



## Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, November 21, 2021

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

Welcome to Bethel Church. If you are visiting with us we are glad you've joined us. Visitors, please take a mug from the table in the back of church which includes all of our contact information. Any questions we would love to hear from you.

This morning Pastor Rick will look at Exodus 16:1-18 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 – “Give thanks in EVERY Situation?” **JOIN US FOR A HYMN SING TODAY AT 5PM!** Thank you to everyone for sending us your suggestions and favorite songs. We have put together a time of worship and singing that all will enjoy! Come, lift up your voices in praise!

Our **THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE** – “Cultivating Gratitude” will be held **Thursday at 9:30am**. The offering this year will be for the Food Pantry and New Leaf Resources. Join us as we give thanks to God for all his blessings to us through another year!

For our **THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE** on Thursday we invite you to use the colored leaves that are available on the tables in the back of church as an opportunity to express your gratitude in a tangible way. There will be a time during the worship service to attach the leaves with your statements of gratitude to a tree of thanksgiving. **Take these leaves back with you to the Thanksgiving Service to hang up on the tree of Thanksgiving.**



“SHOW ME JESUS” Sunday School! All PK (4 yr.) – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to join us immediately after the morning service downstairs. Pick up is at 11:45am. **Catechism** for all 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders will meet with Pastor Rick in the room next to the kitchen. **Visitors are welcome! There will be NO classes next week, November 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Our **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is set for **TODAY, November 21<sup>st</sup> immediately after the morning service**. Elders and Deacons will be selected by casting of lots. Elder nominations: Al D.V., Jon D., Todd N (one name to be drawn). For Deacons: Will J., Brent V.S., Scott V.V., Dave W. (three names to be drawn) We are grateful to these men who are willing to serve in this capacity. The Lord's will be done. Please be in prayer for the upcoming meeting. There was a packet placed in your mailbox for the Congregational Meeting which included a letter explaining the changes, the agenda, and all other information pertaining to the meeting along with absentee ballots. Place your absentee ballots in the basket in the council room table **prior to the meeting**. Please, take your packet along to the meeting.

## MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship

Song: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Prayers of Gratitude for God's presence among us

God's Greeting

Time of Praise

“Lord Most High”

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer of Confession (follow on the screen)

Song of Response: “Goodness of God”

Prayers of God's People

Scripture: Exodus 16:1-18, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Sermon: **Give thanks in EVERY situation?**

Prayer

God's Parting Blessing

Song of Response: “Blessed Be Your Name”

## AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Join us at 5pm for a Hymn Sing Service!

A time of Worship and Song!

### SERVING TODAY

Nursery:

Piano:

Usher AM:

Media Shout

Offering

### November 21

Velma O., Pam VS

Marla VM

Dan W.

Scott VV

Ministries of Bethel and Coffee Break.

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!

### SERVING THANKSGIVING DAY - November 25

Nursery:

Piano:

Media Shout

Offering

Brenda V. Laura V.

Dan Z.

Scott VV

Food Pantry and New Leaf Resources

**SERVING NEXT WEEK November 28**

Nursery: Amy D., Sue B.  
Piano: Dan Z.  
Usher AM: Dan W.  
Media Shout: Todd N.  
Offering: Ministries of Bethel and Jasper County Recovery House

**MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Sunday 10:45am Sunday School & Catechism  
Congregational Meeting  
Wednesday 9:30am Coffee Break will NOT meet this week  
Thursday 9:30am Thanksgiving Day Service

**CHURCH FAMILY --Please keep in prayer:**

- John B. --Prays for Ruth, Rachel and the rest of the family during this time.
- Wes VB -- he has been moved out of the ICU and will be moved to a rehab ward in the hospital where he will get some much needed and intensive therapy to help him in his recovery. Please continue to pray for Wes and Judy.
- Fran K will likely remain in the hospital until she is strong enough to be moved to a rehab place in Lowell. keep praying for her strengthening and healing.
- Tom P was admitted to St. Anthony hospital today due to blood clots in both lungs as well as one leg. He is undergoing treatments our prayers for him is that he responds well to the clot-buster medicine, that he is relieved and protected from the complications and the dangers that these blood clots could pose, and that he is able to return home.
- Elmer VM – continue to pray for strength.
- Bill VW -- Please be in prayer for Duane and Cindy as they strive to get Bill the help he needs and encourage a safe and healthy way forward.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** – Next Sunday, November 28 – Our Advent Series this year is “The Journeys of Christmas” as we look at Bethlehem, the journey of the shepherd, the Magi from Persia seeking the King, taking refuge in Egypt and the Incarnation. Come take the journey with us!

Save the Date for our **CANDLELIGHT/CHILDREN’S PROGRAM**— “Christmas Around the World” which will be on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**Have you signed up yet?** Thanks to all who have helped out with cookies after church. We have put out a **NEW SIGN-UP ON THE COFFEE TABLE** in the back of church. If there is a Sunday you would be able/ willing to share your favorite snack or cookies, please sign up. Thanks very much!! Any questions talk to Steph K!

**COFFEE BREAK** will **NOT** meet this week Wednesday. We will resume on December 1<sup>st</sup>.meets on Wednesday’s from 9:30am – 11:00am. Join us for our study on Matthew. and invite a friend or neighbor! Nursery is provided!

**CADETS** will NOT meet this week. Next meeting December 8.

**SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DMCS JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

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.

Covenant Christian HS is looking for someone with **construction experience** that is interested in teaching our construction class for the second semester. The class would be from 7:50-8:37am each day, leaving the rest of the day to work. This could easily be a hybrid course where part of the class is at the school and part is at a job site where students can gain practical experience in the field. Anyone interested should contact Rick DeFries at Covenant Christian HS at 219-987-7651 or by email at rdefries@dmcsemail.org.

Covenant Christian HS is looking for a part-time **Spanish instructor** for 3-4 periods per day, for the second semester of this school year. This could also be a part-time to full time position for the 2022-2023 school year. Anyone interested should contact Rick DeFries at Covenant Christian HS at 219-987-7651 or by email at [rdefries@dmcsemail.org](mailto:rdefries@dmcsemail.org).

DeMotte Christian Schools 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; schedule shadow days, tours, and new family interviews; conduct Preschool and Kindergarten sign ups in January; monitor online applications in FACTS; have a knowledge and love for DeMotte Christian Schools. All applicants can apply online at [www.demottechristianschools.org](http://www.demottechristianschools.org) or contact Mr. Hucks at [lhucks@dmcsemail.org](mailto:lhucks@dmcsemail.org) or 219-987-3721.

**BUS DRIVER NEEDED!** 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 winter sports season! For more details, contact Jill Struble at [jstruble@dmcsemail.org](mailto:jstruble@dmcsemail.org).

**DMCS Important Dates:**

November 24-26:	Thanksgiving Break
November 30:	Fall Dinner @ the High School (5:00-7:00pm)
December 2:	Band/Choir Concert (grades 5-8) at DeMotte Christian Grade School (7P)
December 14:	Winter Concert at the High School (6:30P)
December 16:	Christmas Program (Grades 2-5, at 6:30pm at DMC)
December 22:	End Quarter 2
December 23-Jan 4:	DMCS Christmas Break
January 5:	Students Return for 2nd Semester