



Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, March 12, 2023
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219-987-2005
9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Services

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP whether in person or online. Welcome any visitors who have chosen to join us! Please take a welcome mug from the table in the narthex.

Today is the third Sunday in Lent -- a time of reflection for believers to consider the purpose and the cost of the cross of Jesus, the Savior who gave his life for sinners, to redeem them into saints and children of God. May we pray for our hearts to be listening for the ways in which the Holy Spirit is calling us to live out our calling in new, courageous ways.

Today we welcome Dr. Venema, Professor of Doctrinal Studies at Mid-America Seminary. We will also celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our celebration is a faith-building reminder of God's promise to us of forgiveness and grace through the blood of Christ, shed on the cross. If you confess Jesus Christ as both your Savior and Lord, are sorry for sin and desire to live in dependence on God's grace, we welcome you to join with us in celebrating communion!

Next Sunday we welcome Rev. Fred DeJong from Crown Point CRC. Previously he served in South Holland and Plainfield, IL. He and his wife, Ingrid, are both Canadian in background and met at Reformed Bible College in Grand Rapids. Fun fact: He preached at Bethel here about 30 years ago while he was an Associate Pastor at Cottage Grove CRC.



"SUPERBOOK ACADEMY" Sunday School meets immediately after the morning worship downstairs for all PK (4year.) – 6th Grade. Pick up 11:45am.

FRIENDS, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT! ALL OF BETHEL! March 22, at 6:30

See announcement on back page with more info. **Sign up today** don't miss out on the fun!

SERVING TODAY

March 12

Nursery:	Carli and Belle
Piano:	Amy
Usher AM:	Russ
Greeters	Hank & Marlene (E), Jon & Phyllis (S).
Sunday School	Linda and Mary
Media Shout	Katie
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Mobility Ministries

You can continue to give online at www.bethelcrcdemotte.org. Thank you!

MORNING WORSHIP

Please Stand for our Opening Song: "Forever"

Welcome

God's Greeting

Mutual Greeting

Time of Praise:

Song: "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

Song: "You Shall Love the Lord Your God"

Offering will be received for Ministries of Bethel and Mobility Ministries

Morning Prayers

Scripture: Revelation 1:9-2:7 (pg. 1913)

Text: Revelation 2:1-7

Message: **"Valiant for the Truth, Forgetting Their First Love"**

Prayer

We Share the Lord's Supper

We share the bread

We share the cup

Closing Words

Please Stand for God's Parting Blessing

Closing Song: "Behold the Lamb"

5PM WORSHIP

Welcome

- Please Stand for Opening Song: "Praise Him! Praise Him!" W/C 106
- Opening Prayer
- We Continue in Praise:
"Whiter Than Snow" W/C 436
"Meekness and Majesty"

Please Be Seated

Time of Prayer

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1 (pg. 1842)

Text: 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

Message: **"The Comfort of Christ's Coming to Judge"**

Prayer

- Please Stand for God's Parting Blessing
- Closing Song: "He Leadeth Me" 4vs.

CHURCH FAMILY: PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:

- Phyllis H. had a pacemaker put in this week. It went well and she should be back home
- Ruth DV had been in the hospital for 3 days dealing once again with treatment for heart ablation. The good news is the heart is now back in rhythm, however she is feeling quite weak and needs to build up her overall strength.
- Bonnie P. had her other knee replacement surgery and recovery is going faster than the first one did as this one was not as involved as the first - less fragments. Overall going well.
- Henry D. Sr- Monday morning he was not feeling well and was taken to the hospital. Lots of tests so on Wednesday angioplasty was performed which resulted in 2 stints being placed due to 95% arterial blockage. Still dealing with a heavy cough, but at this time hoping to go home soon.
- Carolyn VV had been in the hospital and she is now at Oak Grove for therapy to regain her strength.
- Elmer & Norma, Wayne & Carolyn, Andy & Cheryl, Barb E, Ted & Donna, Rich K. Kim K.
- Pray for our Council and Search Team as they seek the Lord's leading and direction as to who the next pastor for Bethel will be. Pray for the Lord's guidance.

