

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 21, 2021



1 Corinthians 10:31-33

**“WORSHIP”**

Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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

**Welcome to Bethel Church today.** Whether in person, or online, we hope your time spent worshipping the Lord will be a blessing. **We continue with our Lenten Sermon Series: "Rhythms of a Deeper Faith"** and today we look at "Worship". What does scripture say about worship and how can what we think about worship bring us closer to God? During our 5pm Service we'll continue in our Mark study and see the connection between blindness and faith, Jesus' healing and Peter's confession from Mark 8:22-30.



Sunday School and Catechism will **NOT** meet for 3 weeks due to Spring Break followed by Easter. We will resume on April 11. **“SHOW ME JESUS”** is for all children PK (4 yr.) – 6<sup>th</sup> grade and we 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.

**PALM SUNDAY** is March 28 and we would like to **INVITE ALL YOUNG CHILDREN**, along with their parent to join the Sunday school class as we enter the sanctuary waving palm branches. **Please meet in the basement before church at 9:15 to get your branches** and instructions.

#### **SERVING TODAY**

Nursery

Piano

Usher AM:

Media Shout

Offering

#### **March 21**

Anna Vanderwal, Jori Jansma

Marla VanderMolen

Rick Eenigenburg

Scott VanVlymen

Ministries of Bethel and Bible League

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!

#### **CHURCH FAMILY:**

- Duane VanderWoude remains at St. Anthony hospital after having had a stomach scope, clamps to stem some bleeding issues, and infusions of iron to help him regain some strength. Pray for him and his family during this challenging time.
- Continue to keep Frances Kros, Ted & Donna Hoekstra, and Elmer VanderMolen in prayer with their health struggles each day.
- Pray for Mary Recker. As a result of a trip/fall she was injured in her shoulder and kneecap. Pray for healing and comfort as she recovers from her injuries.
- Scott VanVlymen will be having hip replacement surgery on Monday, March 22. Pray that all will go well for Scott and he will have a good recovery.
- "Thank you" on behalf of Eric & Penny for the support and prayers of the Bethel family for their work in PNG. They plan to return to PNG March 30. Continue to keep all of our missionaries in your prayers as they serve around the world!
- Bethel Congregation! I have just finished my radiation and would like to thank you all for your cards, prayers and words of encouragement over the past few months. God has been good and has been at my side all through this. There is no one like him for he is the great physician and healer. I give him all the praise, honor and glory. Fear not for he is with us!  
Donna VanVuren

## MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship -Psalm 105:1-4

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;

make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him;

tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Look to the LORD and his strength;

seek his face always.

Song of Praise – “May the People’s Praise You”

Prayer

God’s Greeting

Scripture

Songs of Praise

- “Holy Is the Lord”
- “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Prayer of Confession

- The Wonderful Cross

Memory Verse – John 3:16-17

Prayers of the People

Children’s Message

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:31-33

Sermon: **Rhythms of a Deeper Faith – Worship**

Prayer

Closing Words based on Romans 12:1-2

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: “What Can I Do”

**SERVING NEXT WEEK March 28**

Nursery	Kim Kuiper, Heidi Dunham
Piano	Dan Zylstra
Usher AM:	Rick Eenigenburg
Media Shout	Todd Nanninga
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Library

## 5 PM WORSHIP

Welcome

Silent Prayer

“My God How Wonderful You Are” – vs: 1-4

Prayer of Praise

“My God How Wonderful You Are” – vs.:5-6

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

- “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” – vs. 1,3,5,7,8
- “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”
- “Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns” – vs.1,2,5

Prayers of the People

Mark 8:22-30

**“Who Do You Say That I Am?”**

Prayer

Closing Song – “Step by Step”

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Upcoming Holy Week Schedule:

Our Good Friday service will be held on Friday, April 2 at 7 p.m., and will help us reflect on Jesus as the Passover Lamb. Communion will be served as it has been through the pandemic...using pre-packaged juice and bread.

Our Easter morning worship service will celebrate Christ’s Resurrection with a powerful rhythm of a deeper faith: gratitude!

**COFFEE BREAK will NOT meet this week due to Spring Break.** We are finishing the season with a study titled “The Path to the Cross”. We will be using a video series by Ray Vander Laan filmed in Israel. We will be off next week for Spring Break and continue through April. New attendees are welcome. 9:30 on Wednesdays. Nursery provided.

Mark your calendars for the **DERBY RACE** scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM.** There will be no dinner this year before the race due to covid. The race will be held upstairs again this year so come join the fun!

We are seeking another member to represent Bethel serving on the Board of Oak Grove. This is an important facility here in DeMotte. Meetings take place every two months. Please contact Gary DeVries or Wes VanBruggen if you would like more information. Thanks

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Covenant Christian High School** is needing to fill the following **teaching positions** for the 2021-22 school year:

1. Part-time Band/Choir Instructor
2. Spanish Teacher
3. Ag Science Teacher

If you are interested in applying, please contact Rick DeFries at (219) 987-7651 or by cell at (574) 242-0313. Applications can be found at [www.demottechristianschools.org](http://www.demottechristianschools.org).

**4th Grade Teacher Needed.** DeMotte Christian Grade School is looking for a full-time teacher for the 2021-2022 school year to teach fourth grade. Applicants must hold at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, agree fully with the school's statement of beliefs, is an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion, and demonstrates the ability to teach children well. If you are interested in applying for the position, please send a resume and application to Devon Brinks, Principal, at [dbrinks@dmcs-in.org](mailto:dbrinks@dmcs-in.org) or contact the school office at (219)987-3721. An application may also be found on the school website ([www.demottechristianschools.org](http://www.demottechristianschools.org)).

**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.

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 foyer at DMC or literature rack outside the DMC main office by Monday, March 29. You may also call the school office at 219-987-3721 and request one to be emailed to you.

Covenant's NHS is planning a **CAR WASH** to sponsor activities for the elementary students that were prohibited due to COVID-19! Plan for Saturday, April 10, from 8:30-11:30am in front of CCHS! A freewill donation will be accepted.

Covenant Christian High School invites everyone to their **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE** on Saturday, April 24 from 9am-1pm in the school gym. Only \$7 per bag from 9am-12pm, and \$2 per bag from 12-1pm! To donate clean, gently used items for the sale, please bring them on Thursday, April 22 from 2pm-5pm at the back door or Friday, April 23 from 8am-2pm at the front door. Volunteers are needed to set up and sort on Thursday from 2pm-7pm or Friday from 8am-4pm. Please call CCHS's office at 219-987-7651 to sign up. Hope to see you there! \*Please note that due to liability issues, children will not be allowed to accompany adult volunteers. A mask will be required for all volunteers and shoppers.

**Kal-Bro Gift Card Fundraiser:** DeMotte Christian School students will be selling Kal-Bro gift cards just in time for Mother's Day! The fundraiser begins April 7th and runs through April 22nd. Gift cards can be used at the DeMotte location and are offered in \$25, \$50, or \$100 denominations. Please contact the school office at 219-987-3721 to place your order.

### **DMCS Important Dates:**

<b>March 22-26:</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>April 1:</b>	<b>Suds For A Cause Pick Up @ DMC (2:45-4pm)</b>
<b>April 2 &amp; 5:</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>April 7-21:</b>	<b>Kal-Bro Gift Card Fundraiser</b>
<b>April 10:</b>	<b>NHS Car Wash @ CCHS (8:30-11:30am)</b>
<b>April 13:</b>	<b>DMCS Annual Society Meeting (7pm)</b>
<b>April 24:</b>	<b>PIE Spring Rummage Sale @ CCHS (9am-1pm)</b>

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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