LAST WEEK

44 Sunday School Attendance Worship Attendance 59

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Chuck Swxrtz

GREETERS:

Today & Next Week: Mary Kay Kxng & Mary Yodxr

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled Next Week: unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next Week:** Larry Evxns

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Carl Newcomxr, Sally Harshbargxr and Chuck Swxrtz



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"Serving Jesus, Loving Others"

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Gathering – Led by Worship Leader

Announcements

Welcome & Call to Worship

Praise Team Prelude

Psalm 78:1-7 **Opening Prayer**

Praising

Congregational Singing Bill Barrxtt

Confession of Faith- See insert. Ken Shxnk

With our offerings & Offertory Ellen Steinxr

Congregational Singing Praise Team - Janet Wilkxns

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:17-20 & 7:13,14 Galatians 5:1

"Traditions: worshipping with the lips or from the heart." Message

Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

Ken Shxnk

Communion Pastors Chuck & Cheryl

Sharing – Led by Pastoral Team Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Sending song Bill Barrxtt

Benediction Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Gathering

9:45 a.m. – Meeting of the Congregation – Preparation/discussion session for MCUSA Conference: Orlando, 2017 – with Steve and Miriam Lxpp

10:40 a.m. – Worship with Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

Communion – During Worship Service

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School Gathering

9:45 a.m. – Meeting of the Congregation: Summarize and wrap up the June sessions – Becoming a Faithful Community – with Larry Evxns

10:40 a.m. – Worship with Larry Evxns

5:00 p.m. - Community Picnic at Lion's Club Park with the Church of God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The transitional prayer team recommends that the Bethel family makes personal Paul's prayer from Ephesians 3:16-20. In addition, let us be reminded of one of the declarations made by them and ladies from the congregation: We declare that Reconciliation and Restoration are released in us this day!

Calendar Correction – Please note that Our Daily Bread serving will be on the fourth Wednesday (as normal) in July, the 26th... *NOT* on Tuesday the 25th. Apologies for the error on your orange, July Calendar.

For next week – The entire congregation is invited to attend the special joint session in the sanctuary during the last 45 minutes of the Sunday School hour. This session will summarize and wrap June sessions, "Becoming a Faithful Community – tending to the center of our faith" led by Larry Evxns.

Community Picnic with the Church of God – Will be held during the West Liberty Bicentennial Celebration July 9th, from 5-7p.m. at the Lion's Club Park. Help is needed to set-up, serve and/or clean-up as well as to provide monetary donations and sheet cake or brownies for the meal. If you can assist with one or all, please contact Mary Newcomxr. If you plan to provide sheet cake and/or brownies, please deliver the desserts to the church between next Saturday morning and Sunday morning. Monetary offering donations should include the note of "Community Picnic." – Thank you!!

Summer Newsletter – Do you have interesting information that you'd like to share with the congregation in the next edition of the newsletter? Submit articles for the summer newsletter to Miriam by July 14th.

Camp Luz summer programs are underway. Spots are still available in most upcoming programs. Visit www.campluz.com for more information or to register a child.

If you enjoy dulcimer music – Two performances will be held at the Lion's Park during the West Liberty Bicentennial Celebration. Friday, July 7th, the Home School Strings youth will play at 8pm and on Sunday, July 9th the Peaceful Strings Dulcimer Club will play gospel tunes at 4pm.

Extra Church Directories – Past church directories are on the table in the library and are extra copies. If you would like to have one for posterity or to share with distant Bethel-ites, please feel free to take one or more. They will be there and available until Sunday, July 23rd.

Thank You! – To all who attended the congregational meeting last week. As you see reflected in this week's bulletin, "Serving Jesus, Loving Others" was selected as the new mission statement for Bethel; let's be sure to do both. If you were unable to attend the meeting, CD copies are available in the church mailbox area for recordings.

Bethel church structure ballots are in your mailboxes today. Mark your ballot and return to the ballot box in the foyer by July16.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Please continue to pray for the Sanfxrd family as Dennis is healing.
- Continued prayer request for healing For Ray Swishxr, friend of Mark and Polly Thomxs. Ray is doing remarkably well. He returned home from the hospital this week. The lymph glands were clear of cancer. There will be a 4-week healing period followed by 6 weeks of radiation. Continue to pray for healing and for patience with the adjustments he is facing.
- **Please continue to pray** for Willie Yodxr as he recuperates at Heartland. Willie is not experiencing pain but is still weak.
- Surround the Mennonite Church USA 2017 Convention with prayer as it begins July 4th in Orlando, Florida. More than 3,000 youth, delegates and others are expected to attend. This year's convention is particularly important as a great deal of the time will be spent discussing and planning the future of the Mennonites.
- Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana This summer, five youth are serving in their home congregations for 100 hours as part of Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth, an AMBS program. Pray that God would use these experiences to help shape and form them as Christ-followers and strengthen their leadership skills.
- **Please pray for our congregation** as we discern the leadership structure for Bethel.