

# Sunday, January 10, 2021



2 Corinthians 5:11-21

## “Keeping Our Focus”

Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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

**WELCOME TO BETHEL CHURCH** This morning Pastor Rick continues a new brief series: “Praying for a Better Year”. I know we certainly all hope and pray 2021 will be better than 2020 was in many ways. But how could we as God’s children participate in 2021 being a better year? We will look at a number of things that can help us not only survive but thrive as God’s children in the year to come. This morning we will be looking at 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 and looking at “Keeping Our Focus”. **During our 5pm Service we welcome Brett and Sue VanderMolen** as they give an update on their mission work and calling in Cambodia.

We will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper during the morning worship. May God use this gift he has given through his Son Jesus to affirm our faith and draw us closer to him. If you have publicly confessed Jesus as your Savior and Lord, are sorry for sin and desire to live for him, we invite you to join with us and participate in communion. We will be using pre-packaged communion cups and so you are encouraged to pick them up prior to entering the sanctuary.

### MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Prayer of Praise

Song: “Cornerstone”

God’s Greeting

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

“In Christ Alone”

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7

“Nearer, Still Nearer” vs.1-3

Prayer (while music is still playing softly)

“Nearer, Still Nearer” vs.4

Confession of our Faith: Q&A1 Heidelberg catechism

Prayers of the People

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Message: **Praying for a Better Year - Keeping our Focus**

We celebrate the Lord’s Supper

Prayer

God’s Parting Blessing

Closing Song: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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!

The offering today is for Coffee Break Global Ministries. The offering will help cover the cost of translators, proofreaders, and theological vetting for the “Discover Your Bible” study materials which are in high demand in other countries.

## EVENING SERVICE – Brett & Sue VanderMolen

Welcome

Songs of Praise:

- “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
- “With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring” – vs:1-3

Brett and Sue VanderMolen mission report

Time of Prayer

Closing Song: “Trust and Obey”



Sunday School and Catechism will resume **TODAY!** “**SHOW ME JESUS**” for all children ages PK (4 yr.) -6<sup>th</sup> grade meet downstairs immediately after the morning service. **Pastor Rick’s CATECHISM** for all 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades meet in the room next to the kitchen. Visitors are welcome!

### **SERVING TODAY**

**January 10** (Communion)

Piano	Amy Dekker
Usher AM:	Joseph Dekker
Media Shout	Katie Eenigenburg
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Coffee Break Global Ministries

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK** **January 17**

Piano	Marla VanderMolen
Usher AM:	Joseph Dekker
Media Shout	Scott VanVlymen
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Benevolence

**CHURCH FAMILY:** please be in prayer for:

- Donna VanVuren, as she is recovering from surgery to remove a lump. Pray for a good recovery, for healing, and an encouraging report.
- Elmer VanderMolen, who continues to require recurring infusions of units of blood to keep up his strength.
- Frances Kros as she continues to have tests to help determine how to best treat her possible bile duct blockage.

Thank You for all of the cards, calls, texts, and meals made while I was recovering from back surgery. Everything was greatly appreciated. It’s great to be a part of a church that cares about one another. My back is healing and is improving every day. Thanks again. Carollyn Broertjes

I would like to thank my Bethel Church family for their prayers and cards while Mary was in the hospital. Also, expressions of sympathy when Mary passed away, meals that were offered and given, and for your prayers for me and my family. It meant a lot to me and was much appreciated. We give thanks for you all and for the hope that we have in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Al De Vries & Family

Gary and Dianne would like to express a very heartfelt thank-you to the congregation for the prayers and cards received with the recent passing of Gary's father. That's the joy of being a member of such a wonderful Bethel Family. Much appreciation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**YPS will meet today**, January 10 at First CRC from 6:15pm to 8:15pm.

**COFFEE BREAK** will resume **THIS WEEK** Wednesday at 9:30am. If you have thought about coming to Coffee Break this would be a good time to start. We will begin a new study on Nehemiah. We meet in the big hall downstairs to accommodate for social distancing and please wear a mask. Nursery is provided! If you have any questions, contact Velma Ouwenga or Brenda Vanderwal.

**The preferred Bethel email for the congregation to use is [bethelcrc@netnitco.net](mailto:bethelcrc@netnitco.net).** Please do not use the bethel gmail that was set up for the Bethel prayer chain and weekly updates from Pastor Rick. Messages are not always checked regularly on that account and may possibly get missed. Thank you!

It’s time for the **YEAR IN REVIEW BETHEL BRANCHES**. If anyone has any items you would like to include or any upcoming things for 2021 that you want to share with us, please submit your information by email to [bethelcrc@netnitco.net](mailto:bethelcrc@netnitco.net), or place it in the box on the secretary’s door. As you all know it has been a very different year here at Bethel in 2020 – we look forward to 2021 and where the Lord will lead us! Also, thank you to Bailiee Jansma who will be joining the Bethel Branches Team! Deadline to submit is January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**LIBRARY NEWS:** We are in the process of revamping the library and will have extra books as well as other items available for free downstairs on a table by the library. Please maintain social distancing while you peruse through the items. New items have been added to the free table as well as a few books added to the library. **Stop and check them out!**

### **We welcome anyone who might be visiting with us at Bethel!**

In light of worshipping together with the social distancing restrictions still in place, we want to share some of the guidelines we are continuing to follow:

- There will be no greeters at church during this time.
- Usher will be present to help seat. Every other pew has been “cordoned off” by the placement of hymnals and Bibles on the seats.
- We ask and encourage that people adhere to CDC guidelines in terms of washing their hands, not touching their faces, and maintaining social distancing while we are together.
- We encourage if you are sick, have a temperature, or believe you are an “at risk” person, that you stay home and take advantage of the on-line service opportunity.
- We strongly encourage the use of face coverings as you enter and exit the building, however you will not be turned away should you find it difficult to do so. Our number one concern is the health of our church family as we gather in worship, loving our God as well as our neighbor.
- There will not be an official nursery, with people there to watch children. Nursery will remain open in case a diaper needs to be changed, or to serve as a cry room if needed.
- Bathrooms are available. Again, please follow CDC guidelines about good hygiene.
- No offering plate will be passed during the worship service, but offering boxes will be available by the sanctuary doors in which you may place your gifts. Again, online giving continues to remain an option.
- Following the service, there will be no coffee or snack time. You are encouraged to NOT linger in the narthex, wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

### ***SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Community Christian Reformed Church Preschool** is looking for a part time preschool teacher. The position is two days a week from 7:30-3:30. Days (and times if you can only do AM or PM) can be negotiated. If you're interested, please call Jill Dahm at 219-819-3501.

**“Bags for Bucks” Fundraiser:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be selling trash bags for \$14 per roll to offset costs for their Washington, DC trip! The bags are 100% recycled plastic and as much as 2 times thicker than most found in stores! You may purchase more than one item in the checkout menu [here](#).

**Tysen’s Our Family Labels:** Help DMC earn money through the Direct Your Labels program! We’re collecting Our Family® labels and for every 500 labels we collect, we will earn \$25 – and there’s no limit to the number of times we can earn the reward! Drop your UPC barcodes off in the DMC foyer.

#### DMCS Important Dates:

January 4: PS(3), PS(4) and Kindergarten Sign Ups Begin

January 5-19: “Bags for Bucks” Fundraiser

### **SERMON NOTES**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21**

**Message: “Praying for a Better Year: Keeping Our Focus”**

