



## Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, October 24, 2021

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

Welcome to Bethel Church this morning. We are glad you have joined us and we pray we experience the blessing of God's presence among us today. If you are visiting with us online, we are glad you've joined us that way as well.

This morning Pastor Rick will continue a Salt Life Sermon Series about being the salt of the earth, based on Matthew 5:13-16. What is it to be a salty Christian? What does Jesus want us to know? How does one lose saltiness? And what are some of the ways we can sprinkle that saltiness around us?

During the 5pm afternoon worship service, he continues his walk through the Heidelberg Catechism "Back to the Basics" series, focusing on Lord's Day 9-10 "In Our Father's Hands."

**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 love to include, 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](mailto:pastorrick@netnitco.net), or drop a note by Pastor Rick's office.

Next week, Sunday, October 31, we would love to have the opportunity to personally and practically see what being salt (and light) is all about. Do you have a personal story of how God used you to be a blessing to others? Do you have a testimony of how the Lord revealed something wonderful or powerful to you, either about yourself or HIMself? Do you have a unique personal testimony of how you came to faith in Jesus, or about how you tried to share your faith with someone else? If you do, and you'd be willing to share that with others, we'd love to have you do so! This isn't bragging - it's an opportunity to be of profound and powerful encouragement to one another as we spur each other on to greater faith. Please give that some prayerful consideration, because who knows how your story, your testimony, could inspire and encourage someone else to more decisively live the "salt life" according to Matthew 5:13. If you are interested, yet the idea of standing in front of others in worship is scary, you could write it out to be read, or, beforehand, we could record a video of it to be shared in church. Thanks for your consideration!! Please let Pastor Rick know soon.



**"SHOW ME JESUS"** Sunday School: All PK (4 yr) – 6th Grade are invited to join us downstairs immediately after the morning service next week. Pick-up is 11:45am.

**CATECHISM** for all 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade meets with Pastor Rick in the room next to the kitchen. Visitors are always welcome!

### **SERVING TODAY**

Nursery:

Piano:

Usher AM:

Media Shout

Offering

### **October 24**

Lisa Z. Brenda VW.

Dan Z.

Jon D.

Todd N.

Ministries of Bethel and Future Capital Improvements

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 NEXT WEEK October 31**

Nursery:

Piano:

Usher AM:

Media Shout

Offering

Kim K., Morgan S.

Dan Z.

Jon D.

Todd N.

Ministries of Bethel and Bible League

### **MORNING WORSHIP**

Welcome

Call to Worship – Romans 11:33-36

Song: "God You Reign"

Prayer

God's Greeting

Time of Praise:

- "Everlasting God"
- "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Prayer of Confession

Song: "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God"

Memory Verse: Romans 10:9-10

Prayers of God's People

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon: **Staying as Salty as Ever!**

Prayer

God's Blessing

Song of Response: "I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

## AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Welcome

Opening Song: "I Sing The Mighty Power of God"

Prayer of Praise

God's Greeting

Songs:

- "Lead Me, Guide Me"
- "This Is My Father's World"

Prayers of God's people

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

Confession: HC LD 9-10

Sermon Study: **In Our Father's Hands**

Prayer

Closing Song: "Great Is thy Faithfulness"

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

- Ted and Donna in their new home at Towne Centre
- John B. – Currently at Aperion
- Fran K returned home from the hospital on Tuesday after being admitted for some blood sugar level issues. She's feeling well and thankful to be home. Continue to pray for strength and encouragement for both Rich and Fran
- Continue to keep Elmer and Norma in prayer - give thanks for Elmer's continuing streak of strength and feeling well, and for the medicine that enables that!

### **MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Sunday 10:45am Sunday School & Catechism will NOT meet  
Wednesday 9:30am Coffee Break  
6:15pm Cadets at First CRC  
Saturday 10:00am Guy's FUN SHOOT

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TODAY is our **REVERSE OFFERING** for the FOOD PANTRY! Some of you new to Bethel may ask what is a reverse offering? Well, during a normal offering you put something into the basket. On a Reverse Offering you take something out! But, this year we are doing it different. Instead of passing the offering baskets around with little slips of paper in them, we printed off the whole list of food items and it is in your mailboxes. Look over the list and feel free to choose as many items as you would like to and purchase those (a can or a case – your choice) for our local food pantry. We ask that the food be brought to church on November 7 – WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY! What a way to share with our neighbors in need. Please place your food items in the east entrance by the coat racks. Thank You!

The parsonage phone line is being 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!

**HARVEST FEAST** will be held on World Hunger Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> with a pot luck carry in meal. There is a **sign-up** sheet on the round table in the back of church. Questions see Stephanie K.

There is a **World Hunger Devotional** – "**HUNGER FOR GOOD**" in your mailboxes today. You will find 6 scriptures and 6 stories of hunger to help you not only commune with the spirit of God but also connect with a deep hunger for good in this world. On Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> we will take an offering for World Renew to help take the needs of the hungry around the world to heart.

Thank you to all those who have already signed up to bring snacks for our Sunday morning coffee. There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee table if you would like to take a turn. Questions see Steph K.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> CRC from 6:15pm-8:15pm for all 1st-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys. Questions see Dan W..

**GUY'S here's your 2nd chance for a fun morning out!** Kurt and Russ V.M. are hosting another men's **FUN SHOOT** on Saturday October 30. Time:10-noon weather permitting, same location at the former VanderMolen Blueberry farm. Any questions call or see us if you missed the first one.

The fourth annual banquet for Jasper County Recovery House will be held on November 6 at First Church on IN-10 and 231. Additional information was in your mailbox last week.

Suzu VS will be doing the bulletin for October 31 so you have any announcements please send them to [bethelcrc@netitco.net](mailto:bethelcrc@netitco.net) by Thursday 6pm. Thank you!

### **DMCS Important Dates:**

October 26: Butter Braid Fundraiser Ends  
October 28: Red Cross Blood Drive @ Keener Township (1pm-6pm)  
November 1: Poinsettia/Wreath/Calendar Fundraiser Ends  
Nov. 5&6 Fall Play @ CCHS  
November 15: Approximate delivery date for citrus fruit sale orders

***SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES SOUGHT:** DeMotte Christian is looking for basketball coaches for the middle school level. We have openings for boy's teams and girl's teams. Please email athletic director, James Blom, at [jblom@dmcsemail.org](mailto:jblom@dmcsemail.org) at your earliest convenience if you are interested in more information about these opportunities.

**PINT-SIZE HERO RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** DMC is sponsoring an October blood drive on October 28 at the Keener Township Fire Department from 1-6pm.

Covenant Christian High School students are selling delicious **BUTTER BRAIDS** again! Just store in your freezer, thaw to rise, and bake. Contact any student to order, stop by either school to pick up an order form, or order online at <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/RegisterSeller/f379e8f5-d568-44f1-9430-46374dc494c2> Orders are due Tuesday, October 26, and pick up will be on Wednesday, November 10(from 2-3 at CCHS).

**DMCS SEEKING SUB CUSTODIAN:** 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](mailto:lhucks@dmcsemail.org).

Covenant Christian HS is looking for someone with construction experience that would be interested in teaching our construction class for the second semester. The class would be from 7:50-8:37 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](mailto: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)