

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022



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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 marks the third Sunday in the Advent season. This year we will look at the themes of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Today, we will light the Shepherd's Candle. May our souls rejoice like the shepherds as we worship today. This morning Pastor Rick looks at **Christmas JOY!**

Today is our FAREWELL SUNDAY for Pastor Rick & Brenda. There will be a **pot luck after the morning service at noon**. Please join us in wishing farewell to Pastor Rick and Brenda on their last Sunday before their move to Michigan.

Pastor Rick & Brenda—as a church family we want to thank you both for your years of service here at Bethel. You will be GREATLY missed! We wish you God's blessings in your new church home and as you take the next steps in your journey of life where God has led you.

Following the meal there will be an **OPEN HOUSE** for the community and friends from 1pm-3pm. We will conclude the day with a **5pm praise and song service! Come and join us in a farewell of music!**

To our dear Bethel Church family: Today marks the end of one journey for us and the beginning of another. We are beyond grateful for your love, kindness, and graciousness as we've ministered among you these past 16 1/2 years. We love you and will continue to pray for our Lord's blessing upon you, your families, and you as a congregation in the days and months ahead. My friends may you continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ!!

With love in Christ: Pastor Rick and Brenda



"SUPERBOOK ACADEMY" Sunday School meets immediately after the morning worship downstairs for all PK (4year.) – 6th Grade. Pick up 11:45am.

The Ray Vanderlaan videos will not meet today, but will meet again Dec. 18th.

Pastor Laryn will lead us in worship next Sunday – "Christmas Peace" from Matthew 1:18-25.

CANDLELIGHT/CHILDREN'S PROGRAM – "**Christmas in a Box**" will be held next week Sunday, December 18th for the 5pm worship! Come join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

For our **CHRISTMAS DAY** Service Pastor Laryn will lead us in our am worship – "Christ, the Heart of Christmas!" There will be no 5pm service on Christmas Day.

SERVING NEXT WEEK December 11

Nursery:	Brenda & Jori
Piano:	Amy
Usher AM:	Scott
Greeters	Rich & Mary (S), Ron & Sue (E).
Sunday School	Mary & Velma
Media Shout	Katie
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Elim

You can continue to give online as well at www.bethelcrcdemotte.org. Thank you!

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

People: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.

Leader: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

People: Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.

Leader: Let all the people praise God.

People: Hallelujah! AMEN.

Opening Song: "There is Joy in the Lord" (remain seated)

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy – the Shepherd's Candle
Advent Prayer

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greetings

*Time of Praise:

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

"Hallowed Manger Ground"

Offering will be received for Ministries of Bethel and Elim
We Offer our Prayers to God

Children's Message

Scripture: Luke 2:8-11, Rom 5:1-11

Sermon: **Christmas Joy**

Prayer

Song: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Closing Words

*Apostle's Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Benediction Song"

5PM WORSHIP

JOIN US FOR A SONG SERVICE AND TIME OF PRAISE

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sunday 10:45am "Superbook Academy" Sunday School

11:00am Ray Vanderlaan Video will NOT meet

Wednesday 9:30am Coffee Break

6:00pm Cadets Gym Night Christmas Party at DMC

CHURCH FAMILY: PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

- Rich K as he will be moving to Towne Centre in Merrillville, Prayers for him as he makes this adjustment. (This is the same facility where Ted & Donna live.)
- Elmer & Norma, Wayne and Carolyn, Andy and Cheryl, Barb E, Amber G., Ted & Donna,
- Pastor Rick & Brenda as they make their final transition this week and say their farewells.

SERVING NEXT WEEK December 18

Nursery: Carli, Mary

Piano: Marla

Usher AM: Larry

Greeters Rich & Mary (S), Ron & Sue (E).

Sunday School Preparation for Christmas Program

Media Shout Scott

Offering Ministries of Bethel and Aaron & AmyLou (check mailbox)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK December 18, the **offering will be for a former DMC teacher and DeMotte resident Aaron & his family.** He is now a missionary to Guinea in West Africa where he and his family are trying to bring the gospel (and fresh water) to the many rural inhabitants of the country. If you have any questions, ask Andrew D about the cause. There is a newsletter in your mailbox today about their work. (For security reasons we have shared first names only)

More books have been added to the table by the lift as I am trying to thin down my library. Please feel free to grab anything that looks interesting to you. Thanks. Pastor Rick

Bethel will be leading the afternoon **SERVICE AT OAK GROVE** on December 18th at 2:30pm. Contact Larry O. if you would like to help.

COFFEE BREAK meets on Wednesday's at 9:30 a.m. Nursery is provided. This will be our last meeting until we resume in January. That would be a good time to join us and invite a friend or neighbor!

CADETS will have their Christmas Party Gym Night at DMC this week Wednesday starting at 6pm.

