

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 7, 2021



Matthew 6:16-18

“FASTING”

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. **Our Lenten Sermon Series: "Rhythms of a Deeper Faith"** explores things like Prayer, Reading Scripture, Fasting, Confession, Worship, Silence, and Gratitude as those biblical practices that can bring us closer to God. On this third Sunday in Lent we reflect on “fasting”.

We will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper during the morning worship. May God use this gift he has given through his Son Jesus to affirm our faith and draw us closer to him. If you have publicly confessed Jesus as your Savior and Lord, are sorry for sin and desire to live for him, we invite you to join with us and participate in communion. We will be using pre-packaged communion cups that you are encouraged to pick up prior to entering the sanctuary.

Join us for our 5 pm Mission Emphasis Service tonight here at Bethel. The focus will be on the work of Renee (Holwerda) and Tim Aupperlee and their work with Barnabas International in partnership with Resonate Global Ministries. The message will be given by Pastor Tim Holwerda, “The Missionary Disciple” to show us how Andrew, whether facing shortages or confusion, or discovery, brought people first to Jesus so that we – who often feel as confused and lacking as he – may do the same. The offering will be for Barnabas International for Aupperlee support. The Aupperlee’s have served in China for 8 years and Pastor Tim & his wife have served in the Philippines. Both are now in the Grand Rapids area. Please wear your mask.

Next week Sunday we welcome Pastor Tim Toeset to Bethel. He will be leading us in worship. In the am he will continue with our series: “Rhythms of a Deeper Faith” focusing on honest confession. In the pm he will look at Ruth 3 – “Ruth and Redemption”. Pastor Rick & Brenda will be on a week of vacation.



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!

SERVING TODAY

Nursery

Piano

Usher AM:

Ushers PM:

Media Shout

Offering

March 7 (Communion AM/Combined Mission Emphasis PM)

Laura Visscher, Stephanie Konvalinka

Amy Dekker

Duane Jansma

Ron Bakker, Mike Zickmund, Jeff Jansma

Schaafsma

Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

PM offering will be for Barnabas International for Aupperlee support.

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!

SERVING NEXT WEEK March 14

Nursery

Lisa Zylstra, Bailee Jansma

Piano

Amy Dekker

Usher AM:

Duane Jansma

Media Shout

Katie Eenigenburg

Offering

Ministries of Bethel and Calvin Seminary

MORNING WORSHIP

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Welcome

Opening Words:

Leader: As we come into your presence today,
may we be like John the Baptist who said:

People: Lord, may you become greater, and may we become less.

Leader: Fill us, Lord, with your Holy Spirit, and draw us closer to you.

People: we yearn to see more of you, O God, and live more like Jesus.

Leader: Open our eyes, O God, so we may see you more fully, and more clearly.

People: And use us, O God, so that others see more of you in us.

Song: "Lord Reign in Me"

Prayer

God's Greeting

"How Great Thou Art"

Psalms 130/"I Will Wait for You"

Memory Verse - John 3:16-17

Prayers of God's People

Fed by Word and Sacrament

Children's Message: Heidi Dunham

Scripture: Matthew 6:16-18

Sermon: "**Rhythms of a Deeper Faith: Fasting**"

Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer

Closing Song: "You Are My All in All"

CHURCH FAMILY:

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

Dear Bethel, Ted and I are reminded of how helpful and wonderful Bethel is. Thank you Service Team and also women who brought delicious meals. God bless all the many prayers as well. Ted & Donna

THIS WEEKS MEETINGS

Sunday	10:50am	Sunday School & Catechism
	6:15pm	YPS meets at First CRC
Tuesday	7:00pm	Council
Wednesday	9:30am	Coffee Break
Friday	5:45pm	YPS Fun & Cleaning Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LIFT is operational, and has passed inspection and is ready to use!! Finishing touches are still being made to certain areas but it is ready to allow people to get to the basement if needed. If you need to use it and would like someone to show you how, please ask Gary DeVries, Dianne DeVries, Pastor Rick, or consult the instructions on the music stand just outside the lift doors.

Council meets on Tuesday at 7pm.

COFFEE BREAK meets on Wednesday at 9:30am. Nursery is provided!

YPS meets tonight, March 7 and then again next week on March 14th at 6:15pm at First CRC.

YPS will also be having a **fun & cleaning night** at First CRC this Friday, March 12. All kids are asked to participate. Chick-fil-A and Grog to start and then cleaning night. It will run from 5:45pm - 9:15pm

WAYS THAT YOU CAN SERVE AT BETHEL!

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

DMCS Important Dates:

March 1-15	Suds for a Cause Fundraiser
March 18:	PIE Spring 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.
- 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



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