

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 14, 2021



1 John 1:5-9

“HONEST CONFESSION”

Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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

Welcome to Bethel Church today. We welcome Pastor Tim Toeset who will be leading us in worship today. In the am he will continue with our Lent series: “Rhythms of a Deeper Faith” focusing on honest confession. In the pm he will look at Ruth 3 – “Ruth and Redemption”. Where do you and I fit into the story? We are redeemed! Whether in person, or online, we hope your time spent worshipping the Lord will be a blessing.



Sunday School and Catechism “**SHOW ME JESUS**” for all children 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! There will be no Sunday School or Catechism for the next 3 Sunday’s. After today we will resume on April 11th.

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Opening Song: “Mighty to Save”

Prayer

God’s Greeting – Pastor Toeset

Time of Praise

- “Salvation Belongs to Our God”
- “Just As I Am”

Prayer of Confession

Song of Response: “Lord, I Need You”

March Memory Verse - John 3:16-17

Prayers of God’s People – Gary DeVries

Children’s Message: Velma Ouwenga

Scripture: 1 John 1:5-9

Sermon: “**Rhythms of a Deeper Faith: Honest Confession**”

Prayer – Pastor Toeset

Parting Blessing

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

SERVING TODAY

Nursery

Piano

Usher AM:

Media Shout

Offering

March 14

Lisa Zylstra, Bailee Jansma

Amy Dekker

Duane Jansma

Katie Eenigenburg

Ministries of Bethel and Calvin Seminary

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!

5 PM WORSHIP

Welcome

Opening Song: "There Is a Redeemer"

Prayer

We Continue in Praise:

"As the Deer"

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

Time of Prayer

Scripture: Ruth 3

Message: "Ruth and Redemption"

Prayer

God's Parting Blessing

Closing Song: "To God Be the Glory"

SERVING NEXT WEEK March 21

Nursery	Anna Vanderwal, Jori Jansma
Piano	Marla VanderMolen
Usher AM:	Rick Eenigenburg
Media Shout	Scott VanVlymen
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Bible League

CHURCH FAMILY:

Continue to keep Frances Kros, Ted & Donna Hoekstra, and Elmer VanderMolen in prayer with their health struggles each day.

Safe travels for Pastor Rick and Brenda as they return home and pray that they had a good week of relaxation and renewal.

THIS WEEKS MEETINGS

Sunday	10:50am	Sunday School & Catechism
	6:15pm	YPS meets at First CRC
Tuesday	1:30pm	Ladies Afternoon Bible Study
Wednesday	9:30am	Coffee Break
	7:00pm	GEMS & Cadets

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YPS meets tonight, March 14th at 6:15pm at First CRC.

THE LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will meet at 1:30 pm this Tuesday, March 16. We will study lesson 5 and meet at our church downstairs. Hope to see you there.

COFFEE BREAK will finish its season with a 5-week study titled "The Path to the Cross". We will be using a video series by Ray Vander Laan filmed in Israel. We will begin this week, be off next week for Spring Break and continue through April. New attendees are welcome. 9:30 on Wednesdays. Nursery provided.

GEMS and CADETS will meet this week Wednesday at 7pm.

Mark your calendars for the **DERBY RACE** scheduled for Wednesday, April 7th at 7pm. There will be no dinner this year before the race due to covid.

WAYS THAT YOU CAN SERVE AT BETHEL! Opportunities to Volunteer!

1.) **Join the Outreach Team** and help us focus on the "GO" part of our Mission Statement.

Council President Russ VanderMolen wants to increase Bethel's focus on the **GO** Part of our **Gather, Grow, Go** motto. The reorganized Outreach Team met to review our current work with such things as Phil's Friends and nursing home services. We also talked about ways to increase our congregation's awareness of the missionaries we currently support and how we can increase our involvement with them. You will be hearing more of our team's efforts. If you would like to join us, contact any of the team's members: Cindy Musch, Marla VanderMolen, Gary DeVries, Larry Ouwenga.

2.) Volunteer to help the Service Team as they care for the needs of our congregation!

It is another new year! Even though 2020 is behind us, the needs of the congregation still stand before us in 2021. The **SERVICE TEAM IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** who would be willing to help with a meal, grocery or pharmacy errands, or even small yard work, snow shoveling and possible uber services if needed to doctor appointments etc... We have been able to help several members already and greatly appreciate those who offered to help last year. Please prayerfully consider adding your name to the list to be contacted, should a need arise. I know it is greatly appreciated by those who have been helped in the past. If you added your name to the list last year, there is no need to do so again. If you would be willing to be on the list, please text, email or call Andrea Zickmund at 262-705-7280, andreaaffemt@yahoo.com or Judy Van Bruggen at 219-987-3230 to be added to the list.

Also, **if you know of anyone who needs help, from the Service Team, please do not hesitate to contact us**, and we will see what can be done to help. Thank you for your consideration!

Service Team: Wes and Judy Van Bruggen, Mike and Andrea Zickmund

3.) Live-streaming coming soon! Are you able to help?

The live-streaming setup is progressing! We got our laptop, and will be hooking it up soon for a more permanent installation that won't rely on wifi or an iPhone. We will be looking for someone to help run it, and of course, training will be provided. **If you are interested in helping our livestream services be successful, please connect with Pastor Rick.**

4.) Serving with the Youth? YPS helper needed!

INTERESTED IN SERVING WITH THE YOUTH? We are looking for a helper for YPS (Young Peoples). Contact Russ VanderMolen if interested and with any questions.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DeMotte Christian Schools PIE Spring Pork Chop Dinner is Thursday, March 18 from 5-7:00pm. This year will be a drive-thru style. Menu includes pork chops, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce and dessert. Prices are \$8 for a one- chop meal, \$10 for a two-chop meal and \$2 for an extra chop. Come enjoy a delicious dinner and support DMCS!

CCHS juniors are having a coat drive! They are bringing clean, gently-used coats to Michigan for Service Week. There is a weatherproof container located at the CCHS front entrance doors under the carport. Donors can easily drop off without having to come inside the school! Thank you in advance for your support.

DMCS ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING (April 13)

DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. strongly encourages you to attend the Annual Society Meeting on Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00pm at DeMotte Christian School **OR** via ZOOM.

- Society members will vote on the proposed advisory budget and new Board members. The bylaws require that a member “be 18 years of age or older and have individually contributed a minimum of \$50 to the school corporation in the 13 months prior to the publication of the agenda.” Parents with children enrolled at Covenant or DeMotte Christian have by default already met the \$50 contribution requirement but still need to sign the membership affirmation.
- If submitting an absentee ballot for Board member elections, a member must complete the election ballot and the member affirmation statement, place in a sealed envelope, sign the outside, and turn in to either school office.
- Society booklets will be available in the CCHS main office and in the literature rack outside the DMC main office by Monday, March 29.

DMCS Important Dates:

March now-15: SUDS For a Cause Fundraiser
March 18: PIE Spring Pork Chop Dinner (drive thru @ CCHS)
March 22-26: Spring Break
April 1: Suds For A Cause Pick Up @ DMC (2:45-4pm)
April 2 & 5: NO SCHOOL
April 13: DMCS Annual Society Meeting

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.
- Nursery is available for the am service only.
- 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, you are encouraged to NOT linger in the narthex, wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines

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