

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 33
Worship Attendance 53

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Kauffmxn

GREETERS:

Today: Mary Kay Kxng & Mary Yodxr **Next Week:** Joe & Donna
Lehmxn

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next Week:** unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

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

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Gathering – Led by Worship Leader

Barb Evxns

Announcements

Welcome & Call to Worship

Prelude

Ellen Steinxr

Psalm 23

Opening Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing

Praise Team - Bill Barrxtt

Confession of Faith – See Insert

Barb Evxns

With our offerings & Offertory

Bill Barrxtt

Congregational Singing

Byron Kauffmxn

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9: 2-10 & Ephesians 4: 7-16

Message

"Christmas in July"

Larry Evxns

Sharing – Led by Pastoral Team

Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Sending song

Byron Kauffmxn

Benediction

Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

THIS WEEK

TODAY

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

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. – Women Serving in Love

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. – Pastors and Elder Leadership Team Meeting

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast (Liberty Gathering Place)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship with Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

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 the declarations made by them and ladies from the congregation: ***Our Confession of Faith today recounts them all. (See Insert)***

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.

Women Serving in Love meet together this Tues, July 11th. The meal will be sack lunches. Hostesses will be Jeanie & Jan S. Devotions led by Barb Kauffmxn will focus on "Wading in Water" and the project for the day is Bar Soap or New Hand or Bath Towels.

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 this Friday, 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.

Bethel church structure ballots – Were placed in church mailboxes last week. Please mark your ballot and return to the ballot box in the foyer by July 16th.

Community Picnic with the Church of God – Will be held this evening, July 9th, during the West Liberty Bicentennial Celebration, from 5-7p.m. at the Lion's Club Park. Help is needed to set-up, serve and/or clean-up. If you can yet assist, please contact Mary Newcomxr. Monetary offering donations should include the note of "Community Picnic." – Thank you!! Any profits from the event will go to help with the needs of Jenna Hostetler and Scott Boyd.

If you enjoy dulcimer music – The Peaceful Strings Dulcimer Club will play gospel tunes this afternoon at 4pm at the Lion's Club Park as part of the West Liberty Bicentennial celebration.

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.

Grayson Athx - will conduct a book signing this Monday, July 10th, at the Gathering Place Restaurant in West Liberty from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. His recently published book, "*Clergy Dance: The making of a United Methodist Minister*" will then be available. Kim Jacxbs, Columbus chief of police, says: "God's presence is channeled by Grayson in his stories, his anecdotes and his openness to all. I have seen with my own eyes the impact a preacher like him can make on God's children. I feel blessed to know him." Grayson relates how his experience at a Mennonite tent revival service (led by George R. Brxnk) south of West Liberty in the late 1940's launched his career as a minister. He relates how his 2 years at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Goshen, Indiana profoundly affected his ministry. He also writes about his early life in West Liberty and how that shaped his life. If you are able, please plan to attend.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Please continue to pray** – for the Sanfxrd family as Dennis is healing.
- **Please continue to pray** – for Tom Evxns, Larry & Barb's son, who had surgery this week to repair a strangulated hernia. Tom has returned home and is recuperating there. The family expresses their great appreciation for your prayers!
- **Continued prayer request for healing** – For Ray Swishxr, friend of Mark and Polly Thomxs. Ray is doing remarkably well. There will yet be a 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.
- **Please pray for our congregation** as we discern the leadership structure for Bethel.