I want to say a huge "Thank You" to all of my special Christian friends for remembering me during my surgery and follow up at Oak Grove for re-hab. Also, to Rick Eenigenburg & Dave Werblo for visiting me at Oak Grove. They were such a comfort and we enjoyed talking together. Bethel is such a blessing to us and we appreciate each one of you! Andy & Cheryl W

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sunday 10:50am Superbook Academy Sunday School
 Wednesday 9:30am Coffee Break
 6:15pm GEMS

SERVING NEXT WEEK March 19

Nursery: Steph and Amy
 Piano: Marla
 Usher AM: Mike
 Greeters Hank & Marlene (E), Jon & Phyllis (S).
 Sunday School Dianne and Phyllis
 Media Shout Scott
 Offering Ministries of Bethel and Jasper County Recovery House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE BREAK meets on Wednesday's at 9:30 a.m. We are studying the book of II Samuel. Nursery is provided!

GEMS will meet this week Wednesday at 1st CRC from 6:15pm-8:15pm.



FRIENDS, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT! ALL OF BETHEL! Ready for a night of fun & fellowship? Mark your calendar for **March 22, at 6:30!** Bring your families and friends! Join us for an evening of games including Bunco and fun for all ages. Snacks and drinks will be provided. For those who prefer not to drive, transportation will be arranged for you. Please sign up on the sheets in back of church so we have approximate number of attendees. Also, be sure to check on sheet if you would like a ride and arrangements will be made. Hope to see you all there!

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Illiana Bible League Volunteers are hosting a fun **SPRING LUNCHEON** at Smits Farms – 3437 Sauk Trail in Chicago Heights on Thursday, **March 23 at 11:30am.** You will learn about the impact of Bible League ministry around the world, enjoy the beautiful setting and great laughs with local comedian, Tracy De Graaf. Tickets are \$30. (**Deadline March 16**) Reach out to our Bible League Volunteers – Ruth or Rachel Broertjes for tickets: 219-987-2920 or 219-863-6538. An offering will be taken to partner in providing God's Word with others.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Here we grow! We broke ground on September 29th, and Phase 1 of the building project has officially begun! We are expectant and hopeful about the big things God is doing within our schools. More information is available on our website, and if you would like to partner with us, please email Buddy Hucks at lhucks@dmcsemail.org or Shelley Dexter at sdexter@dmcsemail.org. Thank you!

DMCS JOB OPENINGS FOR 2022-2023

PART-TIME HIGH SCHOOL INDUSTRIAL ARTS TEACHER

DeMotte Christian High School is looking for a qualified individual who is skilled in construction and small engines and passionate about sharing their knowledge with high school students. This candidate should agree fully with the school's statement of beliefs, be an active member of a church from a Reformed persuasion, and be able to teach high school students well. If interested, please submit your cover letter, resume, and a completed teacher application to the contact below.

- Dan Weaver DeMotte Christian Grade & Middle School Principal
- Phone: 219.987.3721 Email: dweaver@dmcsemail.org

BUS DRIVER

DMCS is looking for bus drivers for the 2022-2023 school year. A CDL license is required, but if the applicant doesn't hold this license, DMCS will pay for any necessary training. If interested, please reach out to the contact below.

- Richard DeFries DeMotte Christian High School Principal
- Phone: 219.987.7651 Email: rdefries@dmcsemail.org

FULL-TIME ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

DeMotte Christian Schools is looking for a full-time elementary special education teacher for our Discovery Center for the 2023-2024 school year. DeMotte Christian Schools is located about an hour southeast of Chicago in Northwest Indiana in a community that has strongly supported Christian education for the past 76 years. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in special education with a focus in mild intervention from an accredited college or university, agree fully with the school's statement of beliefs, be an active member of a church from a Reformed persuasion, and be able to teach young children well. This position, likely in 3rd-5th grade, works collaboratively with our classroom teachers, Cooperative School Services, and the principal to provide tier 1, 2 & 3 levels of instruction in math and language arts to give academic support to students, including those with IEPs and 504 plans. The position would thus include some small group or one-on-one instruction. Candidates should be familiar with the Orton Gillingham approach to reading and would use programs such as Wilson, Read Naturally & Lexia. If interested, please submit your cover letter, resume, and a completed teacher application to the contact below.

- Dan Weaver DeMotte Christian Grade & Middle School Principal
- Phone: 219.987.3721 Email: dweaver@dmcsemail.org

PART-TIME MIDDLE SCHOOL ART TEACHER

DeMotte Christian Schools is looking for a part-time middle school art teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. This part-time position is expected to be 6 middle school classes and has traditionally been held on Thursdays. The day is flexible depending on the situation and candidate. DeMotte Christian Schools is located about an hour southeast of Chicago in Northwest Indiana in a community that has strongly supported Christian education for the past 76 years. Applicants with a degree in art or elementary education from an accredited college or university is preferred but not required. Candidates must agree fully with the school's statement of beliefs, be an active member of a church (church with a Reformed persuasion preferred), and be able to teach young children well. Opportunities to lead extracurricular activities are also available. If interested, please submit your cover letter, resume, and a completed application to the contact below.

