

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2022



Luke 2:1-20

“Christ, the Heart of Christmas”

Bethel Christian Reformed Church

521 S. Halleck St., DeMotte, IN 46310

www.bethelcrcdemotte.org

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP whether in person or online. Welcome any visitors who have chosen to join us! Please take a welcome mug from the table in the narthex.

Today as we celebrate Christmas, we light the Christ Candle! Jesus is the light of the world. Pastor Laryn looks at **Christ – the Heart of Christmas from Luke 2:1-20**. There will be no 5pm service today.



“SUPERBOOK ACADEMY” THANK YOU to the Sunday School for your awesome program last week at the Candlelight Service – “Christmas in a Box!” We will see you all back on January 15, 2023!

There will be NO WORSHIP SERVICES here at Bethel on January 1. We are invited to join with First CRC for their morning worship. They will not have an afternoon service on January 1.

On **January 8** we welcome Pastor Don Jabaay to Bethel who will lead our services. We will celebrate the Lord’s Supper together, Lord willing, and also install our new elders and deacons. Elders: Rick Eenigenburg, Jon Dekker and Gary DeVries. Deacons: Nathan Vanderwal and Brent VanSchouwen. Thank you to our outgoing Elders: Larry Ouwenga, Mike Zickmund and Hank VanderWall and deacons Andrew Dunham and Dan Zylstra. Thank you for serving.

TODAY

Nursery:

Piano:

Usher AM:

Greeters

Sunday School

Media Shout

Offering

December 25

Steph, Heidi

Amy

Larry

Rich & Mary (S), Ron & Sue (E).

Christmas Break we resume January 15

Todd

Ministries of Bethel and Bible League

You can continue to give online as well at www.bethelcrcdemotte.org. Thank you!

SERVING

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January 8

Will be provided

Amy

Steve Reimers

Brent & Suzy (E), Scott & Nanci (S).

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Katie

Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc

CHURCH FAMILY: PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

- Rich K has moved to Towne Centre in Merrillville, Prayers for him as he makes this adjustment. Rich’s **New address:** Towne Centre, 7250 Arthur Blvd., Apartment 247, Merrillville, IN 46410
- Elmer & Norma, Wayne and Carolyn, Andy and Cheryl, Barb E, Amber G., Ted & Donna,
- Pastor Rick & Brenda: Blessings to them as they adjust in their new church home. Their New Address: 7550 Byron Center Ave SW, Byron Center, MI 49315

Welcome

*Opening Song: "Jesus Messiah"

*Call to Worship:

Leader: All who come from near and far,

People: Come and Worship

Leader: All who thirst for God

People: Come and Worship

Leader: All whose hearts overflow with gratitude and hope

People: Come and Worship

Leader: All whose hearts may be filled with despair or grief

People: Come and Worship

Leader: All who come with doubts or questions about life in Jesus

People: Come and Worship

Leader: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort

People: Come and Worship

Leader: Through the grace of God's Holy Spirit

People: Come, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

*Sing: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

We Light the Christ Candle

Please Stand for Song of Response: "Jesus, the Light of the World"

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Christmas

- "What Child Is This?"
- "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

Offering for: Ministries of Bethel and Bible League

Prayers of the People

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: **Christ - The Heart of Christmas**

Prayer

Parting Christmas Blessing

Closing Song:

- "Birthday of a King"

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARRYING ON THE PROMISE

We are blessed to share with the community the wonderful ways God has been working at DeMotte Christian Schools for over 75 years! We have an enrollment of nearly 520 students in grades preschool through 12 and are continually encouraged by the growth and progress each student exhibits during their time at DMCS. We praise God for His provision and pray He continues to guide us as we provide strong academic and spiritual foundations for our students.

As you know, growing the ministry of DMCS requires the faithful effort and support of many people. All the ways you lift up DeMotte Christian Schools are valued and vital to the growth of our student body and, in turn, God's kingdom. One way that we are seeking immediate support is through financial gifts toward our annual Carrying on the Promise campaign. This campaign helps us to continue fulfilling the promise of Christian education to God's covenant children.

Our goal this year is to raise \$130,000 through the Carrying on the Promise campaign. We are seeing a large influx of families inquiring about DMCS. More and more parents are wanting quality, Biblically-based education for their children. As our school grows and thrives, we are in need of increased resources to adequately provide the best education we can. We are extremely blessed to be able to minister to future generations and shape their Biblical worldview. We'd be so grateful for your support during this season of growth! If you would like more information on the Carrying on the Promise Campaign or want to make a donation, feel free to contact our Finance Manager, Shelley Dexter, 219-987-3721 ext. 112.

