as he will continue in Amos, looking at Amos 8 – “The Worst Kind of Famine!”

**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.

Today marks the fourth week of a month of “hospitality Sundays” in which we are being encouraged to consider opening our home to others, whether today, or sometime during the week, for a meal, a coffee/tea-time, a drink, as an opportunity to deepen our fellowship with one another. Who is someone you'd like to get to know better? Who have you not had the opportunity to get to know that much yet? Consider remedying that, by extending an invite!

### **SERVING TODAY**

#### **August 8**

Nursery:	Anna Vanderwal, Riley Schaafsma
Piano:	Amy Dekker
Usher AM:	Larry Ouwenga
Media Shout	Katie Eenigenburg
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and The Lift Project

Today the Deacons will take an offering for the Lift Fund. We are very close to completely paying back the temporary loans taken earlier this year to finish the project. We thank the congregation for their generosity in making our church accessible.

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!

## MORNING WORSHIP

We've Come to Exalt Jesus – Philippians 2:6-11

Song of Praise: “Ancient of Days”

Prayer of Praise

God's Greeting

Songs of Praise

“Good Good Father”

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

God's Will for Our Lives - Memory Verse – Colossians 3:1-2

Profession of Faith of Desirae Nanninga, Maria Nanninga,  
Morgan Schaafsma, Kurt VanderMolen

Prayers for Blessing!

Prayers of God's People

Scripture: Colossians 1:1-14

Sermon: **Praying to Grow in Christ**

Prayer

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: “Benediction Song”

## AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Welcome

Song of Praise: “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Prayer

Reading of Scripture: Psalm 19

A reminder of our Confessions: Belgic Confession article 2

Praise:

- “How Great Thou Art”
- “Speak, O Lord”

Prayers of God's People

Scripture: Amos 8

Sermon: **The Worst Kind of Famine**

Prayer

Closing Song: “O Word of God, Incarnate”

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

- \* Elmer and Norma VanderMolen
- \* Rich and Fran Kros
- \* Bill VanderWoude. He is waiting to be released from Vibra hospital to enter rehab to build up his strength. Pray for complete healing.
- \* Ted and Donna Hoekstra, Towne Centre, 7250 Arthur Blvd. Room 151, Merrillville, IN 46410

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

Thursday 7:00pm "GO" Team Meeting. See announcement

**SERVING NEXT WEEK August 15**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The membership of Elizabeth DeJong (Bakker) was transferred to Immanuel United Reformed Church on her request. We wish her the Lord's blessings in her new church home.

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.

THIS Thursday, August 12 **"GO" TEAM MEETING** 7 pm. All team leaders, team members and any others who would be interested in having a conversation on how we could be more "go" oriented in our teams etc... Come, join us and see where we can "GO" as Bethel Church.

**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 table in the narthex if you plan to attend and if you're willing to bring a dish to share. Chicken and beverages will be 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 on Saturday, August 21 – **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE** – 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.

**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!

**SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DMCS Magazine/Tumbler/Cookie Dough Sale**

DMCS's Annual Magazine Sale is nearly here! Students will also sell the delicious Mrs. Fields cookies and tumblers! Contact a current elementary or high school student after August 12. What a wonderful way to place a new subscription or re-new a current one AND support DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.!

**DMC Invites You!** DeMotte Christian School will begin their 75th year on August 11! We extend an invitation to our parents, grandparents, and society members to join us for the opening chapel on the first day of school at 8:10 a.m. in the All-Purpose room. We ask that you continue to uphold DMC in your daily prayers as we celebrate 75 years of God's blessings!

DMCS Important Dates:

August 9/10:	Teacher In-Service
August 10:	DMC Junior High Orientation, 6:30-7:30pm
August 11:	First Day of School (K - grade 12)
August 12:	DMCS Magazine/Tumbler/Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins
August 23:	First Day of School PK4
August 24:	First Day of School PK3
August 26:	DMCS Magazine/Tumbler/Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends