



Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, July 18, 2021

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

We welcome you to worship today at Bethel. Whether we call on the Lord in person or through our live-stream, it is our prayer that the Lord will encourage us, challenge us, and help us to grow in Jesus Christ. We welcome any visitors who have chosen to join us!

This morning Pastor Rick explores 2 Samuel 7:1-17 and David's dream to build God a house (temple). But what happens when God's dreams for us don't line up with our own dreams? Who is building whose house? During the p.m. worship service we'll continue in Amos, Amos 6:1-14, as Amos challenges the problem of Complacency.

Today marks the beginning of a month of "hospitality Sundays" in which we are being encouraged to consider opening our home to others, whether today, or sometime during the week, for a meal, a coffee/tea-time, a drink, as an opportunity to deepen our fellowship with one another. Who is someone you'd like to get to know better? Who have you not had the opportunity to get to know that much yet? Consider remedying that, sometime in the next 4-5 weeks, by extending an invitation!

CHURCH FAMILY --Please keep in prayer:

- * Elmer and Norma VanderMolen
- * Rich and Fran Kros
- * Bill VanderWoude as he continues to make improvements. Pray for complete healing.
- * Ted and Donna Hoekstra New address: Towne Centre, 7250 Arthur Blvd. Merrillville, IN 46410
- * our teachers and our school systems during this break as they work and prepare for next season
- * our families, children, and students during this summer vacation season
- * our nation, and our leadership,
- * pray for God's protection and for wisdom to navigate the remaining summer and fall as we continue to hear concerns about Covid variants and an increase in infections. Pray we can navigate this safely, wisely, and lovingly.

Thank you to our church family here at Bethel for all of the prayers, visits, calls, the many cards, gifts, and many acts of kindness we have received since Kristi went home to be with our Lord. We also want to thank Pastor Rick and those who helped with the funeral service and the ladies of our church who prepared and served the lunch after the service. We ask for your continued prayers as we adjust to life without our wife and mom. Rick & family

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Opening Song: "Agnus Dei"

Prayer

God's Greeting

Opening Words of Worship – Psalm 71:22-24a

Songs of Praise:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

"What a Beautiful Name"

Prayer of Confession

Words of God's Grace

Song of Praise – "Amazing Love/You Are My King"

Memory Verse for July – Philippians 4:8-9

Prayers of God's People

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-17

sermon: **Who Builds Whose House?**

Prayer

Parting Blessing

Closing Song – "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

SERVING TODAY July 18

Nursery:	Heidi Dunham, Lisa Zylstra
Piano:	Marla VanderMolen
Usher AM:	Steve Reimers
Media Shout	Scott VanVlymen
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Brett & Sue VanderMolen (serving in Cambodia)

SERVING NEXT WEEK July 25

Nursery:	Stephanie Konvalinka, Morgan Schaafsma
Piano:	Dan Zylstra
Usher AM:	Steve Reimers
Media Shout	Todd Nanninga
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Food Pantry

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!

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Welcome

Song of Praise: "Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name": vs.1,2,4,5

Individual Prayers of Praise

Time of Worship in Song:

- "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
- "In Moments Like These"
- "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Prayers of God's People

Scripture – Amos 6

Sermon: **The Challenge of Complacency**

Prayer

Closing Song: "Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, Jeffrey Bolt, director of advancement of the CRC in North America, will join us during our morning worship, share a brief presentation about what has been happening in our denomination through ministry shares and how our pledges are being used to make a difference in God's kingdom.

WORSHIP TEAM will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m.

We have a great opportunity to join with others in our community to help out with the 8th annual **BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR**. Volunteers are needed on August 6 & 7. Call Karen at 219-863-2692 to sign up for a time. Thank you in advance for your help - Bethel Outreach Team

Opportunity to be a neighbor & connect with others in our community - **Phil's Friends Volunteer**
Reaching out to our local churches for support, we will be hosting a monthly gathering at the Connection Center in DeMotte where we can come together as a community and tie fleece blankets, decorate boxes and color Cards of Hope. Come join us for an afternoon of showing that you care for those experiencing the trauma of cancer. We will meet **Wednesday, July 21 from 1-3 p.m.** There will be Care Packages available if you are or someone you know is experiencing cancer currently. For more info contact Cindy Musch-219-863-6864. For more info about Phil's Friends- philsfriends.org

GriefShare: The DeMotte United Methodist Church is hosting the Griefshare program, to bless, comfort, and encourage people after they have experienced the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. The program will be held Mondays, from 6-7:30 p.m., from August 2 through November 1, at the DeMotte UMC building at 227 N Halleck St. for more information, check out:

www.griefshare.org.

THANK YOU for telling others about Jesus through Bible League. The Illiana Division of Bible League Volunteers appreciates the generous contributions raised from the love letter Fundraiser. Together, our church was able to provide \$190 for ministry. Continue to pray with us for the provision of God's Word to a lost and needy world. Thank you for serving the under-resourced church. It's never too late to donate. Your Volunteers Ruth & Rachel Broertjes.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DeMotte Christian Grade School and Covenant Christian High School Registration is on the evenings of Thursday, July 22, and Tuesday, July 27, from 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. These registration nights are intended for ALL parents of DMC and CCHS students enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year. It allows parents to complete necessary forms, pick up vital information, ask questions, make financial arrangements, etc. All parents must plan to attend one of these evenings. If you have children at both schools, you need to visit both schools.

DMCS SEEKING INSTRUCTORS

Due to an increasing enrollment, DeMotte Christian Schools is in search of a full-time Junior High OR High School teacher. The position would primarily be English Language Arts while also having the ability to teach either geometry, Spanish, and/or physical education. Applicants must hold at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, agree fully with the school's statement of beliefs, be an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion, and demonstrate the ability to teach children well. Although it is not a requirement, it is preferred that this candidate would possess leadership qualities or a special education background. If interested, please email Dan Weaver, Assistant Principal, a resume and an application to dweaver@dmcsemail.org. An application can be found at <https://www.demottechristianschools.org/employment-opportunities/>.

Covenant Christian High School is looking for someone in the construction field to teach a Construction class during the first period of the day. The goal is to find someone that cannot only share information needed for the construction field, but also allow for some visits to worksites where students may be able to get some hands-on experience in the field. If you are interested, please contact CCHS Principal, Rick DeFries at (219) 987-7651 or by cell phone at (574) 242-0313. He can also be reached by email at rdefries@dmcsemail.org.

DMCS Food Truck Festival

DMCS is hosting a community-wide Food Truck Festival on Saturday, July 31, from 5-8 pm at Covenant Christian High School! Come eat some yummy food and fellowship with us before school starts! Proceeds benefit DMCS. Please park in the back lot.

DMCS Important Dates:

July 22 & 27:	DMCS Registration Nights, 6pm-8pm
July 31:	Food Truck Festival @ CCHS, 5-8pm
August 9/10:	Teacher In-Service
August 10:	DMC Junior High Orientation, 6:30-7:30pm
August 11:	First Day of School (K - grade 12)
August 12:	DMCS Magazine/Tumbler/Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins
August 23:	First Day of School PK4
August 24:	First Day of School PK3
August 26:	DMCS Magazine/Tumbler/Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends