



Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, November 7, 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 Genesis 8 and Luke 17 – “Made for Gratitude”. During the 5pm service, he continues his walk through the Heidelberg Catechism “Back to the Basics” focusing on Lord’s Day 13-14 – “The Lord who emptied himself”.

Next week we welcome Pastor Mark Beach who will be leading our morning worship as well as lead us in communion. Pastor Laryn Zoerhof will be with us for the 5pm worship. Pastor Rick & Brenda will be on vacation. If any needs arise contact your Care Group elder/deacon.

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 pick up prior to entering the sanctuary.



“**SHOW ME JESUS**” Sunday School! All PK (4 yr.) – 6th Grade are invited to join us immediately after the morning service downstairs. Pick up is at 11:45am. **Catechism** for all 7th – 12th graders will meet with Pastor Rick in the room next to the kitchen. **Visitors are welcome!**

SERVING TODAY

November 7

Nursery:	Stephanie K.,
Piano:	Amy D
Usher AM:	Scott V.
Media Shout	Schaafsma’s
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and World Renew

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!

Today is World Hunger Sunday. We are having an offering to support the work of World Renew and help put food on tables around the world. World Renew has the plans, the systems, the partners, and the people to come alongside communities experiencing hunger. We are excited to join this program as a faithful response to the God who can accomplish abundantly more than all we ask or imagine. Thank you for giving as you are able to help solve World Hunger.

MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Scriptures: Psalm 100:4-5

Opening Song of Praise – “Thank You Lord”

Prayer

God’s Greeting

Songs of Praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring” vs.1,2,3

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God’s Grace

Song: “God You’re So Good”

Memory Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Time of Prayer

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19, Genesis 8:18-22

Sermon: **Made for Gratitude**

Prayer of Thanks

God’s Blessing

Closing Song: “You Are Holy / Prince of Peace”

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Welcome

Scripture:

Opening Song – “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Prayer of Praise

Songs

- “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”
- “Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns” – vs.1,2,4,5

Prayers of God’s People

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

Confession: HC – LD 13-14

Sermon study: **The Lord Who Emptied Himself**

Prayer

Closing Song: “Meekness and Majesty”

CHURCH FAMILY --Please keep in prayer:

- Elmer VM – continue to pray for strength.
- Ted and Donna H continue to do well and adjust to living in their new apartment, for 4 months already!
- John B. – Currently at Aperion, especially as some residents have contracted Covid. John continues to be Covid free. Pray for Ruth, Rachel and the rest of the family during this time.
- Esther S will be having surgery to replace her first knee replacement on November 10, in Battle Creek. Please pray for the success of this knee surgery and a good recovery afterwards
- Wes VB has returned home from the hospital and will be under observation. Please pray for continued healing and full restoration of speech capacities.
- Fran K has begun treatments for her blood disorder, and Rich and Fran continue to be grateful for God's grace
- Bill VW was admitted to a hospital in the Mishawaka area due to some health concerns, both physical and mental. 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.

SERVING NEXT WEEK November 14

Nursery: Jori J., Anna V.
Piano: Amy D
Usher AM: Scott V.
Media Shout: Katie Eenigenburg
Offering: Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday 10:45am Sunday School & Catechism
Wednesday 9:30am Coffee Break
6:15pm Cadets

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Harvest Feast** scheduled for today has been **cancelled** out of an abundance of caution to not further the spread of covid when it seems that it is making its rounds through our community again. Thank you for your understanding.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEWS: There will be a couple of changes this year. Our Congregational Meeting will take place after the morning worship service of Sunday, November 21. Also, 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) There is a packet available in your mailbox today for the Congregational Meeting which includes a letter explaining the changes, as well as the agenda, and all other information pertaining to the meeting along with absentee ballots. Please look it over before the meeting. Thank you.

Don't forget to bring in **YOUR FOOD ITEMS** for our local food pantry. Please place your food items in the east entrance by the coat racks. What a way to share with our neighbors in need!

There is a new sign-up sheet on the coffee table if you would like to take a turn to share your favorite snack or cookies after the Sunday morning worship. Questions see Steph K.

Hymnsing: On November 21, we hope to have a **HYMN SING** during the 5 p.m. worship service, and are looking for your input. We would love to hear what hymns you would like included, and are giving you the option to send in your requests. While we can't promise we can sing or play every one of them, especially if we get much more than 15 suggestions, we'd love to be as inclusive as possible. If we could get your suggestions in a timely way, then we could also try to put an order of worship together that best reflects what order would be best to sing them in. So, please give that some thought, and send in your suggestions. You can send them to pastorrick@netnitco.net, or drop a note by Pastor Rick's office.

COFFEE BREAK 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 meets this week Wednesday at 1st CRC from 6:15pm-8:15pm for all 1st-8th grade boys. Questions see Dan W.

REVISED Apple Pie Update: Thanks to all who worked to make this effort successful. We were able to send **\$12,000.00** to the Bible League for 2,400 Bibles to be sent around the world. **THANK YOU!**

It is time to UPDATE OUR DIRECTORY. The council is looking for 2 or 3 people to head up this project. Maybe you could help take some pictures after church on a couple of Sunday's. If you're interested in helping please contact Russ VanderMolen for more info.

The parsonage phone line has been disconnected. The phone number: 219-987-3005 will no longer be in service. Please take note of this. The church's phone number: 219-987-2005, will of course still be in operation. Thank you!

LIBRARY NEWS: Please check out the library for some of our recent arrivals!! Watch for some upcoming books especially for the Christmas season!!

School Announcements are in your mailbox today!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

75th ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEAR SALE (ends 11/15)

There are so many great options for commemorative gifts and Christmas gifts! Plus, lots of fun designs for students to show their school pride on Spirit Days! The sale ends November 15th, so place your orders via the link on our FaceBook page or visit Varsity Sports in DeMotte.

Cloud 9 Bedding Fundraiser: Are you in need of nice new sheets or pillows? Then you're in luck because DMC 7th and 8th grade students are hosting a **Cloud 9 Fundraiser** for their 8th grade class trip! At \$40 for any size, these sheets come in a wide variety of colors. Cooling, bamboo, and reading pillows are also available. Stop in the DMCS office or talk with a student today! This sale runs Nov 4-19 and sheets arrive in time for Christmas.

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.

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 or contact Mr. Hucks at lhucks@dmcsemail.org or 219-987-3721.

DMCS Important Dates:

November 4-19:	Cloud 9 Bedding Fundraiser
November 5 & 6:	Fall Play "Hamlet, or Does Father Reeeeeeally Know Best?" - 7:30pm @ HS
November 7:	Pampered Chef Fundraiser Ends (edited)
November 10:	Butter Braids pick-up @ the HS, 2-3pm
November 15:	Approximate delivery date for citrus fruit sale orders
November 15:	75th Anniversary Christmas Spirit Wear Orders Due