



## Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, May 2, 2021

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

We welcome you to worship today at Bethel CRC. Whether we call on the Lord in person or through our live-stream option, it is our prayer that the Lord will encourage us, challenge us, and help us to grow in Jesus Christ. We welcome any visitors who have chosen to join us!

This morning Pastor Rick begins a new sermon series for the month of May, on Chapter 8 book of Romans that is chock-full of all kinds of wisdom, teaching, and encouragement for the Christian life. To start, we will be looking at Romans 8:1 -11 and Paul's teaching on the Spirit-led Christian life. In the afternoon worship service, Pastor Rick continues his look at the Gospel of Mark, this time looking at Mark 9:30-50, and the "cross inspired life"

**National Day of Prayer Service:** This Thursday, May 6, we will hold a prayer service here at Bethel Church in person at 7:00 p.m. It will also be broadcast live on our church's facebook page. It will simply be a time to come together to pray and to call upon the Lord together.

**Next week,** Lord willing, we will be celebrating the sacrament of the **Lord's Supper** during the morning worship service. May God use this gift he has given through his Son Jesus to affirm our faith and draw us closer to him. We will be using pre-packaged communion cups that you will be able to pick up prior to entering the sanctuary.



Sunday School and Catechism will NOT meet today. We will meet back on May 16 for our end of season party. It's been another great season and we send out a big thank you especially to the teachers, piano players, song leaders, and anyone who helped in any way.

### **SERVING TODAY**

#### **May 2**

Nursery:	Stephanie Konvalinka, Heidi Dunham
Piano:	Amy Dekker
Usher AM:	Scott VanVlymen
Media Shout	Ryan Schaafsma
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

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!

## **MORNING WORSHIP**

Welcome

Opening Words, from Psalm 145

I will exalt you, my God the King;

I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will praise you

and extol your name for ever and ever.

I will meditate on all your wonderful works

celebrate your abundant goodness,

and joyfully sing of your righteous love.

Song: "Beautiful One"

Prayer

God's Greeting

"Lord Most High"

"How Great Thou Art"

Prayer of Confession

Confession of Assurance: Q&A 1 – Heidelberg Catechism

Song: "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

May Bible Memory Verse: Romans 8:1-2

Prayers of the People

Scripture: Romans 8:1-11

Sermon: **The Great Romans 8: The Spirit-Led Christian Life**

Prayer

Blessing

Song of Response – "And Can It Be"

**CHURCH FAMILY:** Please continue to lift up the following in prayer:

- Ted & Donna Hoekstra and Elmer & Norma VanderMolen
- Rich Kros was in the hospital due to suffering a couple of mini-strokes which caused him to experience weakness in his legs and fall. He was admitted to St. Anthony Hospital where he has gone through a battery of tests and treatments. His strength has been restored. Pray for the Lord's continuing healing and grace for Rich and for Fran.

Dear Bethel Family, Thank you for cards and encouraging acts of kindness as I'm mending from my fall. Am eager to be back with you. Mary Recker

## AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE – 5pm

Welcome

Song: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Prayer

God’s Greeting

Songs of Praise

- “O for a Thousand Tongues”
- “Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Prayers of the People

Scripture: Mark 9:30-50

Sermon: **Mark Manuscript Study: Single Minded Servanthood**

Prayer

Song of Response: “We Are an Offering”

### ***THIS WEEK AT BETHEL***

Sunday 6:15pm YPS meets at First CRC  
Tuesday 1:30pm Ladies Afternoon Bible Study  
7:00pm Council  
Thursday 7:00pm National Day of Prayer Service

### ***SERVING NEXT WEEK*** May 9 (Communion and Mother’s Day)

Nursery: Brenda Vanderwal, Pam VanSchouwen  
Piano: Amy Dekker  
Usher AM: Scott VanVlymen  
Media Shout: Katie Eenigenburg  
Offering: Ministries of Bethel and World Renew

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The DeVries family would like to invite you to a service **celebrating the life of Mary DeVries** on Saturday, May 15 at 11:00 A.M. here at Bethel with a time of fellowship and lunch following the service.

**ALL GRADUATES – College, Senior, 8<sup>th</sup> grade.** We would like to help you celebrate in our upcoming Bethel Branches Newsletter. If you were not emailed a form please pick one up from the round table in back of church, fill out the form and email the info back to [bethelcrc@netnitco.net](mailto:bethelcrc@netnitco.net). Or give to Shiela or Bailee Jansma. Thank you! Deadline is May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**YPS** - May 2 - last "normal" meeting 6:15  
May 16 - Party celebrating our seniors! 6:15  
Weather permitting we'll be outside at First CRC.

