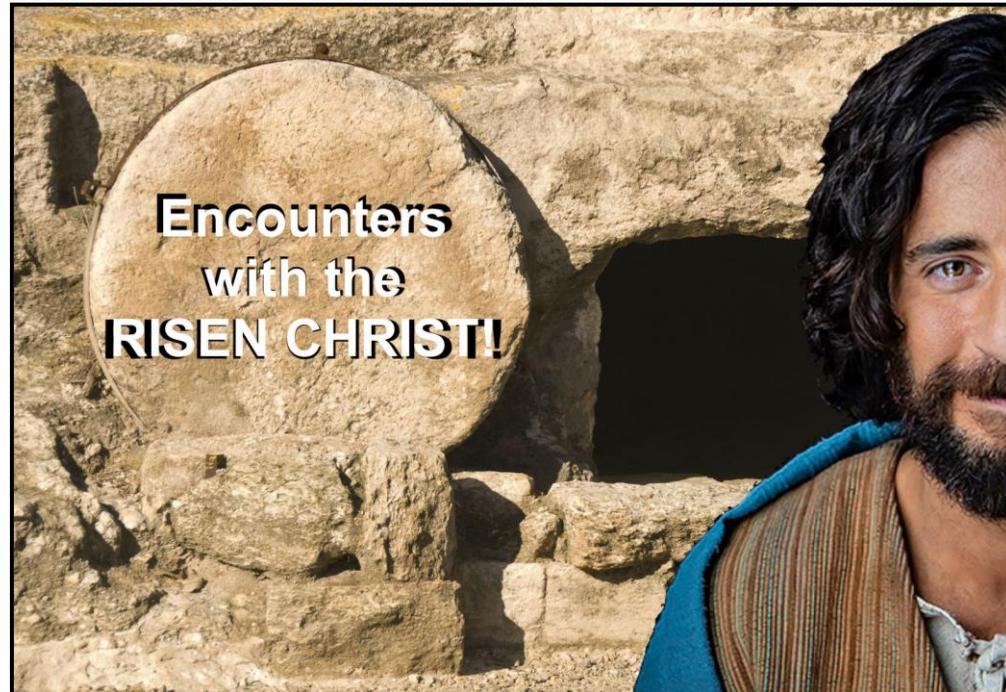


Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, May 1, 2022



Let's Go Fishing!

John 21: 1-14

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

WELCOME TO BETHEL CHURCH! Whether in person, or online, we hope your time spent worshipping the Lord will be a blessing. This morning Pastor Rick continues a series to take a look at the encounters that different people had with the Risen Christ. Our text for this Sunday morning will be John 20:1-14, as Jesus meets his disciples by the beach for a meal and some instruction – “Let’s Go Fishing”. At the 5 p.m. service we will continue working through the gospel of Mark, specifically Mark 13:14-37, where Jesus continues his "Olivet Discourse" with the disciples all "that must take place".

This morning we celebrate God’s covenant promises as the sacrament of baptism is given to Esme Joy Visscher! We are grateful for God’s gracious covenantal love by which he claims us, and our children, as his own! May we respond with joyous hearts, and lives of obedient faith!



“SHOW ME JESUS” Sunday School for all PK (4 yr.) – 6th Grade and **Catechism** for 7th – 12th graders meets downstairs right after the morning worship. There will be no classes next week, May 8th for Mother’s Day. We will meet on May 15th and end the season on May 22 with a Pizza Party!

AFTER CHURCH TODAY, enjoy your coffee and snack in the Council room while watching a Ray VanderLaan video on the New Testament churches in Asia. This week is part two of a five-part series called *The Clash of Kingdoms*. We will begin about 11:00 for about 40 minutes.

Next Sunday, Lord Willing, we hope to celebrate the Lord’s Supper, as a reminder of his sacrifice, but even more than that: By faith, we receive Christ, his grace, and are assured of his presence throughout all of life. We praise God for this faith-building sacrament, given by Jesus himself!

