

# Bethel Mennonite Church

*"Serving Jesus, Loving Others"*

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## Epiphany

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

The Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace! Psalm 29:10b-11 (NRSV)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to worship: (VT #852)

In the beginning when it was very quiet,

the Word was with God,

**and the Word was God.**

In the beginning when it was very dark,

God said, "Let there be light,"

**and there was light.**

When the time was right, God sent the Son;

**Christ came among us and was one of us.**

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymns: In Thy holy place we bow – H #2

Savior of the nations, come! – H #173

Old Testament reading: Ezekiel 37:26-28

Offering & prayer

Offertory

Scripture: John 1:1-5, 10-18

Message: The Word became flesh

Hymn of response: Helpless and hungry – SS #26

Sharing: reflections on the scripture, joys, requests, thanksgivings

Intercessory prayer

Sending song: The Lord lift you up – SJ #73

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, **Women Serving in Love**. Bring a cup of prepared uncooked vegetables for Stone Soup. Project: hygiene kits.

**Creation Chronicles** is a dramatized re-enactment of Old Testament stories. It will be held at South Union Mennonite Church on Saturday, January 15th @ 6:30 p.m. No cost. Please join the fun!

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:30** - Sunday School.

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

### TUESDAY

**9:30 p.m.** – Women Serving in Love

### THURSDAY

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** – Joint Council meeting

### SATURDAY

**8:00 A.M.** – Men's Breakfast. Liberty Gathering Place

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomxs

## LAST WEEK

Worship 31

Sunday School 18

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

## OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – January 9

**Worship leader:** Ken Shxnx

**Music leader:** Ellen Stexner

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

**Sound:** Mark Kauffmxn

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Ellen Steinxr

Next Week – January 16

**Worship leader:** Barb Kauffmxn

**Music leader:** Janet Wilkxns

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeter:** Dick & Nellie Lindemxr

**Sound:**

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Janet Wilkxns

## **PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES**

- Pray that God's wisdom and creativity would guide Bethel's Leadership Team and Ministry chairpersons as they meet this week. Give thanks for the unique gifts these persons bring to their roles.
- Pray for the family and friends of Matthew Roxch and all who are affected by his death. May God's healing and comfort be evident in our community.
- The *Meserete Kristxs Church* (Anabaptist) in Ethiopix requests prayer and support from the global church as they continue peacebuilding activities amid the conflict between government forces and the TigrxxPeople's Liberation Front. Pray for resources to share with people in great need, and for God's protection as they seek to be agents of peace.
- This week (Jan. 11-13) Deb Bylxx will attend the General Assembly of the Kekchx Mennonite Churches. Pray for her as she talks with the pastors and deacons about a variety of issues for discernment, including establishing an ongoing women's ministry. Pray also for health and safe travel for participants.

As we worship together, please wear a mask especially while singing. The number of Covid-19 cases and community spread in our area continues to be quite high, please take appropriate precautions (using masks and distance) given your own health factors and the vulnerability of those you come into contact with.

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