



## Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, February 27, 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. This morning Pastor Rick continues his series on prayer as he looks at the Peace of Prayer from Philippians 4:6-9. During the 5pm Afternoon Service we continue in the gospel of Mark and reflect on the vineyard and the tenants.

Prayers: This morning will be the last prayer sermon in our series as we think about the peace we can have when we pray. I have no prayer insert to share with you this week, but simply this: Let's pray. There is no lack of things to pray about: Prayers for this country. Prayers for the president. Prayers for the people of Ukraine. Ukraine!!! Prayers for the people of Russia and the leaders of Russia - pray that God will soften hearts and give wisdom. Use restraint! Prayers for a strong retreat of pandemic fears, pandemic infections, pandemic viral power. Prayers for the virtues of the Christian life to flourish among all those who claim to follow Jesus. Prayers for the church, her witness to the world, her strength and faithfulness to the true gospel, the good news of Jesus as the Word made Flesh. Prayers for those who are persecuted for their faith. Please continue to be a praying church by being praying followers of our Lord.

**REDISCOVERING PRAYER!** As Pastor Rick concludes his series on Prayer, the Outreach Team has selected the date of February 28 to focus on our God given gift of Prayer. You will find a **Prayer Guide** in your mailbox today. Please sign up for a specific 1/2 hour time frame 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. "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!

First Christian Reformed Church of DeMotte invites us to join them for a **Mission Emphasis** service, **next Sunday, March 6th at 5PM**. Sermon text will be Genesis 12:1-6 and will focus on the theme of how all nations are blessed through our work as Christians in this world.

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT Coming 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: Psalm 46:1-3, 8-11

Song: "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength" – vs. 1,4,5

Prayer

God's Greeting

Songs of Praise:

- "Goodness of God"
- "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Time of Prayer

- Praying for Peace
  - Our peace with God
  - Peace in this world
- Praying with God's peace
  - For people in need.
  - For our Christian walk in this world

Scripture: Philippians 4:6-9

Sermon: **Prayer's Peace**

Response in Song:

- "Cares Chorus"
- "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
- "Cares Chorus"

Prayer and Closing Thoughts

Closing

- "Savior Again to Your Dear Name We Raise" vs. 1
- God's Blessing
- "Savior Again to Your Dear Name We Raise" vs.2-4

**SERVING TODAY**

**February 27**

Nursery:

Carli D, Anna VW

Piano:

Dan

Usher AM:

Steve R.

Media Shout

Todd

Offering

Ministries of Bethel and Illiana Right to Life

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!

## 5PM WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship – based on Isaiah 5 and Psalm 80

Long ago a vineyard was planted.

The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.

**But the vines grew wild,  
the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.**

What happened in that place of promise?

**People forgot the One who planted the vineyard.**

**They chose their own ways and failed.**

Let us again turn to the Lord,

who will again plant, prune, and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

**Let us open our hearts to God,  
trusting in God's ways and God's word. Amen.**

Song: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Prayer

Time of Praise

- “Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”
- “Breathe on Me Breathe of God”

Prayers of God’s People

Mark 11:27-12:12

Message: **The Vineyard and the Tenants**

Prayer

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: “Be Thou My Vision”

### **MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Sunday	10:45am	Sunday School & Catechism
Tuesday	1:30pm	Ladies Afternoon Bible Study
Wednesday	9:30am	Coffee Break
	6:30pm	GEMS

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK March 6**

Nursery:	Pam VS, Sue B
Piano:	Amy
Usher AM:	Andrew D.
Media Shout	Schaafsma’s
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

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

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

Classis Illiana meets at 9 a.m. on March 1, at First Christian Reformed Church in DeMotte. In addition to the regular church business, we will 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 & Larry Ouwenga will be Bethel CRC delegates.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Executive Team notes:** After some discussion, it was decided to re-implement the celebration of communion using fresh instead of pre-packaged elements. We will also return to deacons receiving the offering during worship as part of worship. We will also re-introduce mutual greetings following God’s Greetings at the beginning of worship. This will take place on Sunday March 13 during the morning worship service.

**CALLING ALL ASPIRING ARTISTS:** During this Lenten season Pastor Rick will begin a sermon series on what Jesus says about himself. There are 8 instances in the gospel of John where Jesus declares: “I AM”. We would LOVE to have the artists in our church, our young children who love coloring pictures that often adorn their refrigerators at home, to create bulletin covers for our series. I AM I AM...the good shepherd. I AM the gate for the sheep. I AM the bread of life. I AM the light of the world. I AM the vine. I AM the way, the truth, and the life. I AM the resurrection and the life. Can any of you help our church bulletins look fun, like your refrigerator? Can any of you help us celebrate your awesome artistic gifts to help us think about Jesus? That would be awesome!!! Please send them to Pastor Rick!

**LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** will meet Tuesday, March 1 at 1:30. We will be studying Lesson 9, Talking with Strangers.

**GEMS** will meet on March 2, 6:30-8:00PM. It is Badge night.

Outreach opportunity! **Anew Ministry & Teen Mother Choices** is in need of 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. We will be collecting for the next few weeks. Thank you all in advance for your generosity!

**COFFEE BREAK** meets on Wednesday’s from 9:30am-11 am. 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!

**ATTENTION ALL MEN OF BETHEL!!** Tired of being cooped up in the house? Enjoy a night out with the guys bowling at Wheatfield Lanes! When: **Thursday, March 10** at 6:30 at Wheatfield Lanes. Don’t care to bowl? 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 [claeysbd@gmail.com](mailto:claeysbd@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  
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### **DMCS JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. is accepting applications for a **part time bookkeeper** with potential for full time. 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  
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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.***

### **SUDS FOR A CAUSE (Feb. 28-MARCH 14)**

It's time to stock your laundry room with all the essentials! There are plenty of options and varieties, so be sure to contact any DMCS student to order! Questions? Call the DMCS office at 219-987-3721.

### **DMCS Important Dates:**

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 (Dine in and Drive Thru)
March 21-25:	Spring Break
April 8:	Grandparent's Day
April 8-9:	CCHS Spring Musical: ANNIE
April 12:	Society Meeting at CCHS @ 7
April 21-22:	DMC Junior High Musical