SERVING TODAY

Nursery:	Pam V. Velma O.
Piano:	Dan
Usher AM:	Scott VV
Greeters	Jack & Joy VS (S), Rich & Mary B. (E).
Media Shout	Schaafsma’s
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

SERVING NEXT WEEK May 8

Nursery:	Brenda V. Riley S.
Piano:	Dan
Usher AM:	Scott VV
Greeters	Jack & Joy VS (S), Rich & Mary B. (E).
Media Shout	Katie Eenigenburg
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Illiana Right to Life

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

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	10:45am	Sunday School & Catechism
Tuesday	7:00pm	Council
Wednesday	6:30pm	GEMS “End of Year Celebration”

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship: from Psalm 25

Let us turn towards God in worship!

To You, O Lord, we lift up our hearts!

In You we trust!

Do not let us be put to shame.

Our God is full of compassionate love.

He brings sinners back to His way,

and teaches the humble the way they should go.

Lead us by Your truth, and teach us,

for You are the God who saves us

Surround us by Your grace, and transform us,

For you are the Father who loves us.

We put our hope in You!

We give our hearts to You!

Song of praise: "I Give You My Heart"

Prayer of Praise

God's Greeting

Mutual Greetings

Songs of Praise:

- "Holy Is the Lord"
- "Holy, Holy, Holy"
- "Goodness of God"

Baptism of Esme Joy Visscher

Prayers of God's People

Offering, for Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

Children's Message

Scripture: John 21:1-14

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

Sermon: **Let's Go Fishing**

Prayer

God's Parting Blessing

Closing Song: "This Little Light of Mine"

5PM AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship: Revelation 15:3-4

Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed.

Opening Song of Praise – "Sing to the King"

Prayer of Praise

Songs of Praise

- "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

Reading of Psalm 27

- A couple of ways to sing Psalm 27
 - "The Lord is My Light"
 - "Jehovah is My Light" – vs. 1,3,5

Prayer

Scripture: Mark 13:14-37

Sermon Study – **Being on our Guard!**

Prayer

Affirmation: "Come, Lord Jesus"

Followed by: "By The Sea of Crystal"

CHURCH FAMILY – Please continue to pray for:

- Keith Coffey, after some delays due to more health concerns, is scheduled to be transferred this weekend to Vibra Rehab Facility in Crown Point. The family is anxious and excited to have him closer to home. Please pray the transfer goes smoothly and continue to pray for peace and patience for the family and healing for Keith. Encouragement cards can be sent to: Keith and Connie at 1922 Daisy St. SE, DeMotte, IN 46310
- Bill VDW was scheduled for a procedure to help expand his esophagus, but due to some complications, they are postponing it for a couple of months. Please keep Bill in your prayers!
- Pray for Rich K, who was admitted to Broadway Methodist Hospital, due to complications from a recent prostate surgery. Pray for his healing and his recovery.
- Pray also for Josie V, 17 years old, who is struggling with stage 4 Hodgkin's lymphoma, and also with complications from the beginning of her chemo treatment. Pray for effectiveness of the chemo, and freedom from the painful side-effects.
- Continue to keep: Elmer VM, Ted & Donna H, Corky B, John B, Barb E, Andy and any others who may struggle with health concerns or not able to get out and about so readily.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Thursday, May 5, is the **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**. We want to encourage you, in light of this challenge to pray, to use the day to offer up prayers of gratitude for all God's blessings, and prayers of intercession for our church, for this nation, for Ukraine, and for whatever specific things the Lord lays upon our hearts. The scriptures they've chosen as a "theme verse" are from Colossians 2:6-7 - *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.* Pray with gratitude for all God's blessings. Pray with confidence, knowing that you are God's children through Jesus. Pray with guidance from God's word as we are strengthened in our faith. Pray with compassion for the needs of others. Pray also with kingdom longing for this nation, Ukraine, and more. If you still have your prayer encouragement sheets from the last time that we dedicated a day for prayer, we encourage you to use them as a guideline and a prompt for praying. They were sent in an email last week as an attachment with the reminder about this Thursday. (There are some printed copies on table)

Join Together for 40 DAYS OF PRAYER Before Synod 2022 - As part of the CRCNA's year-long prayer initiative, Together Seeking God's Face, you are invited into a 40-day season of intentional, guided prayer leading up to Synod 2022. Sign up for daily Scripture and prayer prompts to be sent to your email for 40 days at crcna.org/pray which **begins TODAY, May 1**. You are free to join anytime! To sign up please go to: <https://network.crcna.org/prayer/seeking-gods-face-forty-days-prayer>. At the bottom is a place where you can click on a link to fill out a form, put in your email address, and subscribe to daily prayer prompts to use during your daily devotions. Let's continue to pray for the church, and more broadly, God's Kingdom!

