

# Sunday, January 24, 2021

**Praying For a Better Year**  
**January 2021**

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Thu	Fri	Sat
53					<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>
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1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**“Be Loving”**

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

**WELCOME TO BETHEL CHURCH** This morning Pastor Rick continues his 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 1 Corinthians 13 and scriptures call to love. **During our 5pm Service** our Bible Study Message will be from Mark 6:45-56, when Jesus walked on water to meet up with his disciples while they were in the boat.



Sunday School and Catechism **“SHOW ME JESUS”** for all children 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!

## MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Better Is One Day

Call to Worship:

God’s Greeting

Songs of Praise

- “O Worship the King”
- “Forever”

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God’s Grace

- “Beautiful Savior”

Prayers of God’s People

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Message: “Praying for a Better Year – Be Loving”

Prayer

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

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

\* Fran Kros, as she had an MRI this week to further explore some challenges she is facing.

Pray for wisdom, healing and strength.

\* Elmer VanderMolen, who continues to struggle with lack of energy. Pray for strength, effectiveness and the endurance of his infusion treatments.

\* Donna VanVuren, who received a good report of no cancer in the lymph nodes. Pray for strength and healing as she faces upcoming radiation treatments. “Praise God for healing, good doctors, and good results!”

\* **New Address:** Michael & Pam VanSchouwen, 7370 Fieldstone Dr., DeMotte.In 46310

## EVENING SERVICE 5 PM

Welcome

Opening Scriptures: Psalm 103:1-5, 10-12

Prayer

Songs:

- “10,000 Reasons”
- “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Scripture:

Song: “Let All Things Now Living”

Prayers of the People

Mark 6:45-56

Mark Manuscript Study: “Walking on Water”

Closing Prayer

Song of Response – “This Is My Father’s World”

**SERVING TODAY**      **January 24**  
Piano                     Dan Zylstra  
Usher AM:                 Steve Reimers  
Media Shout                 Todd Nanninga  
Offering                     Ministries of Bethel and Cadets

**SERVING NEXT WEEK** **January 31**  
Piano                     Dan Zylstra  
Usher AM:                 Steve Reimers  
Media Shout                 Scott VanVlymen  
Offering                     Ministries of Bethel and PIM – Schering’s

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!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bethel Branches Year in Review Newsletter** is in your mailbox. Read how God blessed our vision in 2020 even with all the trials and struggles throughout the year. We still had many reasons to celebrate!

Tax time is right around the corner. If any members of the congregation would like a receipt of giving for the 2020 tax year, please contact Dan Zylstra at 708-341-2155 or [djzylstra@gmail.com](mailto:djzylstra@gmail.com).

**COFFEE BREAK** meets on Wednesday at 9:30am. We are doing a 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.

**LIBRARY NEWS:** The free items from the library are **only available thru the end of January**. So be sure to take a look before they are gone. Any books left will be donated to the Bible League. 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!**

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Superintendent Needed** – DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. is seeking applicants for the Superintendent position for the 2021-2022 school year. Applicants must hold at least a Master’s degree in education administration or business (MBA), have at least three years of experience in educational administration or leadership, fully embrace the school’s statement of beliefs, and is an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion. Please contact David Ritter, at [dritter@csionline.org](mailto:dritter@csionline.org) for additional information

There are a few **2021 God’s Creation calendars** available in the office for \$10.

The annual **Carrying on the Promise Drive** to support the General Fund for DMCS is currently in progress. If you would like to contribute, a check made out to DMCS Inc. can be sent to DeMotte Christian Schools, PO Box 430, DeMotte, IN 46310 or dropped off at one of the schools. You may also donate online at [www.demottechristianschools.org](http://www.demottechristianschools.org). If you’re unable to give this year, please pray for our schools. Thank you for your support!

For **up-to-date information on all athletic events**, visit [eventlink.com](http://eventlink.com)! Choose the calendars you want to see, get live notifications about schedule changes and cancellations, and receive a daily event summary from the calendar(s) YOU choose!

### DMCS Important Dates:

February 2:                     DMCS Board Meeting - 7pm  
February 11:                     DMC In-House Science and History Fair  
February 12 & 15:                 NO SCHOOL  
February 16-19:                 DMCS’ “We LOVE Our Grandparents” Week - watch FaceBook for details!  
March 22-26:                     Spring Break

**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.

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.