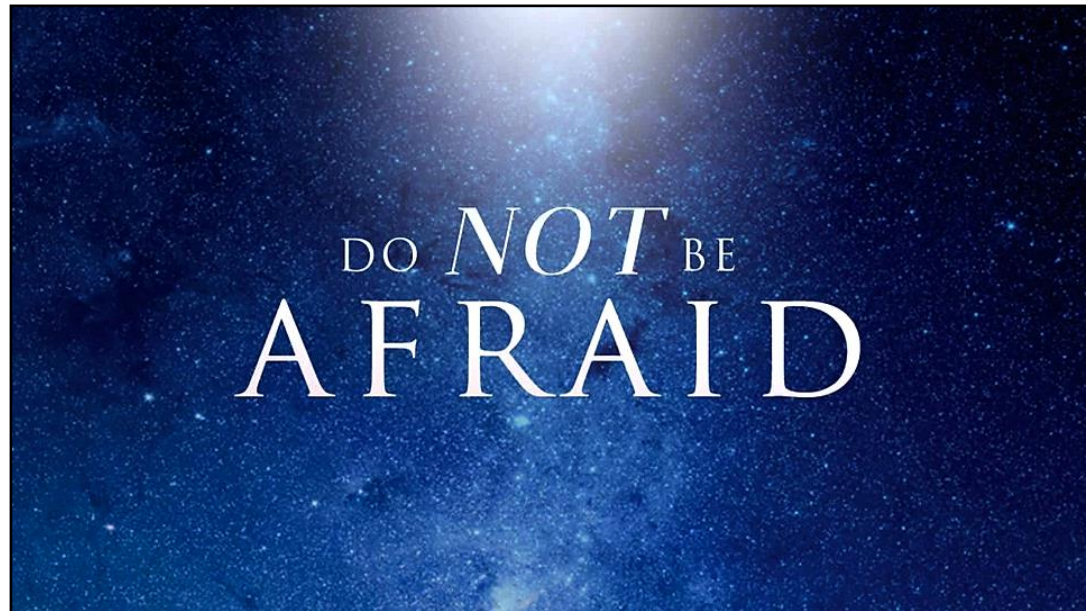


Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 20, 2020



Matthew 1:18-25

“Fear of a Ruined Reputation”

Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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We welcome you to worship on this fourth Sunday in Advent as we prepare our hearts and focus on the coming, the presence, and return of Jesus. Our series this year is: **Do NOT Be Afraid**. This morning Pastor Rick will be preaching from Matthew 1:18-25, on the “Fear of a Ruined Reputation”. **JOIN US AT 5PM TODAY for some Advent Reflections and for singing a number of Christmas carols!**

COME CELEBRATE OUR SAVIOR’S BIRTH! Bethel Church will be holding its **Christmas Morning Worship** on Friday morning, Dec. 25th at 9:30 a.m. Come, celebrate our Savior’s birth!

MORNING WORSHIP

Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come!

We light the Candle of Joy – Steve & Alice Reimers

Please stand for our Opening Song: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Prayer

God’s Greeting

Songs

- “King of Kings”
- “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Guide to Grateful Living

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18–25

Message: **“Fear of a Ruined Reputation”**

Please Stand for our Call to Service

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: “Jesus, the Light of the World”

SERVING TODAY

Piano

Usher AM:

Media Shout

Offering

December 20

Marla Vander Molen

Ryan Schaafsma

Scott VanVlymen

Ministries of Bethel and Benevolence



“SHOW ME JESUS” Sunday School and Catechism will resume January 10th.

THANK YOU TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL Students for a wonderful job at the Candlelight Service last week and helping us “**CELEBRATE THE GIFT**” of Jesus!