We are working on a **YEAR-END BETHEL BRANCHES.** If anyone has something they would like included, please send it to bethelcrrc@netnitco.net. Final turn in is December 14th.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS **CARRYING ON THE PROMISE**

We are blessed to share with the community the wonderful ways God has been working at DeMotte Christian Schools for over 75 years! We have an enrollment of nearly 520 students in grades preschool through 12 and are continually encouraged by the growth and progress each student exhibits during their time at DMCS. We praise God for His provision and pray He continues to guide us as we provide strong academic and spiritual foundations for our students.

As you know, growing the ministry of DMCS requires the faithful effort and support of many people. All the ways you lift up DeMotte Christian Schools are valued and vital to the growth of our student body and, in turn, God's kingdom. One way that we are seeking immediate support is through financial gifts toward our annual Carrying on the Promise campaign. This campaign helps us to continue fulfilling the promise of Christian education to God's covenant children.

Our goal this year is to raise \$130,000 through the Carrying on the Promise campaign. We are seeing a large influx of families inquiring about DMCS. More and more parents are wanting quality, Biblically-based education for their children. As our school grows and thrives, we are in need of increased resources to adequately provide the best education we can. We are extremely blessed to be able to minister to future generations and shape their Biblical worldview. We'd be so grateful for your support during this season of growth! If you would like more information on the Carrying on the Promise Campaign or want to make a donation, feel free to contact our Finance Manager, Shelley Dexter, 219-987-3721 ext. 112.

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

We are very excited to announce the enrollment information for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Please find the timeline below:

Preschool-Kindergarten Sign-ups Timeline (sign-ups will be done via a Google Form that will be available on our website, social media, and newsletter)

- Current Families 12/1-1/15
- New Families 1/9-15

Grades 1-12 Re-enrollment and Admission Timeline (this will be completed via FACTS)

- Staff & Current Families 12/15-1/15
- 2023-2024 Application opens for new families on 1/16

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE: Here we grow! We broke ground on September 29th, and Phase 1 of the building project has officially begun! We are expectant and hopeful about the big things God is doing within our schools. More information is available on our website and if you would like to partner with us, please email Buddy Hucks at lhucks@dmcsemail.org or Shelley Dexter at sdexter@dmcsemail.org. Thank you!

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. Thank you!

PART-TIME GRADE SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL

DeMotte Christian Grade School is accepting applications for part-time paraprofessionals for second semester beginning in January of 2023. The ideal candidates should be an active member of a church, preferably a church from a Reformed persuasion. Candidates should be able to collaborate with

classroom teachers, be flexible, and have a passion for working with children. Candidates with experience or having a degree in education are preferred but not necessary. If interested, please submit your cover letter, resume, and a completed general application to the contact below.

- Dan Weaver DeMotte Christian Grade & Middle School
- Phone: 219.987.3721 Email: dweaver@dmcsemail.org

DMCS JOB OPENINGS FOR 2022-2023

PART-TIME HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION TEACHER

DeMotte Christian High School is looking for a qualified individual who is skilled in construction and passionate about sharing their knowledge with high school students. This candidate should have a strong Christian faith, adhere to Reformed values, be flexible in their availability, and be proficient in various aspects of building trades. If interested, please complete the teacher application and submit it to the contact below.

- Richard DeFries DeMotte Christian High School
- Phone: 219.987.7651 Email: rdefries@dmcsemail.org

BUS DRIVER - DMCS is looking for bus drivers for the 2022-2023 school year. A CDL license is required, but if the applicant doesn't hold this license, DMCS will pay for any necessary training. If interested, please reach out to the contact below.

- Richard DeFries DeMotte Christian High School Principal
- Phone: 219.987.7651 Email: rdefries@dmcsemail.org

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, please complete an application and submit it to the contact below.

- Richard DeFries DeMotte Christian High School Principal
- Phone: 219.987.7651 Email: rdefries@dmcsemail.org

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. is always accepting applications for substitute teachers. This position's main responsibility is to substitute for teachers when necessary. The ideal candidate should have strong Christian values, flexibility in their schedule, a love for teaching students, and preferably experience working with children/students. Background checks are required. If interested, please contact Buddy Hucks, Superintendent, at lhucks@dmcsemail.org, or 219-987-3721. Applications may be found at www.demottechristianschools.org, under the "About" tab drop-down menu, "Employment Opportunities" tab.

DMCS Important Dates:

12/13:	DMCHS Winter Band & Choir Concert @ 7 PM at DMCHS
12/20:	DMCGS PS-5th Grade Christmas Program @ 6:30 PM at DMCHS
12/23:	Christmas Break Begins
12/25:	MERRY CHRISTMAS
1/1:	HAPPY NEW YEAR
1/9:	Students return