Last week we mentioned about May 22 being a **PRAISE AND WORSHIP / HYMN-SING NIGHT**, however, we failed to consider that a combined Ascension Day service had been planned for that evening at First CRC. We will be coming up with an alternative date for our praise night soon. Sorry for the confusion!

COUNCIL will meet this Tuesday at 7 p.m.

GEMS AND YOUR MOMS are invited to the "End of the Year Celebration". It will be at 1st CRC on Wednesday, May 4, 6:30pm sharp! We will hand out badge emblems, awards and prize redemption, and other special things going on. Plan to attend as we wrap up the season!

Deadline is May 8th to check your information for the new **UPDATED BETHEL DIRECTORY!** Please take a minute to check your information on the pages laying out on the table: names, address, all emails, cell numbers, phones etc... Mark out anything you do not want listed and make corrections to anything that we have wrong or additions that need made. Any questions talk to Russ VM, Barb W, or Janet B. Thank you for taking the time to do that so we can have the info as updated as possible.

ALL GRADUATES – College, Senior and 8th Grade! We would like to include you in the Graduation Issue of "Bethel Branches" and help you celebrate! If you did not receive an email with a form attached there are some laying on the table in the back of church. Please fill one out and send us the info by May 18th. Any questions contact Bailee or Shiela. **Graduation Sunday will be June 5!**

Interested in CPR/AED Training: Andrea Z. will be teaching a **CLASS ON MAY 21ST AT 9:00AM** here at Bethel on some lifesaving skills. Knowing how to do CPR, along with using the AED, can save a person's life is as little as 2 minutes and it is absolutely possible for anyone to learn how! It is highly encouraged for anyone who would like to learn not only adult CPR, but also infant CPR, how to relieve infant choking, and how to use the AED, to come to this 2.5-3 hr. class. If interested, please email, call or text Andrea Z. at andreaaffemt@yahoo.com or text or call 262-705-7280.

OPPORTUNITY TO REACH OUT AND SERVE! One of the ANEW mom's is graduating out of the program this year and we are looking for at least 3 people who would be willing to help with the graduation dinner. It will be May 19 from 6-8pm at the Crown Point CRC. This is a great opportunity to serve and witness what God is doing through the program. If interested, please talk to Marla VM.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moms in Prayer

DMCS will be hosting Moms in Prayer meeting on Monday, May 2 at 3 at CCHS, and Wednesday, May 4 at 8:10 at DMC. Anyone is welcome to come join us in praying over our schools, staff, students, and community. These meetings will be approximately 30 minutes and will involve guided group and individual prayer. We hope you'll join us!

75th Anniversary Celebration

Please join us Saturday, May 7th to celebrate 75 years of Christian Education at DeMotte Christian Schools! We have a variety of events to participate in on this day and invite you to come to any or all of them! Below is a list of all the activities we have planned.

- 10 am: You are invited to join us in cheering on our Knights Baseball and Softball teams at our home fields at CCHS. During these athletic events, we will also be having a student-led bake sale to benefit FORCE FOR CHRIST.
- 2-3:30 pm: Join us for a reception in the CCHS cafeteria! We will have a "Walk through History" exhibit where we will display photos and yearbooks from years past. We will also have videos of current student activities and extracurriculars, several guest speakers reflecting on the mission of DMCS, a look into what the future holds, giveaways, and light refreshments served.

This is going to be a wonderful day full of celebrating all God has done in and through DMCS, and all that He will do in the years to come! We hope you'll join us!

Restored Resale Inc.

Restored Resale, a DMCS partner, is in desperate need of volunteers and monetary donations to get the store up and running. They have a great many needs to meet, so please consider how you may be able to help them. Contact them at RestoredResaleInc@gmail.com to find out more and get involved. Thank you!

