## LAST WEEK

Sunday School 34

Worship Attendance 46

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

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

#### **PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:**

Carl Newcomxr

**GREETERS:** 

Today: Ken and Jeanette Hostetlxr

Next Week: Byron & Barb Kauffmxn

**SOUND OPERATOR:** 

**Today**: Lori Lehmxn **Next Week:** Larry Evxns

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Carl Newcomxr and Michelle Lxnk

Crisis Care: Chuck Swxrtz and Cheryl Shxnk

# **Bethel Mennonite Church**

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**Gathering** 

**Announcements** Kathy Lehmxn

**Lighting the Peace Lamp** 

Kathy Lehmxn

Because the kingdom of God is not about eating and drinking. *When God reigns, the order of the day is* redeeming justice, true peace, and joy made possible by the Holy Spirit. Join us, and pursue a life that creates peace and builds up our brothers and sisters. Romans 14:17,19 The Voice (VOICE)

Welcome & Call to Worship Kathy Lehmxn

**Prelude** Bill Barrxtt

**Old Testament** Proverbs 3:3-8 Kathy Lehmxn

**Opening prayer** Kathy Lehmxn

**Praising** 

Congregational Singing Byron Kauffmxn

With our Offerings & Offertory Bill Barrxtt

**Congregational Singing**Bill and Praise Team

**Proclaiming** 

Scripture Reading: Psalm 146 Kathy Lehmxn

Message: "God's Politics" Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

**Sharing** 

Our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

**Sending song** Byron Kauffmxn

**Benediction** Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

## **THIS WEEK**

#### **TODAY**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

**Noon** – Birthday Potluck

**3:00 p.m.** – Viewing for Pat Zoxk at Eichholtz funeral home

### **MONDAY**

1:00 p.m. – Pat Zoxk's funeral service

#### **WEDNESDAY**

7:00 p.m. – Ministry of Nurture meeting

**NEXT SUNDAY** Daylight Savings Time changes

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. - Worship. Speaker, Rev. Paul Forrxy

Noon – Missions meal provided (Our Daily Bread menu)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Birthday Potluck.** Everyone who has a birthday in the months of March, October, April, and August is invited to celebrate his or her birthday at the potluck today. Dessert will be provided.

October 31 at 7:00 p.m. Ministry of Nurture meeting.

Remembering Robert (Bob) Bylxr. A service, celebrating and remembering the life of Robert Bylxr, will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 4 at Bethel Mennonite Church fellowship room. A native of West Liberty, Robert graduated from West Liberty High School in 1951. Relatives and friend are welcome to attend at the celebration.

**November Mission Month.** How faithful God is! On the paper from Kim, write ways that God has been faithful to you recently or in the past. Return the paper to Kim's mailbox.

We will have fellowship meals at noon the first three Sundays in November. If you'd like to help, sign up in the foyer to bring rice and beans on November 11. On November 4 and 18 the Our Daily Bread menu will be served.\*

**Bethel Homework Help** resumes on November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting from 3:30 – 5:00p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The **Stewardship Ministry** distributed a **survey** recently to prioritize possible improvement projects here at the church. If you have not filled one out, you may pick up a survey in the church foyer. The survey is printed on green paper. An explanation of the projects is in the report of the Annual Meeting in your mailbox. Please return completed surveys to Ken Shxnk's mailbox.

Camp Luz **Women's Retreat**, "Deeply Rooted: Firmly Established" will be November 9-11. See details on the bulletin board.\*

Heading to Florida for the winter. Mary Ann Kxng will be going to Florida the first week in November. Mike and Rita Robxrts are leaving for Florida November 12<sup>th</sup>.

\* More information is in the foyer.

## **PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES**

- Wilfred Yodxr is now recuperating at Heartland. Pray for Wilfred and Hilda.
- Pat Zoxk passed away on Thursday evening. Viewing hours are today at 3:00 p.m. at Eichholtz. The funeral will be Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Bethel. The burial will be after the funeral and a time of fellowship will follow at Green Hills. Remember Pat Zoxk's family as they mourn her death.
- Pray for the Pastor Search Committee as it discerns the match between our congregation and pastoral candidates.
- Regional Pastor Cliff Brubakxr's open heart surgery went well.
   While Cliff is recovering from surgery, regional Pastor Ralph
   Reinfxrd will be covering Cliff's work with pastoral search
   committees and other regional pastor tasks. Pray for Cliff's
   healing.
- Remember the students and families participating in our *Bethel Homework Help* program. Pray for wisdom for the volunteers as they work with love and care for the children.
- Mary Newcomxr's outpatient shoulder surgery went well this week. Pray for Mary as her shoulder heals.