



Bethel Mennonite Church

“Serving Jesus, Loving Others”

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Gathering – Led by Worship Leader	Ken Shxnk
Announcements	
Welcome & Call to Worship	Ken Shxnk
Prelude	Praise Team
Readings from the Psalms and Isaiah	Ken Shxnk
Opening Prayer	
<u>Praising</u>	
Congregational Singing	Bill and Praise Team
With our Offerings & Offertory	Ellen Steinxr
Congregational Singing	Bill Barrxtt
Confession (see insert)	Ken Shxnk
<u>Proclaiming</u>	
Scripture Reading	Mark 9:2-8, 2 Corinthians 3:18
Message:	
“On Beyond Z: Experiencing the Transfiguration of Christ”	Pastor Cheryl Shxnk
<u>Sharing – Led by Pastoral Care Team</u>	Pastor Chuck Swxrtz
Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses	
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Chuck Swxrtz
<u>Sending</u>	
Sending song	Bill Barrxtt
Benediction	Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Pastor Cheryl Shxnk, speaker.

TUESDAY

3:20-5:00 p.m. – Bethel Homework Help

WEDNESDAY

4:15 p.m. – Our Daily Bread

THURSDAY

3:20-5:00 p.m. – Bethel Homework Help

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. KJ Schrxck, speaker. Communion.

2:30 p.m. – Green Hills Service. Pastor Chuck Swxrtz, speaker.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for families grieving the deaths of their loved ones.
- Deb Bylrx is recuperating from surgery at her sister Rosie’s home in the Chicago area. Cards for Deb may be sent to Rosie’s address,
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- Pray for continued improvement in Megann Robinaxgh’s health.
- Pray for these friends struggling with cancer: Ray Swishxr, Rod Hagxr, Lee Jordxn, Dennis Evxns, Mike McGxll, Keith Effinghxm and Cathy Beitxng, (Shelly Rxth Beitxng’s mother-in-law).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adirondack Maple Syrup. If you would like to order maple syrup, put a note in Karl Smxth’s church mail box with your name and the number of gallons @ \$40 a gallon. Make out your check to Vern Zxhr. Remember to get the syrup out of the plastic and into glass jars in the freezer.

Directory updates:

Barb Evxn’s cell phone number
Cindy Kauffmxn

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance
Worship Attendance

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomxs

GREETERS:

Today: Dick & Nellie Lindemxr

Next Week: Ken & Cheryl Shxnk

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Lori Lehmxn

Next Week: Larry Evxns

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Carl Newcomxr, Sally Harshbargxr and Michelle Lxnk
Crisis Care: Chuck Swartz and Cheryl Shxnk

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God,

You reached in to Abraham and Sarah's lives and asked them
to dream the impossible dream--
that you would transform what appears to have been a barren
and lifeless situation into one overflowing with promise and hope--
and, through faith in you, they believed your promises.

**Congregation: Forgive us, O God,
If we never get beyond thinking of your call on our lives
as an impossible dream or even as an unwelcome interruption.**

Leader: Faithful God,

the apostle Paul emphasizes Abraham's complete trust and faith
In your promises and how he grew ever stronger in faith,
fully convinced of *your ability to fulfill* what had been promised.

**Congregation: Forgive us, O God,
when we find it hard even to hear your promises
above commercial assurances of transformation—
promises tempting us to trust the newest
and trendiest product to realize our dreams.**

Leader: Merciful God,

Jesus revealed the great depth of your love in his determination
to defeat evil even when this meant giving up his own life.

**Congregation: Forgive us, O God,
when we allow the power of evil to flourish
because we fear that taking up one's cross
would be too costly an exercise.**

Silent reflection on these words

Leader: Gracious God, we want to hold on to what we know. We are afraid
to take risks for the sake of the gospel; we want to keep our lives
safe. Forgive us, O God, when we cling to comfort, when we build
barriers to protect ourselves, when we choose the easy way.
Transform our fears that we may deny ourselves, take up our cross,
and follow Jesus to serve the world. Amen.