



## Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, September 11, 2022

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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.

Today we welcome David and Blanca Gifford to Bethel for Mission Emphasis Sunday not only for our morning worship, but also for the 5 pm Combined Worship Service that will be hosted here at Bethel. The offering for the pm service will be for the Gifford's Ministry.

This morning we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our celebration is a faith-building reminder of God's promise to us of forgiveness and grace through the blood of Christ, shed on the cross. If you confess Jesus Christ as both your Savior and Lord, are sorry for sin and desire to live in dependence on God's grace, we welcome you to join with us in celebrating communion!

Next week we welcome Rev. Tim Toeset as he proclaims God's Word to us. Pastor Rick will be preaching at 2nd CRC in Byron Center, Michigan as part of the interview process he is engaged in with them. Pray for God's wisdom.

A new series of the Ray VanderLaan videos **meets in the council room**. Grab your coffee and snack and join us for these informational video sessions at about 11:00.

"Superbook Academy" **Sunday School begins next week** Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> for all PK (4year.) – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. You are invited to join us downstairs right after the morning service.

### **SERVING TODAY**

#### **September 11**

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| Nursery:    | Kim K. Bailee J.                                 |
| Piano:      | Marla  |
| Usher AM:   | Mike Z.  |
| Greeters    | Rick & Sean (S), Jon & Phyllis. (E).             |
| Media Shout | Katie Eenigenburg                                |
| Offering    | Ministries of Bethel and AM: ANEW, PM: Gifford's |

You can continue to give online as well at [www.bethelcrcdemotte.org](http://www.bethelcrcdemotte.org). Thank you!

**Offerings for the month of September:** For this month, the deacons decided to highlight three organizations that support the Christian principle of the sanctity of life. September 11 we will support ANEW (an organization that supports and uplifts women who choose to keep their baby), the Life Legal Defense Fund (which helps work for pro-life causes in the courts), and Right to Life (a national organization which has worked for years to overturn Roe V Wade). Please consider if you would like to support one or all of these causes.

## MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – based on Isaiah 55:1-3

Come to the waters you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!

Buy wine and milk without money, and without cost.

**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God!**

Why spend money on what does not satisfy?

Listen to me, and you will have good things to eat,  
and rich food to enjoy.

**My soul hungers for God, for the living God!**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found;

call to him while he is near.

**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God!**

Song: "As The Deer"

Prayer

God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

Songs of Praise

- "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
- "Not What My Hands Have Done"

Offering, for Ministries of Bethel and ANEW will be received while we sing this song.

Morning Prayers

Children's Message – Blanca Gifford

Gifford video update

Scripture: Hebrews 2:1-4

Sermon: **Putting the Gospel First**

Prayer

Celebration of Communion

"The Gospel in Pictures"

- This is my Body – sharing of the bread
- This is my Blood – sharing of the cup

Closing Words

Parting Blessing

Closing Song – "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

**CHURCH FAMILY: PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR:**

- John B, Wanda W, Wayne and Carolyn VV, Andy and Cheryl W, Barb E, Rich K, Bill VDW
- Continue to keep Amber G, her husband Will and all their children, in prayer, as she continues her struggle with cancer.
- Bonnie P as she recovers from knee replacement surgery
- Please pray for Rich Kros, who was admitted to the hospital. Tests show that he struggled with some brain bleeds. He is also having a Pacemaker put in to help regulate his heartbeat. Pray for his healing and restoration. All in all, the Lord has blessed him and he is doing fairly well.

**WEEKLY AGENDA**

Sunday 10:50am Deep Roots Kickoff  
Wednesday 6:15pm Cadets  
Thursday 7:00pm Men's Bowling

**SERVING NEXT WEEK September 18**

Nursery: Laura, Brenda.  
Piano: Amy  
Usher AM: Ryan  
Greeters Rick & Sean (S), Jon & Phyllis. (E).  
Media Shout Scott  
Offering Ministries of Bethel and AM: ANEW, PM: Gifford's

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRUE WOMEN CONFERENCE-2022 Livestream: ATTENTION - Women! Heaven Rules!**

Anchor your heart to the unshakable truth that Jesus is King! Join us at Bethel Church in DeMotte for two evenings of livestream sessions of the True Women-2022 Conference presented by Revive Our Hearts with Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, Joni Eareckson Tada and other inspiring speakers. Music led by the Getty's and Shane and Shane. Hope to see you there!

Where - Bethel CRC Church, DeMotte When - Sept. 22 & 23  
Time- Thursday - 5:00-8:30 Friday - 5:00-9:30

Friday Includes Cry Out! Prayer Event Snacks and drinks will be provided!

**DEEP ROOTS KICKOFF** All **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** and their parents are invited to the **Deep Roots Kickoff immediately after the morning worship service today!** Donuts and fruit will be served, along with milk and water, all out at the pavilion at 1st CRC, weather permitting. If you'd like coffee, please grab a cup before heading out to the pavilion. If there is inclement weather on Sept. 11, we will meet in the upstairs room at 1st CRC instead. The 2022-23 Deep Roots regular meeting and special events schedule will be passed out, details on some of the exciting things Deep Roots plans to do this year will be shared, and parents will be asked to fill out a registration form and waiver form for each of their high school student(s). Students: please wear comfortable clothes to church on Sept. 11, as we plan to play some four square and pickleball at the Kickoff too! Hope to see you there as we get ready for a great year together!

**CADETS** will meet this week Wednesday at 1<sup>st</sup> CRC. All boys grade 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to come join us. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday's 6:15pm-8:15pm.

**GEMS mum sale! Order and money is due by TODAY.** There is a sign up paper on the table in the narthex. Questions contact Stephanie K. Pick up order at church on September 21 from 3:00-5:30pm.