May 15 - YPS girl’s luncheon, 11:30 at First CRC upstairs room.  
RSVP by 5/12 to Kim 219-869-2339

**LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Tuesday, May 4, at 1:30 pm in our church basement. Study lesson 9 and join us as we end this season together. Velma has offered to make a dessert for us. See you there!

**COUNCIL** will meet this week Tuesday at 7pm.

Dear Congregation,

Thank you to those who decided to sponsor a child through Compassion International. I pray you are truly blessed by your sponsor child as they will be blessed by you as well! Look forward to some awesome personal letters from your child and pictures from Compassion as they grow, as well as report cards from Compassion as to how your child is doing and what is going on in their home countries.

For those of you who are still prayerfully considering sponsoring a child, the child cards have been taped to the world map, by the offices and you can take one off the map. We have 7 children left! It would be awesome to not have to mail any of them back to Compassion and tell them we have sponsored all of the 16 children they picked out for our church specifically! I will be holding on to the cards for another 2 weeks, before mailing back any left. If you feel God leading you to sponsoring a child at a later date you can go to [www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com) to pick a child to sponsor.

And one last thing, we thought it would be good to tape the pictures of the children sponsored by our church, on the map, so we can visually see the lives we are impacting as a church in this world! If you want to place your child’s picture on the map, once you receive the bookmark size pictures, please put it in my mailbox and I will get them on the map.

Thank you again, Andrea Zickmund

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Come to **WORSHIP NIGHT ON MAY 8 AT 7 PM IN COVENANT’S GYM!** You can register by filling out the google form on the Facebook event, or by calling the school office. Snacks and refreshments will be provided and covid protocols will be followed. Hope to see you there for a great night of fellowship and worship!

Community Preschool is looking for a two-day preschool teacher. The two days are flexible. We are also looking for a cook. This would be 5 days a week 4 hours a day. To get more information on these jobs please call 219-251-0149 or email [communitypreschoolroselawn@gmail.com](mailto:communitypreschoolroselawn@gmail.com).

**THE MEN’S GOLF LEAGUE** will begin playing on Tuesday, May 4 at 4:30 P.M. at Sandy Pines. All levels of skill are welcome. If you have any questions, please call or text Dave Jolink at 219-671-0730.

### ***SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

DMCS' annual **Walk-A-Thon 2021** is THIS Friday, May 7 at Field of Dreams Park. We're so excited to raise money this year to continue building improvements by upgrading the playground areas and repurposing the computer lab into a classroom at DMC! This year has presented a unique set of challenges, but our students and staff have walked through them with faith and perseverance. We are using this year's Walk-A-Thon to celebrate all that God has seen us through, so we have chosen the theme, "WALK IN FAITH". Our theme verse II Corinthians 5:7 says, "We walk by faith, not by sight." We are so grateful for our supporters like you, who have prayerfully helped carry us through this year. Our goal is to raise \$18,000. Just contact any DMC student to sponsor them! You may also mail a check to DMC at PO Box 430, DeMotte, IN 46310; or donate online by clicking the "donate" link on our school website: [www.demottechristianschools.org](http://www.demottechristianschools.org).

Come get a better night's sleep AND support the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual DeMotte Christian Schools **MATTRESS FUNDRAISER** on Saturday, May 15, from 10am-5pm! We will carry quality name brands like Simmons Beautyrest Black, Beautyrest Hybrids and Therapedic mattresses priced below retail. This is ONE DAY only, so we need your help to SPREAD THE WORD by inviting all of your family and friends! We will have an entire mattress store set up at the Covenant Christian HS Gym. (elderly/at risk are invited at 9am)

### **DMCS Important Dates:**

April 29: JH Play "Bagful of Fables", 7pm (live-streamed)  
May 3: No School  
May 4: DMCS Board Meeting - 7pm  
May 4-7: Co-ed Basketball Camp (gr. 1-3) @ DMC, 3-4:15pm  
May 6: DMC JH Spring Band Concert, 7pm  
May 7: PIE Annual Walk-A-Thon 2021  
May 10: CCHS Band Concert  
May 13: PS3 Last Day of School  
May 14: PS4 Last Day of School  
May 15: Mattress Fundraiser @ CCHS, 10am-5pm  
May 27: Last Day of School (K-Grade 12)  
May 27: 8th Grade Promotion, 7pm  
May 28: CCHS Graduation, 7pm