

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 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 second Sunday in the Advent season. This year we will look at the themes of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Today, we will light the Bethlehem Candle representing Christ's love for us! As we anticipate Christmas and remember those who first spoke the promise of the coming Christ Child, we as Christians also anticipate the second coming of our Lord and King Jesus Christ.

This morning we welcome Pastor Barry Foster as he looks at **Christmas Love** from 1 John 4:9-11. For the 5pm Service we welcome Pastor Don Jabaay as he leads us in worship -- "The Heavens Speak" from Psalm 19:1-6. Pastor Rick and Brenda are on vacation this week. Pastor Rick will preach his final message here at Bethel next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.



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

The Ray Vanderlaan videos will meet in the council room about 11:00am. We will not have a video on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> but will meet again Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**FAREWELL SUNDAY** for Pastor Rick & Brenda will be December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Fellowship Team is planning a **pot luck at noon**. Please join us in wishing farewell to Pastor Rick and Brenda on their last Sunday before their move to Michigan. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Chicken, rolls and drinks will be provided. We ask singles and couples to please bring 1 dish and families of 3 or more bring 2 dishes. 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!**

Our **CANDLELIGHT/CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** – "**Christmas in a Box**" will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> for the 5pm worship! Come join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK December 4**

Nursery:	Bailee & Amy
Piano:	Amy
Usher AM:	Scott
Greeters	Rich & Mary (S), Ron & Sue (E).
Sunday School	Mike and Dianne
Media Shout	Schaafsma's
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

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

### **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

## MORNING WORSHIP

Pastor Barry Foster

Welcome

Song: "Jesus, the Light of the World"

Call to Worship:

Lighting of the Bethlehem Candle

Prayer

Song: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greetings

\*Songs of Praise:

- "Offering"
- "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Morning Prayers

Offering for Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

Scripture: 1 John 4:9-11

Sermon: **Christmas Love**

Prayer

\*Please Stand for the Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

## 5PM WORSHIP

Pastor Don Jabaay

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Opening Song: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" W/C 108

Prayer

Confession of Faith: Article 2: The Means by Which We Know God

We Continue in Praise:

"Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah" vs. 1,3

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" vs. 1,2,4

"This Is My Father's World" - W/C 58

Prayer Requests and Prayers

Scripture: Psalm 19:1-6

Sermon: **"The Heavens Speak"**

Prayer

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: "The Heavens Declare Your Glory"

## THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sunday 10:45am "Superbook Academy" Sunday School

11:00am Ray Vanderlaan Video in Council Room

Tuesday 1:30pm Ladies Afternoon Bible Study

7:00pm Council

Wednesday 9:30am Coffee Break

6:15pm GEMS

### CHURCH FAMILY: PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

- Please keep Elmer & Norma in prayer as Elmer struggles with weakness due to the increasing ineffectiveness of treatments or infusions.
- Wanda W, Wayne and Carolyn, Andy and Cheryl, Barb E, Rich K, Amber G., Ted & Donna,
- Pastor Rick & Brenda as they make their transition and move and say their farewells to Bethel!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.

Contact Larry Ouwenga if you would like to help.

**LADIES AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Tuesday afternoon, December 6 at 1:30. We will be studying chapter 5, "Trustworthy Standing in the World."

**COUNCIL** will meet on Tuesday, December 6. All newly elected elders and deacons are invited to join us at this meeting. We will be having election of new office bearers for the next term.

**COFFEE BREAK** meets on Wednesday's at 9:30 a.m. Join us in our study of the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel as we look at how God provided for his people through the lives of Samuel, Saul, and David. See Velma for a study book or a flyer to give to a friend.

**GEMS** meets Wednesday from 6:15-8:15pm at First CRC.

We are working on a **YEAR-END BETHEL BRANCHES**. If anyone has something they would like included, please send it to [bethelcrc@netnitco.net](mailto:bethelcrc@netnitco.net).

## ***SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

### **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 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](mailto: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](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](mailto: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