

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 32  
Worship Attendance 39

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

## OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Chuck Swartz

### GREETERS:

**Today:** Byron & Barb Kauffmxn      **Next Week:** Joe & Janet Wilkxns

### MEDIA OPERATOR:

**Today:** unfilled      **Next Week:** unfilled

### SOUND OPERATOR:

**Today:** Mark Kauffmxn      **Next Week:** Larry Evxns

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# Bethel Mennonite Church

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### Gathering – Led by Worship Leader

Larry Evxns

### Announcements

### Welcome & Call to Worship

Larry Evxns

### Prelude

Bill Barrxtt

### Psalm 24

### Opening Prayer

### Praising

### Congregational Singing

Bill Barrxtt and Praise Team

**With our offerings & Offertory** *“I Give You Jesus”* Kathy Grabxr

### Confession of Faith

In the battles, Lord, You are my Peace.

When I'm broken Lord, You are my Strength

You're my Love, You're my Life,

You're my Joy, my Song in the night.

How I marvel at Your mercy, and I sing.

I sing praise..praise to You Lord;

For You are Good and Merciful;

Your love is great; You're so wonderful, my Lord.

### Congregational Singing

Byron Kauffmxn

### Proclaiming

### Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-18, II Corinthians 10:1-6

### Message “In the Battle”

Barbara 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

**10:40 a.m.** – Worship. Barbara Evxns, speaker

## WEDNESDAY

**4:15 p.m.** – Our Daily Bread

## NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School.

**10:40 a.m.** – Worship. Pastor Chuck Swartz, speaker

**Noon** –Soup Lunch followed by congregational meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Soup Lunch and Congregational Meeting.** Next Sunday, October 1 a soup lunch will be provided for the congregation. You do not need to bring food. The meal will be followed by a congregational meeting in which the Modification Committee will explain their proposal for leadership structure for the next church year. See the handouts of the plan in your mailbox.

**As a Peace and Justice Group,** we offer two opportunities for monetary donations for the next 3 weeks---

- 1) Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)
- 2) Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS).

MCC is coordinating a collaborative response to reach 1.4 million people displaced in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Among the displaced are 8,000 Mennonites. Of the 3,300 persons killed since October 2016, 36 were Mennonites. Families experience a severe lack of food as well as basic supplies such as bedding and cans for carrying water. Church buildings and schools have been damaged or destroyed.

MDS has begun hands on response to hurricane Harvey in Texas, currently working in Bloomington, TX. When asked why they do what they do, they replied, “This is what God wants us to do right now.” The first on the list to help are the elderly, single mothers with children, and the disabled or those helping to care for disabled persons.

Each of these organizations need donations as they respond to growing needs over the next weeks and months. Checks may be

written to Bethel Church. Please designate on the memo line: MCC Congo relief and/or MDS Harvey relief. Donations will be accepted through October 8, 2017.

**Please** send any items for the **October church calendar** to the church office by Wednesday, September 27.

## Community Events

**Walk-4-Wells/5K Run.** September 30, 2017 at 9:00a.m. Blue Jacket Park. Sponsored by Kingdom Investment International raising funds for drilling wells for clean drinking water in Burkina Faso, West Africa.\*

Bluffton University is hosting the “**Mirror of the Martyrs**” exhibit from Oct.1-Nov.5. This exhibit is focused around many of the stories about Anabaptist faith and witness found in the “Martyrs Mirror,” including those depicted in eight of the copper plates that artist Jan Luyken created in order to illustrate the 1685 Dutch edition. “Mirror of Martyrs,” along with numerous related public events is described on a poster on the bulletin board.\*

\*More information is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading** for our future pastor at Bethel and that the pastor would be willing to invest his or her life in to the work of the church here at Bethel and in our community. Also pray that the congregation would be open to work alongside the new pastor. The Gifts Discernment Team
- **Pray for wisdom and unity** for the Gifts Discernment and Modification Team as the team plans modifications of our church leadership model. Pray that hearts would be open to God's leading and that we can find unity and participate together to expand God's Kingdom. The Gifts Discernment Team
- **Pray for healing** for Ray Swishxr, friend of Mark and Polly Thomxs. This week Ray has his finished chemo/radiation treatment. Now it's time to recover.
- **Pray for the family of Greg and Jane Thomxs.** Greg's father passed away this week.