**MEN'S NIGHT OF BOWLING AT WHEATFIELD LANES.** Date; Thursday, Sept 15 at 7pm Don't want to bowl? That's ok just come and hang out for a while and cheer everyone on. It will be a fun night! Any questions see Russ or Kurt

**ATTENTION: WE NEED YOU TO HELP WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL.** It will require minimal sacrifice for you, and you'll have the joy of being part of the faith development of some of our Bethel kids. PLEASE come speak to Andrew Dunham, Diane DV, or Mary Buitter. "Superbook Academy" Sunday School begins next week Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** will begin again on Tuesday, September 20. We will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month. We will be studying the book Woman of God by Cindy Bunch, a Life Guide Bible Studies book. Please sign the sheet on the back table if you are planning to join us so that books can be ordered. We would love to welcome ALL the women of Bethel to join us.

**COFFEE BREAK** Bible study will begin on Wednesday, September 21. Women of the church and the community are invited to join us Nursery/Story time is available for children 5 and below. This fall we will be studying the book of I Samuel. We will see God's faithfulness to his people as we learn about Samuel, Saul and David. Fliers are available for you to share with a neighbor or friend. If you plan to attend, see Velma for a study guide.

Suzy will be doing the bulletin for the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please send your info to [bethelcrc@netnitco.net](mailto:bethelcrc@netnitco.net). by 6pm Wednesday. Thank you!

Our Missionary writing effort will resume in September. Through the next year some of the members of the congregation will be invited to write to Bethel's missionaries each month. When it is your turn, you will find a list of Missionary's addresses and a list of suggestions for communication. Email is probably the best approach for contact. Your communication can be short and as simple as saying we are thinking about and praying for you. Of course, you can send your notes at any time. You do not need to wait for a reminder.

**DMCS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

RESTORED RESALE IS 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](mailto:rossi4ukraine@yahoo.com). Thank you!

DMCS is looking for a full-time custodian to help our current custodians at both campuses. This position’s workload would be split between both campuses. If you are interested, please contact our Building & Grounds Board representative, Tim Dyke, at [tdyke@dmcsemail.org](mailto:tdyke@dmcsemail.org). You may also contact our Superintendent, Mr. Hucks, at [lhucks@dmcsemail.org](mailto:lhucks@dmcsemail.org).

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 2022-2023 school year! For more details, contact Rick DeFries at [rdefries@dmcsemail.org](mailto:rdefries@dmcsemail.org).

**HIGH SCHOOL JOB OPENINGS**

**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, complete an application (found at [demottechristianschools.org](http://demottechristianschools.org)) and submit it to the contact below.

**High School English Teacher: Part-time**

The applicant should be passionate about teaching English to students from a Reformed perspective. The applicant would teach classes including, but not limited to Composition, Literature, Speech, Film Literature, and Writing at the high school levels. The applicant should have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. If interested, complete an application (found at [demottechristianschools.org](http://demottechristianschools.org)) and submit it to the contact below.

**High School Construction Instructor: Part-time**

The applicant will teach classes in Construction at the high school level. The applicant may also teach classes such as Small Engines if they are qualified. Applicants should have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university or substantial experience in the construction field. If interested, complete an application (found at [demottechristianschools.org](http://demottechristianschools.org)) and submit it to the contact below.

*If interested in high school level positions, direct questions/submit applications to Rick DeFries, DCHS Principal, at [rdefries@dmcsemail.org](mailto:rdefries@dmcsemail.org) (or call 219-987-7651).*

Applications may be found at [www.demottechristianschools.org](http://www.demottechristianschools.org), under the “About” tab drop-down menu, “Employment Opportunities” tab.

**DMCS Fundraisers:**

- 8/29-9/12: Suds for a cause, pick-up at DMCGS on 9/29 from 2:45-4 pm
- 10/4-10/15: Butter Braids, pick-up at DMCHS on 11/9 from 2-3 pm

**DMCS Important Dates:**

- 9/5: Labor Day No School
- 9/7: HS Jog-a-thon @ Field of Dreams
- 9/9: DMCGS/DMCMS Picture Day
- 10/15: Harvest Sale @ DMCGS
- 10/21-24: Fall Break

**ELDERS**

- Larry Ouwenga(22)Clerk
- Hank VanderWall(22)
- Russ VanderMolen(22)Pres.
- Mike Zickmund(22)
- Todd Nanninga(23)Vicar

**COUNCIL**



**DEACONS**

- Dan Zylstra(22)Treas.
- Andrew Dunham(22)Chair.
- Will Jansma(23)Asst. Treas.
- Scott VanVlymen(23).Benv.
- Dave Werblo(23)Secr.

**BETHEL MINISTRIES**

- Sunday School—‘Superbook Academy’.....10:50am Sunday, Sept – May
- Ladies Afternoon Bible Study.....1:30pm First & Third Tuesday, Sept – April
- Coffee Break .....9:30am Wednesday, Sept – April
- GEMS.....6:30 pm First & Third Wednesday, Sept –April
- Cadets.....6:15pm Second & Fourth Wednesday, Sept – April

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

- Church Use Contact & Custodian.....Duane VanderWoude (219-798-7633)
- Kitchen Use Contact Person.....Amy Dekker (219-987-5420)
- Secretary.....Shiela DeBoer (219-863-6848)
- Church Bookkeeper.....Suzy VanSchouwen (219-688-8105)
- Nursery Contact Person.....Stephanie Konvalinka (708-846-4458)
- Facilities Chairman.....Gary DeVries (219-465-8081)
- Library.....Anna Vanderwal & Brenda Vanderwal (219-987-2005)
- Council.....7:00pm First Tuesday after First Sunday