



## Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, February 20, 2022

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

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.

This morning Pastor Rick continues his series on prayer as he looks at the challenge of Persistent Prayer from Luke 18:1-8. During the 5pm Afternoon Worship Service we return to the gospel of Mark and reflect on fig trees, temples, and bearing fruit.

In the past few weeks you have been given some opportunities to pray using the prayers and the words from the Psalms, as well as the answers in the Heidelberg Catechism about the Lord's Prayer, and these answers are in the forms of prayers themselves. This week, we simply want to encourage the use of the ACTS acronym in prayer: A-adoration, adulation of God in his greatness (praise and worship), C - Confession of sin, and confession of your need for him. T - thanksgiving - taking time to thank God for all his blessings, and S - supplication - praying for our needs and the needs of others that the Lord lays on our hearts. Let's make the ACTS of prayer powerful this week!

**REDISCOVERING PRAYER!** As Pastor Rick continues his series on Prayer, the Outreach Team has selected the date of February 28 to focus on our God given gift of Prayer. Everyone in Bethel will be given a Prayer Guide. You will be asked to sign up for a specific 1/2 hour time frame on Feb.28 during which you will be praying in the convenience of your own home. "Why?" You may ask? This is our first step forward of many being planned for Bethel. Please find and read article in your mailbox titled "Rediscovering Your Church's Call to Mission Begins with Prayer." "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." James 5:16



**"SHOW ME JESUS"** Sunday School for all PK (4 yr.) – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and **Catechism** for all 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders meets downstairs right after the morning worship. Visitors are always welcome!

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 5pm -- Celebrating the Life of Jesus.** Mark this on your calendar and invite your family and friends for a great service of praise and the story of Jesus life in song. It will be enjoyed by all!

## MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship: Matthew 11:28-30

Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Prayer

God's Greeting

Time of Praise:

- "Holy, Holy, Holy"
- "Good to Me"

Our hope: 1 John 5:1-5, 13-15.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Grace

- "By Faith"

Prayers of God's People

Luke 18:1-8

Sermon: **Being Persistent in Prayer**

Prayer

Song: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Closing Words:

Go now, awakened to the voice of God  
who speaks to us by his Word and Spirit.

As you leave this place,

be listening amid the noise of your everyday life.

Be persistent in prayer, for the One whom you follow is not dead.

Through Jesus, keep asking ... keep seeking ... and keep knocking,  
for times of receiving, finding, and opening will come.

May your prayers produce, in you,

a joy-filled attitude, a gracious spirit, and a peaceful heart

And may the God of hope, fill you with all peace,

that you may abound in hope,

assured that your prayers are heard

by a loving and gracious Father.

**AMEN!**

Closing Song: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## 5PM WORSHIP

Welcome

Invitation to Praise: Habakkuk 3:17-18

Song of Praise: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" – vs. 1-3

Prayers of Praise

Songs of Worship:

- "For the Beauty of the Earth"
- "Freely, Freely" – W/C 447
- "My Jesus, I Love Thee" – W/C 349:1,2,4

Prayers of God's People

Mark 11:11-26

Sermon: **Looking for Fruit**

Prayer

Closing Words:

**All: God's great love and rich mercy  
have made us alive in Christ.  
Let us depart to live lives of grace,  
and to do good works.**

Closing Song: "Take My Life and Let it Be" – vs. 1,2,5,6

### MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	10:45am	Sunday School & Catechism
Tuesday	7:00pm	Executive Team
Wednesday	9:30am	Coffee Break
	6:15pm	Cadets
Friday	6:00pm	Pinewood Derby Race at DMC Gym

### SERVING TODAY

**February 20**

Nursery:	Kim K., Brenda V.
Piano:	Marla
Usher AM:	Steve R.
Media Shout	Scott
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Capital Improvements

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 February 27

Nursery:	Carli D., Anna V
Piano:	Dan
Usher AM:	Steve R.
Media Shout	Todd
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Illiana Right to Life

### CHURCH FAMILY – Please continue to pray for:

- Elmer VM, John B, Rich K.
- Pray for opportunities for God to use us for his glory.

