



Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, September 5, 2021

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

Welcome! This morning Pastor Rick will look at Colossians 2:16-23 -- "Substance Over Shadows!" Join us for our 5pm service as he will be continuing his study on the Heidelberg Catechism this week looking at Q & A 3-8 "Knowing Our Sins and Misery".

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.

SERVING TODAY **September 5**
Nursery: Heidi D., Lisa Z.
Piano: Amy D.
Usher AM: Mike Z.
Media Shout Ryan S.
Offering Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

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!

SERVING NEXT WEEK **September 12 (Communion)**
Nursery: Laura W., Tyson W., Kim K.
Piano: Amy D.
Usher AM: Mike Z.
Media Shout Katie E.
Offering Ministries of Bethel and Connection Center

CHURCH FAMILY --Please keep in prayer:

- * Elmer V.M. - we are grateful he has been blessed with longer periods of strength due to a change of medical treatment.
- * Bill V.W. - was released from rehab and is now at home with Duane and Cindy for the time being. Pray he will continue to grow stronger and can return to his apartment in time.
- * Ashley V.W. - struggles with some pain and discomfort. Pray for relief and health.
- * Ted and Donna H, Towne Centre, 7250 Arthur Blvd. Room 151, Merrillville, IN 46410
- * Mike and Andrea Z.

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome
"To God Be the Glory"
Prayer
God's Greeting

Call to Worship (from Psalm 47:5)
Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
**For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
The great king over all the earth.**
God has gone up with a shout of victory,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
**Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises**

"Agnus Dei"
"Holy Is the Lord"

*When we see God's beautiful holiness,
we recognize our own lack of holiness.
God is light and truth,
yet we live among shadows and lies.
People of God, let us acknowledge who and whose we are;
let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord.*

Prayer of Confession
God's Assurance of Grace – Isaiah 53:4-6
Song of Praise: "His Mercy Is More"
New Memory Verse:

Prayers of God's People

Scripture: Colossians 2:16-23
Sermon: **Substance Over Shadows**
Prayer

God's Blessing
Closing Song: "Now Thank We All Our God"

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Welcome

Song: "Amid the Thronging Worshippers"

Prayer

"Let All Things Now Living"

"O to Be Like Thee!"

Prayers of God's People

Scripture: Romans 3:9-20

Confessions: Lord's Day 2-3

Q & A 3 THRU 8

Sermon/Study: **Knowing our Sins and Misery**

Prayer

Closing Song: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7:00pm Council Meets

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Immediately following the AM service next week Sunday, September 12, all church members who do or may work with youth, including nursery volunteers, Sunday School, GEMS, Cadets, and any others, should meet in the church basement to review best practices for working with youth. This will help us best meet the needs of our young people and also ensure compliance with our liability insurance carrier.

The **Bethel Sunday School season will officially begin on September 19**. Students will finish their activities at 11:45. Council thanks those that have volunteered their time to help instruct our church's youth. We are still in need of substitutes and individuals who would be willing to teach a class once a month to complete the schedule. Anyone interested contact Dan Zylstra at 708-341-2155 or djzylstra@gmail.com.

Nominations for Office Bearers: This is the **last opportunity** to turn in your nominations: Deadline is THIS Tuesday, September 7. The council requests nominations from the congregation for those who could serve as elders and deacons. For next year we need 1 elder and 2 deacons. They will each serve a 2-year term. A nomination letter was placed in everyone's mailboxes and there are extra copies on the round tables. Please return them to the basket on council room table. Those now serving are:

ELDERS

Ron B. (21) Larry O. (22)
Hank V W (22) Russ V.M. (22)
Mike Z. (22)

DEACONS

Michael V.S. (21) Jeff J. (21)
Dan Z. (22) Andrew D. (22).
Jeremy V. (22)

COFFEE BREAK will be needing help with the Nursery this year. They meet on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30. If you're able to help out a Wednesday or 2 each month or as a substitute occasionally, please contact Mary Buitter 219-819-364.

GEMS/CADETS MUM Fundraiser! There are sheets on the round tables to place your orders by Wednesday, September 15th. Pick up will be on Wednesday, September 22nd in the Bethel Parking lot.

A new group of Bethel members are being encouraged to write to our missionaries in September. A note was in your mailbox. Of course, anyone can write any of the missionaries at any time. Note that the VanderMolens have returned to Cambodia, Updates from the Gifford's and Getz are in your mailbox. The Schering's are back in the states for the rest of the year.

Brett & Sue VanderMolen update: We have arrived back in Cambodia. Our address would be: Assembly of God, Brett VanderMolen, P.O. Box 130, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. It does take a little while to get to us by mail. Email is a great way as well - trainupkids@hotmail.com. Prayers and encouraging words are very helpful to us. Keeps us strong knowing there are people of faith standing with us. (They are currently under a mandated 14 day quarantine – but looking forward to being back with the children soon.)

SAVE THE DATE: On September 19 at 5pm we will be joining our sister churches at Community CRC in Roselawn for a combined Mission Emphasis service entitled "The Call: DeMotte to Africa." We will hear testimonies from Mark Luckey (Director of Every Child Ministries in Hebron) and Aaron Shupe (DMCS teacher-turned-missionary). Several other DeMotte-to-Africa missions/missionaries will be represented as well. Missionary Eric Schering will be sharing a message entitled, "God at Work Among the Nations Big Time!" Nursery will be provided. Please make plans to join us!

Phil's Friends Volunteer Opportunity- September 15 - 1:00-3:00 pm. Connection Center in DeMotte. Reaching out to our local community for support, we will once again be hosting our monthly gathering where you can give of your time and talent to tie fleece blankets, decorate Care Package boxes and color Cards of Hope. PF sends out an average of 115 boxes per week and 4000 Cards of Hope per month all across the United States to those going through the trauma of cancer. This does not include the many boxes being directly handed out at local cancer centers. We need your help to make this happen! Donations for Care Packages are being collected in basket under bulletin board in our church foyer. Thank you for your continued support. Questions-contact Cindy Musch- 219-863-6864.

Bible League's **Spreading the Fragrance of Life conference** is Saturday morning, September 25 at Faith Church in Dyer, Indiana from 8-12:30. Register online at bibleleague.org/tickets. Cost \$20. Check out your mailbox for more information.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 JOG-A-THON

It's back! Covenant Service Committee is once again hosting the annual Jog-a-thon.

When? Wednesday, September 8 from 12:30-2:30pm

Where? Field of Dreams

Why? To help fund Service Week 2022.

How can you help? By giving a donation to students when they call or ask.

We are so grateful for your past support and are looking forward to a wonderful day on the track!

For more information, please call CCHS at 219-987-3721 ext. 210.

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. More details to follow!

The **58th Annual Harvest Sale** will be on Saturday, October 2nd! The Farmer's Market and Food Service will begin at 5 pm. The live and silent auctions will begin at 6 pm. Farmer's Market pre-order forms for banquet and strudel will be available soon!

DMCS Important Dates:

September 6:	Labor Day - No School
September 7:	DMCS Board Meeting
September 8:	CCHS Jog-A-Thon at Field of Dreams
September 15:	Mrs. Fields Cookie Dough Pick Up at DMC, 2:45-4:00pm
September 22:	"See You at The Pole" (DMC-7:40am)
October 2:	58th Annual Harvest Sale
October 5:	Butter Braid Fundraiser Begins
October 21-22:	Fall Break
October 26:	Butter Braid Fundraiser Ends
October 28:	Red Cross Blood Drive @ Keener Township (1pm-6pm)