



Today we journey from the Field to the Manger!

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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 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT** –Our Advent Series this year is “The Journeys of Christmas.” Last week we traveled to Bethlehem and this week we journey with the shepherds from the fields to the manger looking for Jesus. Come take the journey with us as we will go with the Magi from Persia seeking the King, take refuge in Egypt, the Incarnation and once Christmas is over, then: “Where do we go from here?”

During the 5pm service Pastor Rick will continue his walk through the Heidelberg Catechism “Back to the Basics” focusing on Lord’s Day 17 – “The Benefits of the Resurrection!”

This morning we welcome Janell Rottier, representative of “Anew”, an organization that financially helps women who had been considering abortion. She will share with us what this ministry is about. We will be having an offering for Anew on December 12.



“**SHOW ME JESUS**” Sunday School for all PK (4 yr.) – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. You are invited to join us immediately after the morning service downstairs. Pick up is at 11:45am. **Catechism** for all 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders will meet with Pastor Rick in the room next to the kitchen. Visitors are welcome!

**SERVING TODAY**

Nursery:	Kim K., Lisa Z.
Piano:	Amy D.
Usher AM:	Todd N.
Media Shout	Schaafsma’s
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

**December 5**

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 December 12**

Nursery:	Mary B., Heidi D.
Piano:	Amy D.
Usher AM:	Todd N.
Media Shout	Katie Eenigenburg
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and ANEW

**MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Sunday	10:45am	Sunday School & Catechism
Tuesday	7:00pm	Council
Wednesday	9:30am	Coffee Break
	6:15pm	Cadets

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

- John B. –continue to pray for God’s strength for John, but also for his family.
- Fran K - resident at a rehab home in Lowell. Pray that she might gain strength and endurance.
- Tom P is home and is feeling well - pray for continuing healing.
- Elmer VM – continue to pray for strength.
- Bill VW -- Please be in prayer for Duane and Cindy as they strive to get Bill the help he needs and encourage a safe and healthy way forward.
- Wayne VV as he struggles with Covid
- We extend our sympathy to Bonnie and Tom P. as they mourn the loss of Bonnie’s sister Shirley. Visitation will be held today, Sunday, December 5, 2021 from 1:00-4:00 PM at [Kosanke Funeral Home](#) 105 E. Indiana Ave., Kouts, with a Funeral Service on Monday morning at 11:00 AM at [LaCrosse United Methodist Church](#) 11 N. Indiana, LaCrosse. Burial will follow at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Kouts. Pray for comfort and encouragement for all the family during this time of loss.

## MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship: Colossians 1:15-20

“O Come, Let Us Adore Him” – W/C 82

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle - the Candle of Love

**Prayer of Response:**

*God of Love,*

*may your Spirit spur us to actions of love*

*during this period of waiting.*

*As the Son demonstrated what love requires—*

*submission, sacrifice, and sanctification—*

*may we emulate his ways so that the world may know*

*of your great love.*

*In Jesus' name we pray, amen*

God's Greeting

Songs: “What Child Is This”

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

Ministry Introduction: Anew – Janelle Rottier

Prayers of God's People

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Sermon: **The Journeys of Christmas: From the Fields to the Manger**

Prayer

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

## AFTERNOON WORSHIP 5pm

Welcome

Call to Worship: Philippians 3:7-11

Song of Praise: “Knowing You”

Prayer

God's Greeting

Songs of Praise

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

“See What a Morning!”

Prayers of God's People

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Lord's Day 17

Sermon Study – **The Benefits of the Resurrection**

Prayer

Closing Song: “I Serve a Risen Savior”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **CANDLELIGHT/CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**— “Christmas Around the World” will be on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Come share the good news of Christmas!

Thanks to all who have helped out with cookies after church. There is a **SIGN-UP ON THE COFFEE TABLE** in the back of church. If there is a Sunday you would be able/ willing to share your favorite snack or cookies, please sign up. Thanks very much!! Any questions talk to Steph K!

**COFFEE BREAK** meets on Wednesday's from 9:30am – 11:00am. Join us for our study on Matthew. Invite a friend or neighbor! Nursery is provided!

**Cadets** meets this week Wednesday from 6:15pm-8:15pm at First CRC. Questions contact Dan W.

**COUNCIL** meets **this week Tuesday**, December 7. The newly elected elder and deacons are requested to attend.

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!

Oak Grove Care facility is restarting Sunday worship services. Bethel CRC has been invited to present the service on December 19 at 2:30 pm. Contact Larry Ouwenga if you are interested in offering special music or presenting a meditation. You are strongly encouraged to participate.

Salvation Army Bell-ringing. We are going to do something a little different this year. I have made the sign-up sheets for the Salvation army available electronically. If ringing the bell at Tysens/Stracks is something you want to do, please go to Bethel's facebook page, or check the email that was sent earlier this week, click on the links and see if there is a time slot that works for you. December 17 and 18 are options. Other churches will have access to the same documents so we'll be sharing responsibilities. Simply write your name under the volunteer column next to the time that you want to take. If you have any difficulties, please just let Pastor Rick know and I'll make sure your name gets on there. thank you!

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ALUMNI KNIGHT & UNIFORM SALE

December 21st at 7pm all DMCS alumni are invited to our Alumni Knight at CCHS! We will be having a uniform sale this night too, so be sure to check out the photos on our Facebook event (link below) of all our "vintage" uniforms!

We will also be recognizing the three 1000 point basketball club members with plaques that will be displayed at school in the trophy case! This along with a recognition of all the alumni in the stands will take place at half-time of the varsity game. Alumni will be asked to sign in and complete an updated alumni contact sheet to gain free entry into the event.

Old uniforms will be available to take home the night of the event for free will donation to the athletics department! Visit our Facebook event at <https://fb.me/e/1ulwdOfIL> for more information.

## **2022 GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS**

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](mailto:rdefries@dmcsemail.org).

DeMotte Christian Schools is accepting applications for the position of part time **Admissions and Recruitment Coordinator**. Requirements include, but are not limited to, timely communication with prospective families; schedule shadow days, tours, and new family interviews; conduct Preschool and Kindergarten sign ups in January; monitor online applications in FACTS; have a knowledge and love for DeMotte Christian Schools. All applicants can apply online at [www.demottechristianschools.org](http://www.demottechristianschools.org) or contact Mr. Hucks at [lhucks@dmcsemail.org](mailto:lhucks@dmcsemail.org) or 219-987-3721.

**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](mailto:jstruble@dmcsemail.org).

## **DMCS Important Dates:**

December 7:	DMCS Board Meeting
December 14:	Winter Concert at the High School (6:30P)
December 16:	Christmas Program (Grades 2-5, at 6:30pm at DMC)
December 21:	Alumni Knight & Uniform Sale @ CCHS
December 22:	End Quarter 2
December 23-Jan 4:	DMCS Christmas Break
January 5:	Students Return for 2nd Semester
January 7:	Pre-School/Kindergarten Sign Ups