I want to thank my Bethel Church family for all their kindness to me and my family during the time of Frances' illness and death. Thank you also for your love and care for her. Frances really felt that and it meant a lot to her. I appreciate all the expressions of sympathy and support. It's wonderful to belong to a caring church family, and to share the hope we have in Christ together! Rich Kros & family

Classis Illiana meets at 9 a.m. on March 1, at First Christian Reformed Church in DeMotte. In addition to the regular church business Classis covers when we come together, we will also be voting on delegates who will be representing well at Classis at Synod, especially as it relates to the discussion and vote on the Human Sexuality Report, as well as final discussion on bringing an overture to Synod about the need to continue to promote and defend the position of penal substitutionary atonement as the heart of understanding the gospel of Jesus. Please pray for wisdom for Classis as they meet. Pastor Rick and Larry Ouwenga will be delegates from Bethel CRC

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



This Friday, February 25th is the annual **PINEWOOD DERBY RACE**. It will be held at 6pm at DeMotte Christian School Gym. All are welcome! There will be an open class race if you want a kit to still make a car contact Dan Walstra 219-819-0065 or Jeff Eenigenburg 708-261-8815. You can also pull out a car from years past and enter it as well. Come out for a night of fun!

Outreach opportunity! **Anew Ministry and Teen Mother Choices** is in need of some supplies for their moms. They need toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, size 4,5,6 diapers, women's razors, cotton balls, Q-tips, non-scented lotion, hair products (hairspray, styling products, hair ties, etc.), gift cards for groceries or gas. You can bring these items to church and put in the container provided in the back of church. We will be collecting for the next few weeks. Thank you all in advance for your generosity!

**EXECUTIVE TEAM** meets Tuesday at 7pm.

**COFFEE BREAK** meets on Wednesday's from 9:30am-11am. We are doing a study called "Discover Comfort" helping us to learn from various passages what God's Word has to say about suffering. Nursery is provided!

**CADETS** meets this week Wednesday at First CRC from 6:15pm-8:15pm.

**ATTENTION ALL MEN OF BETHEL!!** Tired of being cooped up in the house this winter? Enjoy a night out with other guys for bowling at Wheatfield Lanes! When: Thursday March 10 starting at 6:30 at Wheatfield Lanes. Don't care to bowl? then just come and hang out for a while. Bowling and shoes will only set you back \$4. Let Kurt 219-869-3523 or Russ 219-869-8759 know if you plan on coming. We may even have prizes. :)

We are working on another issue of **BETHEL BRANCHES**. If anyone has something they would like to submit please send to Shiela [bethelcrc@netntico.net](mailto:bethelcrc@netntico.net) or Bailee [claeyssbd@gmail.com](mailto:claeyssbd@gmail.com). by March 2.

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Restored Resale Inc.**

Restored Resale, a DMCS partner, is in desperate need of volunteers and monetary donations to get the store up and running. They have a great many needs to meet, so please consider how you may be able to help them. Contact them at [RestoredResaleInc@gmail.com](mailto:RestoredResaleInc@gmail.com) to find out more and get involved. Thank you!

### **DMC JOB OPENINGS FOR 2022-2023**

#### **2nd, 3rd, and 5th Grade Teaching Positions for 2022-2023**

DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. is accepting applications for a full-time second grade teacher. Applicants should hold at least a baccalaureate degree in elementary education from an accredited college or university and be an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion. Although not a requirement, it is preferred that candidates possess leadership qualities or a special education background. Opportunities to lead extracurricular activities or athletics are also available. Position will be posted until filled.

#### **Junior High Science Teaching Position for 2022-2023**

DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. is accepting applications for a full-time Junior High Science teacher. Applicants should hold at least a baccalaureate degree in secondary education from an accredited college or university and be an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion. Although not a requirement, it is preferred that candidates possess leadership qualities or a special education background. Opportunities to lead extracurricular activities or athletics are also available. Position will be posted until filled.

