



Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, November 20, 2022
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219-987-2005
9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Services

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP whether in person or online. We welcome any visitors who have chosen to join us! Please take a welcome mug from the table in the back of church.

This morning Pastor Rick looks at 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 – “Begrudging Gratitude!”
For the 5pm Service we continue with Lamentations 2 - “Is God Our Enemy?”

Our **THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE** – “**Thanksgiving Off the Top**” from Deuteronomy **26:1-11** - will be held **Thursday at 9:30am**. The offering this year will be for World Renew. **Help Open Doors to Blessings for Families this Thanksgiving** - as we celebrate Thanksgiving, one way to give thanks for God’s blessings is to care for people worldwide. Through our gifts and offerings to World Renew on Thanksgiving Day, we can bless families in need! Join us as we celebrate all we are thankful to God for and his many blessings to us!

Our **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held **TODAY** after the morning service. There are copies of the budget and ballots on the table in the back of church. Please keep Bethel in your prayers as we step out in faith and trust the Lord will continue to lead and guide us.



“**SUPERBOOK ACADEMY**” Sunday School meets immediately after the morning worship downstairs for all PK (4year.) – 6th Grade. Pick up 11:45am. Sunday School will NOT meet on November 27th.

The Ray Vanderlaan videos meet in the council room after the service. We may or may not meet this week depending on the length of the Congregational meeting. We will not meet next Sunday November 27th.

SERVING NEXT WEEK November 20

Nursery: Heidi & Laura
Piano: Marla
Usher AM: Rick E.
Greeters: Brenda & Shiela (S), Steve & Alice (E).
Sunday School: Maria and Cassie
Media Shout: Scott
Offering: Ministries of Bethel and Capital Improvements

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

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome
Call to Worship – Micah 7:18
Opening Song: “Praise Adonai”
God’s Greeting
Mutual Greetings

Songs of Praise:
“Ancient of Days”
“The Wonderful Cross”
Scripture: Romans 5:1-11
Prayer of Thanks
Song of Response: “Fill Thou My Life”
Morning Prayers
Offering for Ministries of Bethel and Capital Improvements
Children’s Message

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Sermon: **Begrudging Gratitude**
Prayer
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: “Blessed Be Your Name”

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sunday	10:45am	“Superbook Academy” Sunday School
Tuesday	7:00pm	Executive Team
Wednesday	9:30am	Coffee Break will NOT meet
Thursday	9:30am	Thanksgiving Day Worship

CHURCH FAMILY: PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

- Please pray for Dale and Gina VanBaren and their family as they mourn the loss of their son and brother Gordon, who died in a tragic farming accident on Monday. Please pray for comfort and peace that passes all understanding during a time when grief is heavy and things don’t make sense.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the progress little Quinten DeBoer is making. We are thankful for his baby steps forward. Continue to keep him and Jacob & Kayla in prayer as he remains in the NICU!
- Please keep Elmer in prayer as he struggles with weakness due to the increasing ineffectiveness of treatments or infusions.
- Wanda W, Wayne and Carolyn, Andy and Cheryl, Barb E, Rich K, Amber G., Ted & Donna,

5PM WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Pastor: We have come to worship God, the living God,

People: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

Pastor: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

People: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

Pastor: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

People: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.
All glory to God!

Song of Praise: “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

Prayer of Praise

Confession of Faith: Belgic Confession article 20

Article 20: The Justice and Mercy of God in Christ

We believe that God—

who is perfectly merciful and also very just—

sent the Son to assume the nature

in which the disobedience had been committed,

in order to bear in it the punishment of sin

by his most bitter passion and death.

So God made known his justice toward his Son,

who was charged with our sin,

and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,

who are guilty and worthy of damnation,

giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love,

and raising him to life for our justification,

in order that by him we might have immortality

and eternal life.

Songs:

“Father, Long Before Creation”

“What Wondrous Love”

Time of Mutual Prayer

Scripture: Lamentations 2

Sermon: **Is God Our Enemy?**

Prayer

Song of Response: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” – W/C 68

Blessing

Response: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

SERVING THANKSGIVING DAY

Nursery: Will be provided

Piano: Amy

Usher AM: Rick E.

Greeters Brenda & Shiela (S), Steve & Alice (E).

Media Shout Scott

Offering World Renew

SERVING NEXT WEEK November 27

Nursery: Steph & Kim

Piano: Pastor Rick

Usher AM: Rick E.

Greeters Brenda & Shiela (S), Steve & Alice (E).

