

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27, 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 first Sunday in the Advent season. This year we will look at the themes of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Today, we will light the Prophecy Candle. 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 Pastor Rick looks at **Christmas Hope** from Isaiah 9:1-7. For the 5pm Service we continue with Lamentations 3 – “God’s Faithful Love”.

Next week we welcome Pastor Barry Foster who will lead us in our morning worship. He will look at **Christmas Love** from 1 John 4:9-11. Pastor Don Jabaay will be with us for our 5pm worship – “The Heavens Speak” from Psalm 19:1-6. Pastor Rick & Brenda are on vacation.



“**SUPERBOOK ACADEMY**” Sunday School meets immediately after the morning worship downstairs for all PK (4year.) – 6th Grade. Pick up 11:45am. **Sunday School will NOT meet TODAY, November 27th.** See you all back on December 4th.

The Ray Vanderlaan videos will NOT meet today. We will resume December 4th.

FAREWELL SUNDAY for Pastor Rick & Brenda will be December 11th. 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!

SERVING TODAY

Nursery:	November 27 Steph & Kim
Piano:	Pastor Rick
Usher AM:	Rick E.
Greeters	Brenda & Shiela (S), Steve & Alice (E).
Sunday School	Will not meet
Media Shout	Todd
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Crossroads Prison Ministries

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

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.

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Song: “Imagine”

Call to worship:

All creation holds its breath.

The time is almost here.

The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.

Excitement is all around us.

Prepare your hearts—The grace of God takes on human form.

Good news! Emmanuel, God-with-Us, comes to us.

**We gather to make ready our hearts
for the coming of Christ, our hope.**

Lighting of the Hope Candle

Prayer

Song: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

God’s Greeting

Mutual Greetings

Song of Praise:

- “Adore”
- “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”

While we sing this song the offering will be received for:

Ministries of Bethel and Crossroads Prison Ministries

Morning Prayers

Children’s Message

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7

Sermon: **Christmas Hope**

Prayer

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sunday 10:45am “Superbook Academy” Sunday School will NOT meet

Wednesday 9:30am Coffee Break

5:30pm GEMS Roller Rink Party – see announcement

CHURCH FAMILY: PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

- Please keep Elmer in prayer as he struggles with weakness due to the increasing ineffectiveness of treatments or infusions.
- Keep the VanBaren family in your prayers for comfort and peace.
- Wanda W, Wayne and Carolyn, Andy and Cheryl, Barb E, Rich K, Amber G., Ted & Donna,

5PM WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 89:1-8

Song of Praise: “I Stand Amazed”

Prayer

We Continue in Praise:

“Be Unto Your Name”

“He’s got the Whole World In His Hands”

“In Moments Like These”

Prayer Requests and Prayers

Scripture: Lamentations 3

Sermon: **God’s faithful love**

Prayer

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am trying to thin down my library just a tad. There are some books on a table by the lift.

Please feel free to grab anything that looks interesting to you. Thanks. Pastor Rick

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE?

- 1.) We could still use a couple more people to help with the Fellowship Team to help coordinate those fellowship needs for when we have get-togethers, snacks after Candlelight Service, or potlucks etc... Please give that some thought to see if that is something you’d be willing to do. Thank you to those who have stepped up and volunteered. Contact Russ VM or Stephanie
- 2.) **The Worship team** will also be in need of a person or two to join and help out in planning future services, and help keep things running smoothly as Bethel welcomes guest pastors. Contact Russ.

COFFEE BREAK meets on Wednesday’s at 9:30 a.m. Join us in our study of the book of 1st 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 will meet for a Roller Rink party on Wednesday, November 5th. Arrive at First CRC before 5:30pm. Pick up your girls at 8:15pm.

We are working on a **YEAR-END BETHEL BRANCHES**. If anyone has something they would like included, please send it to bethelcrc@netmitco.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 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:

11/23-25: Thanksgiving Break
12/1: DMCMS & 5th Grade Band/Choir Winter Concert @ 7 PM at DMCGS
12/13: DMCHS Winter Band & Choir Concert @ 7 PM at DMCHS
Date Change:
12/20: DMCGS PS-5th Grade Christmas Program @ 6:30 PM at DMCHS