DMC GRADE SCHOOL JOB OPENINGS FOR 2022-2023

Paraprofessional Position for 2022-2023

DeMotte Christian Grade School is accepting applications for part-time and/or full-time paraprofessionals for the 2022-2023 school year. The ideal candidates should be an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion, be able to collaborate with classroom teachers, be flexible, and have a passion for working with children. Candidates with experience or having a degree in education are preferred. If interested, please submit your cover letter, resume, and a completed application to the contact below.

Contact: Dan Weaver DeMotte Christian Grade School Assistant Principal
Phone: 219.987.3721 Email: dweaver@dmcsemail.org

Full-time Elementary Teaching Position for 2022-2023

DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc is accepting applications for a full-time elementary teacher position. Grade level of the position to be determined based on the candidate's strength and current teaching staff. Applicants should hold at least a baccalaureate degree in elementary education from an accredited college or university and be an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion. Although not a requirement, it is preferred that candidates possess leadership qualities or a special education background. Opportunities to lead extracurricular activities or athletics are also available. The position will be posted until filled. If interested, please submit your cover letter, resume, and a completed application to the contact below.

Contact: Dan Weaver DeMotte Christian Grade School Assistant Principal
Phone: 219.987.3721 Email: dweaver@dmcsemail.org

Junior High Science Teaching Position for 2022-2023

DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. is accepting applications for a full-time Junior High Science teacher. Applicants should hold at least a baccalaureate degree in secondary education from an accredited college or university and be an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion. Although not a requirement, it is preferred that candidates possess leadership qualities or a special education background. Opportunities to lead extracurricular activities or athletics are also available. Position will be posted until filled.

Contact: Mr. Dan Weaver Email: dweaver@dmcsemail.org Phone: 219.987.3721

HIGH SCHOOL JOB OPENINGS FOR 2022-2023

High School English Teacher

The applicant should be passionate about teaching English to students from a Reformed perspective. The applicant would teach classes including, but not limited to Composition, Literature, Speech, Film Literature, and Writing at the high school levels. The applicant should have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. If interested, complete an application (found at demottechristianschools.org) and submit it to the contact below.

High School Foreign Language Teacher

The applicant should be passionate about teaching foreign language to students from a Reformed perspective. The applicant would teach either Spanish, French, German, or Latin at the high school level. There are potential opportunities to teach PE, Health, Child Development, or English, as well. The applicant should have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. If interested, complete an application (found at demottechristianschools.org) and submit it to the contact below.

High School PE/Health Instructor

The applicant will teach classes including 9th and 10th grade PE, Advanced PE, and Health at the high school level. The applicant may also teach classes such as English or Family and Consumer Science courses. Applicants should have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. If interested, complete an application (found at demottechristianschools.org) and submit it to the contact below.

Contact: Mr. Richard DeFries Covenant Christian High School Principal
Email: rdefries@dmcsemail.org Phone: 219.987.7651

If interested in high school level positions, direct questions/submit applications to Rick DeFries, CCHS Principal, at rdefries@dmcsemail.org (or call 219-987-7651). Applications may be found at www.demottechristianschools.org, under the “About” tab drop down menu, “Employment Opportunities” tab.

DMCS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

DMCS is accepting applications for the position of part-time Admissions and Recruitment Coordinator. Requirements include, but are not limited to, timely communication with prospective families; scheduling shadow days, tours, and new family interviews; conducting Preschool and Kindergarten sign-ups in January; monitoring online applications in FACTS; having a knowledge and love for DeMotte Christian Schools. If you are interested, please contact our Superintendent, Mr. Hucks, at lhucks@dmcsemail.org.

DMCS is looking to create a list of **substitute custodians** if any of our current custodians need additional help or are absent. If you are interested, please contact Superintendent Hucks at lhucks@dmcsemail.org.

Do you have a CDL with a passenger endorsement, or are you interested in obtaining one? DMCS is in need of **bus drivers** for the 2022-2023 school year! For more details, contact Jill Struble at jstruble@dmcsemail.org.

DMCS Important Dates:

May 2	Make up day/Teacher in Service
May 7:	75 th Anniversary Reception from 2-3:30 @ CCHS
May 9:	DMCS Band & Choir Concert at CCHS @ 7
May 14	Mattress Sale @ CCHS
May 25	8 th Grade Promotion @ 7
5/27	HS Gradation @ 7