



“Where Do We go From Here?”

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Welcome to Bethel Church. If you are visiting with us we are glad you’ve joined us. Visitors, please take a mug from the table in the back of church which includes all of our contact information. Any questions we would love to hear from you.

Today is the **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS!** –Our Advent and Christmas Series this year has been “The Journeys of Christmas.” We have traveled to Bethlehem, journeyed with the shepherds looking for Jesus, we searched with the Magi still seeking Jesus, and we took our journey to Egypt! Now we ponder: “Where do we go from here?” Come take the journey with us!

We will have no 5pm Service today.



“**SHOW ME JESUS**” Sunday School for all PK (4 yr.) – 6th Grade and **Catechism** for all 7th – 12th graders **will NOT meet** this week. See everyone back on January 16, 2022.

MORNING WORSHIP

Lighting of the Christ Candle
 Song: “Birthday of a King”
 Prayer of Praise

Scripture Reading
 Songs of Christmas Praise
 “Joy to the World”
 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Reading

Song: “Away in A Manger” – W/C 157
 Song: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Prayers

Scripture: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Sermon: **The Journeys of Christmas: where do we go from here?**

Prayer

Closing Song: “Once in Royal David’s City” W/C 155

SERVING TODAY

December 26 (AM Service Only)

Nursery:	Pam VS, Jori D.
Piano:	Amy
Usher AM:	Ryan S.
Media Shout	Todd N.
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Benevolence

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!

SERVING NEXT WEEK January 2

Nursery:	Will be provided
Piano:	Dan
Usher AM:	Rick E
Media Shout	Schaafsma
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 6:15pm Cadets

CHURCH FAMILY – Please keep in prayer:

- John B. – continue to lift him and his family up in prayer as he struggles with the complications of dementia
- Fran K - remains at the rehab home in Lowell, and is not able to come home yet. Pray for healing and God's strength for her.
- Elmer VM – continue to lift Elmer and Norma in prayer. Rejoicing in and praying for sustaining strength!
- Wayne & Carolyn VV - as Carolyn remains weak at home. Pray for healing and strength.
- Steve & Alice - as Steve was admitted to the hospital to help address some Covid symptoms. We praise the Lord that he has already made some improvements! Please pray for full healing.
- Jeff and Jori J, as they celebrate the birth of Truman Jude, born on Wednesday, 5 weeks ahead of schedule. He will remain at the NICU until the hospital staff says he's ready to head home, but his breathing is good and we rejoice with Jeff and Jori for this little blessing from the Lord.
- Bill VW - has been experiencing seizures recently, and has been admitted to Broadway Methodist hospital for tests and observation. Please pray for God's healing for Bill.

Tom and I would like to thank our Church family for the cards and concern for Tom and the cards sent on behalf of my sister's death. Thank You, Tom & Bonnie P

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation of new elders and deacons: The installation of will Jansma, Scott VanVlymen and Dave Werblo as deacons, and of Todd Nanninga as elder, will take place during the morning worship service of Sunday, January 2, 2022.

COMBINED NEW YEAR'S THEMED WORSHIP SERVICE: The 5 p.m worship service of January 2 will be a combined worship service with First CRC, here at Bethel CRC, as we gather to remember God's blessings and turn to the Lord in faith and trust for the year ahead.

2021 THANK YOU! The Service Team would like to thank everyone who offered to help with meals, driving to doctor appointments, visiting with those that needed it, and everything in between this year. The oftentimes immediate help and willingness to serve, is what makes Bethel great! The service team was able to help many people this year and we know they were all very grateful for the help given. Thank you again for the always amazing response from those who have volunteered to be called upon when needed. It makes the work and coordination from the service team very easy, to help those who need it! Looking forward to next year, if anyone would like to volunteer to have their name on the list to help with anything you feel you have a desire or skill to do and help with, and it doesn't just have to be making meals, please feel free to contact Andrea Z. if you have any questions or want your name placed on the list. As the saying goes " many hands make light work!" And if you or someone you know could use some assistance throughout 2022, please do not hesitate to contact the service team!

Thank you all again for a great 2021 response in helping those who needed it this year!

Service Team
Judy VanBruggen
Mike and Andrea Zickmund

CADETS will meet this week Wednesday 6:15pm to 8:15pm at First CRC.

COUNCIL BREAKFAST: A council breakfast will be held on Saturday January 15, and will be a time of orientation, fellowship, and encouragement, and is offered for both incoming, currently serving and outgoing elders and deacons

Want a night off from cooking? **Help the Connection Center raise some "dough"!** Go to Burns Pizza in Demotte on December 29th and order your supper! Proceeds will go to support the second building phase of the center. You must have the flier with you which there is one in your mailbox and a few extra copies on the round table in back of church. Thanks for reaching out to our community! - Outreach Team

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- 1.) We are looking for someone to take over being in charge of the nursery. If you have any questions about what it involves please talk to Stephanie. Is this a way that you can serve?
- 2.) We are asking for volunteers or a couple to serve on the Service Team with Mike and Andrea Z. Talk to Russ VM if this sounds like a place you can serve and help others.
- 3.) It is time to make a new usher schedule. We are **looking for some additional men to take a turn** throughout the year. You will be scheduled for just 2 Sunday's during a month and usually usher 2 times during the year. Please let Shiela know if that is a way that you could serve at Bethel! Young adult guys--we would love to have you help out!
- 4.) There is a **SIGN-UP ON THE COFFEE TABLE** in the back of church if anyone would like to sign up to bring cookies/snack to share for after our morning services. Any questions talk to Steph K!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are a few popular **2022 GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS** available for \$12 in the DMC office. These make great gifts! Call DMC at 219-987-3721 for availability.

DMCS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

DMCS is looking to create a list of **substitute custodians** if any of our current custodians need additional help or are absent. If you are interested, please contact Superintendent Hucks at lhucks@dmcsemail.org.

Covenant Christian HS is looking for a part-time **Spanish instructor** for 3-4 periods per day, for the second semester of this school year. This could also be a part-time to full time position for the 2022-2023 school year. Anyone interested should contact Rick DeFries at Covenant Christian HS at 219-987-7651 or by email at rdefries@dmcsemail.org.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!

Do you have a CDL with a passenger endorsement, or are you interested in obtaining one? DMCS is in need of bus drivers for the winter sports season! For more details, contact Jill Struble at jstruble@dmcsemail.org.

DMC PS3/PS4/KINDERGARTEN SIGN UPS

Beginning January 7 at 8:00am, DMC will accept sign-ups for the 2022-2023 pre-school and kindergarten classes. Call Admissions at 219-987-3721 x113 and leave a voicemail with the following information:

- Student Name
- Grade (PS3; AM or PM Preschool 4; or Half Day or Full Day Kindergarten)
- Student's DOB
- Parents Names
- Parents Phone Numbers

Voicemails will be listened to in order they were received. Space is limited; all new families to the school will need to complete an application (available online at www.demottechristianschools.org).

Age requirements are as follows:

PS3 (T/Tham), your child must be 3 by August 1, 2022.

PS4 (M/W/Fam OR M/W/Fpm), your child must be 4 by August 1, 2022.

K (1/2 day or full day), your child must be 5 by August 1, 2022.

Our annual “**TRASH BAG**” FUNDRAISER, Bags for Bucks, will begin January 5 and end on January 18. Contact your favorite 7th or 8th grader to order!

DMCS Important Dates:

December 23-Jan 4:	DMCS Christmas Break
January 5:	Students Return for 2nd Semester
January 7:	Preschool/Kindergarten Sign Up begins at 8:00am
March 11, 2022	CCHS Service Dinner, 6pm