

Sunday, January 3, 2021



John 1:1-18

“Grace Upon Grace”

Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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

WELCOME TO BETHEL CHURCH this morning on the first Sunday in this new year! This morning Pastor Rick begins 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 John 1:1-18, and thinking about “grace upon grace”. During the afternoon worship service Pastor Rick will look at Mark 6:14-29, and the account of Herod’s promise and what that meant for John the Baptist.

This morning we celebrate God’s provision for the leadership of our congregation as we install new elders and a deacon for a time of service. Russ VanderMolen and Mike Zickmund will be installed as elders, and Andrew Dunham and Jeremy Visscher will be installed as deacons. Please pray for these men, that they will serve and lead well, and that together with the council, elders, and deacons, they will be a blessing to the church body here at Bethel. We want to express our thanks and appreciation to Rich Buiter, Gary DeVries as elders and Ryan Schaafsma and Nathan Vanderwal as deacons, for their time of service to the Lord and his people. Thank you!!

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Opening Song: “Holy Is the Lord”

Prayer of Praise: We are here in the name of Christ Jesus.

We are here to worship God.

No one has ever seen God.

Yet Jesus, God’s only Son, made the Father known.

The light of Christ Jesus be with you all.

And also with you.

God’s Greeting

Time of Praise

- “What a Beautiful Name/Agnus Dei”
- Prayer of confession
- “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

Installation of Elders and Deacons

- Elders: Mike Zickmund and Russ VanderMolen
- Deacons: Jeremy Visscher and Andrew Dunham

Prayers of the People

Scripture: John 1:1-18

Sermon: **Praying for a Better Year: Grace Upon Grace**

Prayer

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: “Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome

Scriptural Call to Worship

Song of Praise: “Speak, O Lord”

Prayer

Confession of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

Songs

- “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” – vs:1,3,4
- Beautiful Savior – LUYH 17

Prayers of the People

Scripture Study

- Mark 6:14-29
- **A Tale of Two Commitments**

Closing Prayer

Closing Song: “God of Grace and God of Glory”



Sunday School and Catechism will resume next week, January 10. “**SHOW ME JESUS**” for all children ages PK (4 yr.) -6th grade meet downstairs immediately after the morning service. **Pastor Rick’s CATECHISM** for all 7th thru 12th grades meet in the room next to the kitchen. Visitors are welcome!

SERVING TODAY

January 3 (Installation Service AM)

Piano Amy Dekker
Usher AM: Joseph Dekker
Media Shout Ryan Schaafsma
Offering Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

SERVING NEXT WEEK **January 10** (Communion)

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

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. Thank you!

The offering next week 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.

Next week, Lord willing, we will be celebrating the sacrament of the **Lord’s Supper** during the morning worship service. May God use this gift he has given through his Son Jesus to affirm our faith and draw us closer to him.

On January 10, at 5:00 p.m., we hope to be able to host Brett and Sue Vandermolten as they give an update on their mission work and calling in Cambodia.

CHURCH FAMILY: please be in prayer for:

- We extend our sympathy to Gary and Dianne DeVries at the death of Gary’s father Gerrit, whose funeral was held on Thursday. Continue to pray for those who grieve and mourn.
- Elmer Vandermolten returned home from the hospital, but according to Norma, is extremely tired with very little energy. He was treated for COVID, thus the stay at the hospital, but his fatigue is complicated and intensified by his blood condition. Please pray for Elmer and Norma both during this time as they wait on the Lord for healing strength.
- Pray also for Norma and Elmer as Norma’s sister Thelma L’Huillier (nee Kaluf) just passed away. A private service was held on Saturday.
- Continue to keep Al DeVries in prayer as he mourns the loss of his wife and our sister in Christ and friend Mary.
- Carollyn Broertjes is gaining, slowly but surely, as she’s been home following her back surgery last week. Pray for continued healing and comfort and freedom from pain.
- Continue to keep Rich Buiter in prayer as he still struggles with some pain and health concerns.
- Last week Rich Kros informed me that Frances was going to go through tests this week as she has been struggling with a bit of pain recently too - a doctor suspects she may have a blocked bile duct. Pray that the doctors will know the best way to care for her.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, January 5 at 7pm.

COFFEE BREAK will resume on January 13th 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.

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, or place it in the box on the secretary’s door. Thanks for sharing with the church family! 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!

Reminder: Don’t forget to be saving your aluminum cans for the Cadets. There is a big crate to put them in by the shed in the parking lot. Thank you for your support of this ongoing project.

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. **Stop and see what has been added!**

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

DeMOTTE CHRISTIAN GRADE SCHOOL PRE-SCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN SIGN UPS

Beginning January 4, DeMotte Christian School will accept sign-ups for the 2021-2022 Pre-School and Kindergarten classes. Space is limited; all new families to the school will need to complete an application (available online at www.demottechristianschools.org). Call 219-987-3721 and leave your child’s name, DOB, and class. We will record them in the order they were left and call you with confirmation.

For 3-Year-Old Pre-School (T/Th-am), your child must be 3 years old by August 1, 2021.

For 4-Year-Old Pre-School (M/W/F-am or M/W/F-pm), child must be 4 years old by August 1, 2021.

For Kindergarten (1/2 day or Full Day), your child must be 5 years old by August 1, 2021.

“Bags for Bucks” Fundraiser: 7th and 8th 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:

Dec 21-Jan 3: Christmas Break

January 4: Students Return

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

January 5: DMCS Board Meeting

January 5-19: “Bags for Bucks” Fundraiser

SERMON NOTES

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