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

We are very excited to announce the enrollment information for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Please find the timeline below:

Preschool-Kindergarten Sign-ups Timeline (sign-ups will be done via a Google Form that will be available on our website, social media, and newsletter)

- Current Families 12/1-1/15
- New Families 1/9-15

Grades 1-12 Re-enrollment and Admission Timeline (this will be completed via FACTS)

- Staff & Current Families 12/15-1/15
- 2023-2024 Application opens for new families on 1/16

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE: Here we grow! We broke ground on September 29th, and Phase 1 of the building project has officially begun! We are expectant and hopeful about the big things God is doing within our schools. More information is available on our website and if you would like to partner with us, please email Buddy Hucks at lhucks@dmcsemail.org or Shelley Dexter at sdexter@dmcsemail.org. Thank you!

NOW HIRING! RESTORED RESALE is looking to hire part-time support staff starting in August for weekdays and Saturdays. Duties include cashiering, sorting and pricing donations, cleaning the store, etc. For more information or to request a job application, please email Carrie Rossi at rossi4ukraine@yahoo.com. Thank you!

PART-TIME PRESCHOOL TEACHER

DeMotte Christian Schools is growing and planning to expand its preschool program. With a building project expected to be completed at the Middle/High School campus by July of 2023, DMCS is looking for qualified candidates to join our team. DeMotte Christian Schools is located about an hour southeast

of Chicago in Northwest Indiana in a community that has strongly supported Christian education for the past 76 years. DMCS is anticipating to add at least one additional PK 3-year-old class and at least one additional PK 4-year-old class. This part-time position is expected to be a 40% position with the potential of more depending on enrollment. It is highly likely this position could be combined with another position to become full-time. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in early childhood or elementary education from an accredited college or university, agree fully with the school's statement of beliefs, be an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion, and be able to teach young children well. Opportunities to lead extracurricular activities or athletics are also available.

- Dan Weaver DeMotte Christian Grade & Middle School
- Phone: 219.987.3721 Email: dweaver@dmcsemail.org

PART-TIME GRADE SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL

DeMotte Christian Grade School is accepting applications for part-time paraprofessionals for second semester beginning in January of 2023. The ideal candidates should be an active member of a church, preferably a church from a Reformed persuasion. Candidates should be able to collaborate with classroom teachers, be flexible, and have a passion for working with children. Candidates with experience or having a degree in education are preferred but not necessary. If interested, please submit your cover letter, resume, and a completed general application to the contact below.

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DMCS JOB OPENINGS FOR 2022-2023

PART-TIME HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION TEACHER

DeMotte Christian High School is looking for a qualified individual who is skilled in construction and passionate about sharing their knowledge with high school students. This candidate should have a strong Christian faith, adhere to Reformed values, be flexible in their availability, and be proficient in various aspects of building trades. If interested, please complete the teacher application and submit it to the contact below.

- Richard DeFries DeMotte Christian High School
- Phone: 219.987.7651 Email: rdefries@dmcsemail.org

BUS DRIVER - DMCS is looking for bus drivers for the 2022-2023 school year. A CDL license is required, but if the applicant doesn't hold this license, DMCS will pay for any necessary training. If interested, please reach out to the contact below.

- Richard DeFries DeMotte Christian High School Principal
- Phone: 219.987.7651 Email: rdefries@dmcsemail.org

HIGH SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY

DeMotte Christian High School is looking for someone willing to serve as a substitute secretary for the school when our full-time secretary is unable to be here. Training will be made available to this applicant in advance to provide for a smooth transition into our school. The days needed will vary based on specific needs. If interested, please complete an application and submit it to the contact below.

- Richard DeFries DeMotte Christian High School Principal
- Phone: 219.987.7651 Email: rdefries@dmcsemail.org
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SUBSTITUTE TEACHER DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. is always accepting applications for substitute teachers. This position's main responsibility is to substitute for teachers when necessary. The ideal candidate should have strong Christian values, flexibility in their schedule, a love for teaching students, and preferably experience working with children/students. Background checks are required. If interested, please contact Buddy Hucks, Superintendent, at lhucks@dmcsemail.org, or 219-987-3721. Applications may be found at www.demottechristianschools.org, under the "About" tab drop-down menu, "Employment Opportunities" tab.

DMCS Important Dates:

12/13:	DMCHS Winter Band & Choir Concert @ 7 PM at DMCHS
12/20:	DMCGS PS-5th Grade Christmas Program @ 6:30 PM at DMCHS
12/23:	Christmas Break Begins
12/25:	MERRY CHRISTMAS
1/1:	HAPPY NEW YEAR
1/9:	Students return