AGENDA & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday	10:40am	Sunday School/Catechism will NOT meet
Friday	9:30am	Christmas Morning Service

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome

Song: "Imagine"

Prayer

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:8-16

Songs:

- "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
- "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

Scripture: Luke 1:30-33

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Song: "Once in Royal David's City"

Time for Prayer

Mention of Hebrews 4:14-16

Prayers of the People

Meditation

Songs:

- "What Child Is This"
- "O Holy Night" – W/C 148

Closing Prayer

Closing Song: "Once in Royal David's City"

SERVING CHRISTMAS DAY

Piano	Dan Zylstra
Usher	Ryan Schaafsma
Media Shout	Scott VanVlymen
Offering	World Renew

SERVING NEXT WEEK December 27 (AM Service Only)

Piano	Marla Vander Molen
Usher AM:	Ryan Schaafsma
Media Shout	Scott VanVlymen
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Library

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIBRARY NEWS: Have you checked out the free books yet? We are in the process of revamping the library and will have extra books as well as other items available for free downstairs on a table by the library. Please maintain social distancing while you peruse through the items. Looking for some good reading over Christmas? **Check out a book rack in the library with all Christmas books!!**

CHURCH FAMILY: please be in prayer for:

- Duane VanderWoude
- Al and Mary DeVries. Mary continues to have her ups and downs with oxygen levels, and different attempts to keep those levels elevated range from regular oxygen through her nose or a Bi-Pap machine. She is dealing with a lot of anxiety and weariness. Let us pray for God's healing mercies so her lungs can be clear again and she can return home.
- Rich Buiter.
- Continue to keep Elmer VanderMolen in prayer.

To all my friends at Bethel CRC. Thanks so much for your prayers, cards and remembrances given to us at the sudden passing of Will. We both have a great love for Bethel where we worshipped for 37 years. You were a great part of our lives while we lived in DeMotte. Therese DeVries

Dear Bethel Church family. We want to thank you for your prayers, concerns, and expressions of sympathy as we experienced the loss of Brenda's father at the end of November. We also want to thank you for your Christmas cards, greetings and other expressions of encouragement. How good it is for us to be able to encourage each other. 2020 has been quite a year. But we continue to root our ultimate hope in the one who was born in Bethlehem. He once told his disciples, and tells us as well: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." God's peace be upon you all, and beyond, this Christmas! Love in Christ, Pastor Rick and Brenda

We welcome anyone who might be visiting with us here at Bethel!

In light of worshipping together with the social distancing restrictions still in place, we want to share some of the guidelines we are continuing to follow:

- There will be no greeters at church during this time.
- Usher will be present to help seat. Every other pew has been "cordoned off" by the placement of hymnals and Bibles on the seats.
- We ask and encourage that people adhere to CDC guidelines in terms of washing their hands, not touching their faces, and maintaining social distancing while we are together.
- We encourage if you are sick, have a temperature, or believe you are an "at risk" person, that you stay home and take advantage of the on-line service opportunity.
- In light of the Mask Mandate by Governor Holcomb, we strongly encourage the use of face coverings as you enter and exit the building, however you will not be turned away should you find it difficult to do so. Our number one concern is the health of our church family as we gather in worship, loving our God as well as our neighbor.
- There will not be an official nursery, with people there to watch children. Nursery will remain open in case a diaper needs to be changed, or to serve as a cry room if needed.
- Bathrooms are available. Again, please follow CDC guidelines about good hygiene.
- No offering plate will be passed during the worship service, but offering boxes will be available by the sanctuary doors in which you may place your gifts. Again, online giving continues to remain an option.
- Following the service, there will be no coffee or snack time. You are encouraged to NOT linger in the narthex, wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are a few **2021 GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS** available in the office for \$10. They make beautiful gifts!

DeMOTTE CHRISTIAN GRADE SCHOOL PRE-SCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN SIGN UPS

Beginning January 4, DeMotte Christian School will accept sign-ups for the 2021-2022 Pre-School and Kindergarten classes. Space is limited; all new families to the school will need to complete an application (available online at www.demottechristianschools.org). Call 219-987-3721 and leave your child's name, DOB, and class. We will record them in the order they were left and call you with confirmation.

For 3-Year-Old Pre-School (T/Th-am), your child must be 3 years old by August 1, 2021.

For 4-Year-Old Pre-School (M/W/F-am or M/W/F-pm), child must be 4 years old by August 1, 2021.

For Kindergarten (1/2 day or Full Day), your child must be 5 years old by August 1, 2021.

DMCS Important Dates:

December 18: End Quarter 2

Dec 21-Jan 3: Christmas Break

January 4: Students Return

January 4: PS(3), PS(4) and Kindergarten Sign Ups Begin

January 5: DMCS Board Meeting

January 5-19: "Bags for Bucks" Fundraiser

SERMON NOTES

9:30 a.m.

Scripture: Mathew 1:18-25

Message: "Fear of a Ruined Reputation"