Sunday School Will not meet

Media Shout Todd

Offering Ministries of Bethel and Crossroads Prison Ministries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am trying to thin down my library just a tad. I will be placing some books on a table by the lift. Please feel free to grab anything that looks interesting to you. Thanks. Pastor Rick

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE? We could still use a couple more people to help with the Fellowship Team to help coordinate those fellowship needs for when we have get-togethers, snacks after Candlelight Service, or potlucks etc... Please give that some thought to see if that is something you'd be willing to do. Thank you to those who have stepped up and volunteered. Contact Russ VM or Stephanie for more information.

The Worship team will also be in need of a person or two to join and help out in planning future services, and help keep things running smoothly as Bethel welcomes guest pastors. Contact Russ.

COFFEE BREAK will NOT meet this week Wednesday. See you all back on December 7th. We meet on Wednesday's at 9:30 a.m. Join us in our study of the book of 1st Samuel as we look at how God provided for his people through the lives of Samuel, Saul, and David. See Velma for a study book or a flyer to give to a friend.

EXECUTIVE TEAM will meet on Tuesday, November 22nd 7 pm.

We are working on a **YEAR-END BETHEL BRANCHES**. If anyone has something they would like included, please send it to bethelcrc@netnitco.net.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

We are very excited to announce the enrollment information for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Please find the timeline below:

Preschool-Kindergarten Sign-ups Timeline (sign-ups will be done via a Google Form that will be available on our website, social media, and newsletter)

- Current Families 12/1-1/15
- New Families 1/9-15

Grades 1-12 Re-enrollment and Admission Timeline (this will be completed via FACTS)

- Staff & Current Families 12/15-1/15
- 2023-2024 Application opens for new families on 1/16

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE: Here we grow! We broke ground on September 29th, and Phase 1 of the building project has officially begun! We are expectant and hopeful about the big things God is doing within our schools. More information is available on our website and if you would like to partner with us, please email Buddy Hucks at lhucks@dmcsemail.org or Shelley Dexter at sdexter@dmcsemail.org. Thank you!

NOW HIRING! RESTORED RESALE is looking to hire part-time support staff starting in August for weekdays and Saturdays. Duties include cashiering, sorting and pricing donations, cleaning the store, etc. For more information or to request a job application, please email Carrie Rossi at rossi4ukraine@yahoo.com. Thank you!

PART-TIME GRADE SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL

DeMotte Christian Grade School is accepting applications for part-time paraprofessionals for second semester beginning in January of 2023. The ideal candidates should be an active member of a church, preferably a church from a Reformed persuasion. Candidates should 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 but not necessary. If interested, please submit your cover letter, resume, and a completed general application to the contact below.

- Dan Weaver DeMotte Christian Grade & Middle School
- Phone: 219.987.3721 Email: dweaver@dmcsemail.org

DMCS JOB OPENINGS FOR 2022-2023

PART-TIME HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION TEACHER

DeMotte Christian High School is looking for a qualified individual who is skilled in construction and passionate about sharing their knowledge with high school students. This candidate should have a strong Christian faith, adhere to Reformed values, be flexible in their availability, and be proficient in various aspects of building trades. If interested, please complete the teacher application and submit it to the contact below.

- Richard DeFries DeMotte Christian High School
- Phone: 219.987.7651 Email: rdefries@dmcsemail.org

BUS DRIVER - DMCS is looking for bus drivers for the 2022-2023 school year. A CDL license is required, but if the applicant doesn't hold this license, DMCS will pay for any necessary training. If interested, please reach out to the contact below.

- Richard DeFries DeMotte Christian High School Principal
- Phone: 219.987.7651 Email: rdefries@dmcsemail.org

HIGH SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY

DeMotte Christian High School is looking for someone willing to serve as a substitute secretary for the school when our full-time secretary is unable to be here. Training will be made available to this applicant in advance to provide for a smooth transition into our school. The days needed will vary based on specific needs. If interested, please complete an application and submit it to the contact below.

- Richard DeFries DeMotte Christian High School Principal
- Phone: 219.987.7651 Email: rdefries@dmcsemail.org

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. is always accepting applications for substitute teachers. This position's main responsibility is to substitute for teachers when necessary. The ideal candidate should have strong Christian values, flexibility in their schedule, a love for teaching students, and preferably experience working with children/students. Background checks are required. If interested, please contact Buddy Hucks, Superintendent, at lhucks@dmcsemail.org, or 219-987-3721. Applications may be found at www.demottechristianschools.org, under the "About" tab drop-down menu, "Employment Opportunities" tab.

DMCS Important Dates:

11/23-25: Thanksgiving Break
12/1: DMCMS & 5th Grade Band/Choir Winter Concert @ 7 PM at DMCGS
12/13: DMCHS Winter Band & Choir Concert @ 7 PM at DMCHS
Date Change:
12/20: DMCGS PS-5th Grade Christmas Program @ 6:30 PM at DMCHS