

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022



## Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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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 Fourth Sunday in the Advent season. This year we are looking at the themes of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Today, we will light the Angel's Candle as we marvel at the God who declares to us, "Fear not!" This morning Pastor Laryn looks at **Christmas PEACE!**



**"SUPERBOOK ACADEMY"** Sunday School meets immediately after the morning worship to practice for the Candlelight Service held tonight at 5pm!

The Ray Vanderlaan videos will meet today in the council room.

**CANDLELIGHT/CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** – **"Christmas in a Box"** will be held **TONIGHT** at 5pm! Come join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

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

**There will be no worship services here at Bethel on January 1.** We are invited to join with First CRC for their morning worship. They will not have an afternoon service on January 1.

On **January 8** we welcome Pastor Don Jabaay to Bethel who will lead our services. We will celebrate Communion together and also install our new elders and deacons.

### **SERVING TODAY**

Nursery:	December 18 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)

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

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK December 25**

Nursery:	Steph, Heidi
Piano:	Amy
Usher AM:	Larry
Greeters	Rich & Mary (S), Ron & Sue (E).
Sunday School	Christmas Break we resume January 15
Media Shout	Todd
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Bible League

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Pastor Laryn Zoerhof**

Welcome

Call to Worship:

\*Opening Song: "Lord Most High"

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace – the Angel's Candle

Advent Prayer

\*Song of Response: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greetings

\*Time of Praise:

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Offertory: by Carrie Cain

Offering will be received for: Ministries of Bethel and Shupes

We Offer our Prayers to God

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: **Christmas PEACE**

Prayer

Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song: "I've Got Peace Like a River"

**5PM WORSHIP**

**JOIN US FOR OUR CANDLELIGHT/CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

**"Christmas in a Box"**

**Stay and join us after the Candlelight Service  
for a time of fellowship and refreshments!**

***THIS WEEK AT BETHEL***

Sunday 10:45am "Superbook Academy" Sunday School Practice  
11:00am Ray Vanderlaan Video  
2:30pm Service at Oak Grove  
Wednesday 6:15pm GEMS Christmas Party  
7:00pm Executive Team

***CHURCH FAMILY: PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:***

- Rich K has moved to Towne Centre in Merrillville, Prayers for him as he makes this adjustment. (This is the same facility where Ted & Donna live) Rich's **New address:** Towne Centre, 7250 Arthur Blvd., Apartment 247, Merrillville, IN 46410
- Elmer & Norma, Wayne and Carolyn, Andy and Cheryl, Barb E, Amber G., Ted & Donna,
- Pastor Rick & Brenda as they have made their final transition this week and said their farewells here at Bethel. Blessings to them as they adjust in their new church home in Byron Center, MI.

**Hey Bethel Church family,** We wanted to thank you for all the sentiments, the well wishes, the cards, the messages, gifts, and prayers as we said farewell. It was a full, but good Sunday last week as we worshipped God together, sang praises, fellowshiped over a meal and enjoyed many a hug. At the end of the day, we were exhausted, more than a little tearful, yet thankful for each and every one of you. We love you all and you will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Love in Christ, Pastor Rick, and Brenda.

**NEW ADDRESS: Pastor Rick & Brenda:** 7550 Byron Center Ave SW, Byron Center, MI 49315

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Today the offering is 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 was a newsletter in your mailbox about their work. (For security reasons we have shared first names only)

Bethel will be leading the afternoon **SERVICE AT OAK GROVE TODAY** at 2:30pm. Contact Larry O. if you would like to help. Come early to sign in and expect to wear a mask.

**EXECUTIVE TEAM** will meet on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.

**COFFEE BREAK** will resume on January 18th. We will be starting a new study book so that would be a good time to join us and invite a friend or neighbor! We meet on Wednesday's 9:30-11:00am. Nursery is provided. If interested in a book talk to Velma.

**GEMS Christmas Party Gym Night** at DMC this week Wednesday, December 21 6:15-8:15pm.

Pastor Rick left a table full of books behind as he thinned down his library. Please feel free to grab anything that looks interesting to you. Thanks. Pastor Rick  
(The table will remain up thru December so take a look!)

## **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](mailto:lhucks@dmcsemail.org) or Shelley Dexter at [sdexter@dmcsemail.org](mailto: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](mailto:rossi4ukraine@yahoo.com). Thank you!

## **PART-TIME PRESCHOOL TEACHER**

DeMotte Christian Schools is growing and planning to expand its preschool program. With a building project expected to be completed at the Middle/High School campus by July of 2023, DMCS is looking for qualified candidates to join our team. DeMotte Christian Schools is located about an hour southeast

of Chicago in Northwest Indiana in a community that has strongly supported Christian education for the past 76 years. DMCS is anticipating to add at least one additional PK 3-year-old class and at least one additional PK 4-year-old class. This part-time position is expected to be a 40% position with the potential of more depending on enrollment. It is highly likely this position could be combined with another position to become full-time. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in early childhood or elementary education from an accredited college or university, agree fully with the school's statement of beliefs, be an active member of a church with a Reformed persuasion, and be able to teach young children well. Opportunities to lead extracurricular activities or athletics are also available.

- Dan Weaver DeMotte Christian Grade & Middle School
- Phone: 219.987.3721 Email: [dweaver@dmcsemail.org](mailto:dweaver@dmcsemail.org)

## **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.

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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