



Bethel Mennonite Church

"Jesus compels us to experience and extend the gracious rule of God by the power of the Holy Spirit."

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Advent IV

Preparing

By praying together Infant Nursery @ 9:15a.m.

Gathering – Lead by Worship Leader, Bill Barrett

Announcements

Prelude Bill Barrett

Welcome & Call to Worship **(see back of bulletin)*

Advent Candle lighting **(see insert)*

Vocal Ensemble—Hymns of Advent

Psalm 80: 17-19 & Opening Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing Ellen Steiner and Team

With our offerings & Offertory Tesa Jordan

"Where's The Line to See Jesus?"

Confession **(see back of bulletin)* Bill Barrett

Proclaiming

Scripture- Isaiah 7:14

Message "Longing for home" **Guest Speaker KJ Schrock**

Song of Response Carl Newcomer

Sharing—Lead by Pastoral Care Team—Barb Kauffman

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Sending hymn Carl Newcomer

Benediction **(see back of bulletin)* Barb Kauffman

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 39

Worship Attendance 66

Your generosity empowers our collective work for God's kingdom purposes. Thanks!

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomas

GREETERS:

Today: Joe & Donna Lehman **Next Week:** Joe & Donna Lehman

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled

Next week: unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Lee Jordan

Next week: Larry Evans

VIDEO OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled

Next week: unfilled

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Pastoral Care Team: Barb Landes, Barb Kauffman, Dick Lindemer,

Carl Newcomer, Mark Thomas, Chuck Swartz

Tech Coordinator: Lee Jordan

ADVENT 4

Jesus: God-with-us

(Before the service three candles are lit. The people stand.)

LEADER: During Advent we celebrate that God comes to his people.

Jesus is the One-who-comes;

Jesus is the One-who-rules.

Jesus is the One-who-was-promised

PEOPLE: Jesus is God-with-us. We worship him! *(The fourth candle is lit.)*

LEADER: Jesus shines as God-with-us.

PEOPLE: Let the light shine

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:30 a.m. — Worship with KJ Schrock

4:00 p.m.—Christmas Caroling Meet at the Church

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m.—Ladies' Bible Study

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:30 a.m. — Worship with Chuck Swartz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fifteen blankets and several boxes of kitchen items were delivered to World Relief in Columbus. These items, along with other items, make up kits which are distributed to refugees resettling in Ohio. Thanks for participating so generously in this effort to show hospitality to refugees.

An Adriel Christmas Program will be held at 2 pm Dec. 20 in Yoder Cafeteria. Includes the nativity story, carols and refreshments. Open to the public!

A Church Christmas Project: donation of food, toiletries, etc for "The Urbana Caring Kitchen and Homeless Shelter." There is a list of suggested items on the bulletin board in the foyer and boxes near the library for collecting items. Thank you.

The transitional prayer team would like to have the Bethel Church family pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit as the ELT and the congregation make a decision in choosing a transitional pastor. May God give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the decision making process. May the eyes of our hearts be open to hear what the Holy Spirit says to us.

AMBS seeks Volunteer Coordinator beginning August 2017. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, is seeking a qualified individual or couple to coordinate the work of our short-term and local volunteers, connecting these volunteers with assignments from faculty and staff. If you like to work with people, have excellent communication and computer skills, and are well organized, please consider this volunteer assignment for a one-year, renewable term. The position opens Aug. 1; the start date is negotiable. To learn more, contact Jewel Gingerich Longenecker, dean of Lifelong Learning: jglongenecker@ambs.edu.

From Duane & Lois: "Merry Christmas. Our prayer is that Jesus will continue to be born in you. May you carry the humble, serving love of Jesus into this new year.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA)** Pray for the tutors and students of the 38 Anabaptist Biblical Institute-IBA study centers who meet weekly for their study sessions. May God grant the tutors wisdom, patience and lots of energy in their ministry of teaching. And pray that the students become essential instruments in the Hispanic churches as we build the Kingdom of God.
- **Tom and Disa Rutschman**, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, have shared Jesus as the Light of the World through many long winters on the Arctic Circle in Sweden. Pray that this year they may again create sparks of life through teaching in schools and the leadership they provide at Jokkmokk Free Church.
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