## LAST WEEK

36 Sunday School Attendance Worship Attendance 54

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

## **OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE**

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemxr

**GREETERS:** 

**Today:** Joe & Donna Lehmxn **Next Week:** Bill and Carole Barrxtt

**MEDIA OPERATOR:** 

Today: unfilled Next Week: unfilled

**SOUND OPERATOR:** 

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

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**Elders:** Larry Evxns, Kathy Lehmxn, KJ Schrxck and Steve Lxpp Pastoral Care Team: Mark Thomxs, Barb Kauffmxn, Dick Lindemxr,

Carl Newcomxr, Sally Harshbargxr and Chuck Swxrtz



# **Bethel Mennonite Church**

"Serving Jesus, Loving Others"

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**Gathering – Led by Worship Leader** Annie Steinxr

**Announcements** 

**Welcome & Call to Worship** Annie Steinxr Prelude Bill Barrxtt

Psalm 27

**Opening Prayer** 

**Praising** 

**Congregational Singing** Praise Team

With our offerings & Offertory Ellen Steinxr

**Congregational Singing** Bill Barrxtt

**Proclaiming** 

**Scripture Reading** Genesis 22:1-14

"Beyond Belief" Message KJ Schrxck

**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 – meet in the fellowship hall for coffee, breakfast snacks and Bible study Ezekiel 3:1-11, "The Prophetic Watchman."

10:40 a.m. – Worship with KJ Schrxck

#### **WEDNESDAY**

4:15 p.m. - Our Daily Bread

#### **THURSDAY**

7:00 p.m – Pastors and Elders Meeting

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School – meet in the fellowship hall for coffee, breakfast snacks and Bible study

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A big THANK YOU to all who helped make the "Community Picnic in the Park" a success! Many of you helped with preparations and serving. Many of you helped by your financial support. This event raised \$1626 which was divided equally between Jenna Hostxtler and Scott Bxyd. We also discovered a new camaraderie with our picnic partners at the First Church of God which may lead to additional joint activities. Again, THANK YOU! ~Mary Newcomxr

**Next Sunday morning** at 9:30 am, the combined Sunday School class will be held in the fellowship room. We will study Amos 7:10-17, "The Justice Defender." Coffee and breakfast snacks will be provided.

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

**Please** send any submissions for the **August church calendar** to the church office by Wednesday, July 26.

**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 removed after today.

**The Administrative Assistant** position will transfer from KJ to Miriam at the end of July. They have been working together during June and July. Miriam will continue office hours on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am-3:30pm.

**Vote on church structure** – The Gifts Discernment Committee met on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. with Pastor Cheryl also in attendance to count the ballots submitted. The results were 25 votes to continue ASTEP, 24 to end ASTEP, 1 abstention. A simple majority of votes cast was required to pass the preferred choice. The following was selected.

\_\_\_\_ Continue ASTEP at Bethel with modifications, for two years. During the remainder of the church year until September 30, 2017, Bethel will work to define modifications to ASTEP. A proposal of modifications will be submitted to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting in October.

### PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Please continue to pray** for Willie Yodxr. He is gaining physical strength little by little. He is grateful for Bethel's prayers and gives God the glory.
- **Please pray** for Molly Thornbxrg who is doing better. She came home from the hospital on Thursday evening.
- **Please continue to pray** for Tom Evxns, Larry & Barb's son, who had surgery recently. Pray for Tom's continued healing and recovery.
- **Please pray** for Larry and Barb Evxns as they travel. Pray for their safe return from China on Wednesday.
- **Pray for healing** For Ray Swishxr, friend of Mark and Polly Thomxs. Ray has had a few set-backs, but he is doing well in general. Radiation will begin once the doctor says he's ready.
- **Please pray** for Byron and Barb Kauffmxn as they make their transition to their new home in town.