Contact: Mr. Dan Weaver DeMotte Christian Grade School  
Email: [dweaver@dmcsemail.org](mailto:dweaver@dmcsemail.org) Phone: 219.987.3721

### **DMCS JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc is accepting applications for a **part time bookkeeper** with potential for fulltime. Responsibilities include accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, etc. Quickbooks experience is a plus but not necessary. Submit applications(found at [www.demottechristianschools.org](http://www.demottechristianschools.org)) To Mr. Hucks at [lhucks@dmcsemail.org](mailto:lhucks@dmcsemail.org).

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](mailto:lhucks@dmcsemail.org).

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 and 2nd semester! For more details, contact Jill Struble at [jstruble@dmcsemail.org](mailto:jstruble@dmcsemail.org).

### **HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **High School English Teacher**

The applicant should be passionate about teaching English to students from a Reformed perspective. The applicant would teach classes including, but not limited to Composition, Literature, Speech, Film Literature, and Writing at the high school levels. The applicant should have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. If interested, complete an application (found at [demottechristianschools.org](http://demottechristianschools.org)) and submit it to the contact below.

#### **High School Foreign Language Teacher**

The applicant should be passionate about teaching foreign language to students from a Reformed perspective. The applicant would teach either Spanish, French, German, or Latin at the high school level. There are potential opportunities to teach PE, Health, Child Development, or English, as well. The applicant should have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. If interested, complete an application (found at [demottechristianschools.org](http://demottechristianschools.org)) and submit it to the contact below.

#### **High School PE/Health Instructor**

The applicant will teach classes including 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade PE, Advanced PE, and Health at the high school level. The applicant may also teach classes such as English or Family and Consumer Science courses. Applicants should have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. If interested, complete an application (found at [demottechristianschools.org](http://demottechristianschools.org)) and submit it to the contact below.

Contact: Mr. Richard DeFries Covenant Christian High School Principal  
Email: [rdefries@dmcsemail.org](mailto:rdefries@dmcsemail.org) Phone: 219.987.7651

*If interested in high school level positions, direct questions/submit applications to Rick DeFries, CCHS Principal, at [rdefries@dmcsemail.org](mailto:rdefries@dmcsemail.org) (or call 219-987-7651). Applications may be found at [www.demottechristianschools.org](http://www.demottechristianschools.org), under the “About” tab drop down menu, “Employment Opportunities” tab.*

#### **LITTLE CAESARS FUNDRAISER (Feb. 4-22)**

It's time to stock your freezer with Little Caesars! Make their famous pizza, crazy bread, or cookies to enjoy at home! Kits are \$20-\$25 and include enough to make 3 pizzas/30 cookies. Contact any DMC student to order! Questions? Call the DMC office at 219-987-3721 ext.

#### **SERVICE DINNER 2022**

It seems hard to believe, but there has not been an in-person CCHS Service Dinner since spring, 2019! Lord willing, Service Dinner 2022 will be held on Friday, March 11 (doors open at 6, dinner at 6:30). The evening will include a delicious catered meal, student-led singing, and students sharing about their Service Week experiences and blessings. A free-will offering will be taken to offset Service Week expenses, which are many! (This event and our fall jog-a-thon are the only fundraisers dedicated toward Service Week). We hope you will join us! Tickets are available in the office at either school, or by contacting any Covenant student. Questions? Call the CCHS office at (219) 987-7651, ext. 210.

#### **DMCS Important Dates:**

February 21:	DMCS - SCHOOL IN SESSION
February 22:	Little Caesars Fundraiser Ends
February 25:	Re-Enrollment Final Due Date
February 28:	Open Enrollment for 2022-2023
March 1:	DMCS Board Meeting
March 10:	Red Cross Blood Drive at Keener Fire Department: 1pm-6pm
March 11:	CCHS Service Dinner, 6pm
March 17:	PIE Spring Dinner at CCHS
March 21-25:	Spring Break