- Dan Weaver DeMotte Christian Grade & Middle School Principal
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FULL-TIME KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

DeMotte Christian Schools is growing. With a building project expected to be completed at the Middle/High School campus by July of 2023, DMCS is looking for qualified candidates to join our team. DeMotte Christian Schools is located about an hour southeast of Chicago in Northwest Indiana in a community that has strongly supported Christian education for the past 76 years. DMCS is looking for a qualified kindergarten teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in early childhood or elementary education 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 be able to teach young children well. Opportunities to lead extracurricular activities or athletics are also available. If interested, please submit your cover letter, resume, and a completed teacher application to the contact below.

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FULL-TIME GRADE SCHOOL SECRETARY

DeMotte Christian Grade School has a full-time opening for a front office secretary to join our team. The secretary faithfully and confidentially manages the office at the grade school. Responsibilities include word processing, sending and receiving email and phone communication, working with school constituents to ensure our school is running smoothly, maintaining the student information system (FACTS), and state reporting. Candidates must be an active communicant member in good standing of a church which subscribes to the historic Reformed confessions. If interested, please submit your cover letter, resume, and a completed application to the contact below.

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FULL-TIME K-12 MUSIC/BAND TEACHER

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FULL-TIME MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER

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PART-TIME PRESCHOOL TEACHER

DeMotte Christian Schools is growing and planning to expand its preschool program. With a building project expected to be completed at the Middle/High School campus by July of 2023, DMCS is looking for qualified candidates to join our team. DeMotte Christian Schools is located about an hour southeast of Chicago in Northwest Indiana in a community that has strongly supported Christian education for the past 76 years. DMCS is anticipating to add at least one additional PK 3-year-old class and at least one additional PK 4-year-old class. This part-time position is expected to be a 40% position with the potential of more depending on enrollment. It is highly likely this position could be combined with another position to become full-time. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in early childhood or elementary education 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 be able to teach young children well. Opportunities to lead extracurricular activities or athletics are also available.

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PART-TIME HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION TEACHER

DeMotte Christian High School is looking for a qualified individual who is skilled in construction and passionate about sharing their knowledge with high school students. This candidate should have a strong Christian faith, adhere to Reformed values, be flexible in their availability, and be proficient in various aspects of building trades. If interested, complete application and submit it to:

- Richard DeFries DeMotte Christian High School Principal
- Phone: 219.987.7651 Email: rdefries@dmcsemail.org

HIGH SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY

DeMotte Christian High School is looking for someone willing to serve as a substitute secretary for the school when our full-time secretary is unable to be here. Training will be made available to this applicant in advance to provide for a smooth transition into our school. The days needed will vary based on specific needs. If interested, please complete an application and submit it to the contact below.

- Richard DeFries DeMotte Christian High School Principal
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SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. is always accepting applications for substitute teachers. This position's main responsibility is to substitute for teachers when necessary. The ideal candidate should have strong Christian values, flexibility in their schedule, a love for teaching students, and preferably experience working with children/students. Background checks are required. If interested, please contact Buddy Hucks, Superintendent, at lhucks@dmcsemail.org or 219-987-3721.

Applications may be found at www.demottechristianschools.org, under the "About" tab drop-down menu, "Employment Opportunities" page.

DMCS Important Dates:

- 3/20: RaiseRight (SCRIP) Due
- 3/27-31: Spring Break
- 4/3: RaiseRight (SCRIP) Due
- 4/6: Suds pick-up at DMCGS front hall
- 4/7: Good Friday, No School/Make up day
- 4/11: DMCS Society Meeting at DMCHS
- 4/10: Easter Monday, No School/Make up day
- 4/13-14: DMCHS Spring Musical Aladdin
- 4/17: RaiseRight (SCRIP) Due
- 4/24-29: DMCHS Service Week
- 5/1: E-learning grades 9-12 only
- 5/1: RaiseRight (SCRIP) Due
- 5/6: DMCS Carnival 4-8 PM
- 5/9: DMCHS & DMCMS Spring Concert 7-8 PM
- 5/11: 8th Grade Banquet 6:30-8:30 PM
- 5/15: RaiseRight (SCRIP) Due
- 5/25: Student's Last Day
- 5/25: 8th Grade Promotion
- 5/26: No School, Teacher in-service/Make up day
- 5/26: DMCHS Graduation 7 PM
- 5/30: RaiseRight (SCRIP) Due