



# Bethel Mennonite Church

“Serving Jesus, Loving Others”

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## Gathering

### **Announcements**

Donna Lehmxcn

### **Lighting the Peace Lamp**

Cindy Kauffmxcn

May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in your faith,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit, your whole life and  
outlook may be radiant with hope. Romans 15:13

### **Prelude**

Kathy Grabxr

### Call To Worship

Donna Lehmxcn

### **Psalm 146:1-6**

### **Opening Prayer**

### Praising

### **Congregational Singing**

Bill Barrxtt

### **With our offerings & Offertory**

Bill Barrxtt

### **Confession of Faith**

# 714 Worship Book

Donna Lehmxcn

### **Congregational Singing**

Bill Barrxtt & Praise Team

### Proclaiming

### **Scripture Reading** Isaiah 9:1-7

Donna Lehmxcn

### **Message:** "To Us a Child of Hope Is Born"

Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

### Sharing – Led by Pastoral Team

Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

### Sending

### **Sending song**

Bill Barrxtt

### **Benediction**

Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:00-10:00 a.m.** – Christmas Breakfast

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

### MONDAY

**7:00 p.m.** – Christmas Eve Service

### TUESDAY

**12:00-2:00 p.m.** Christmas Community Fellowship Meal, Adriel

### SATURDAY

**About 2:00p.m.** – Unload moving truck for Rebecca and Andrew

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:40 a.m.** – Worship. Christopher Thornbxrg, speaker

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Poinsettias this year are from the following people in memory of their loved ones. Dave Hostetlxcn in memory of Sarah; Carl & Elaine for their parents, Elban & Hilda Newcomxcn and Richard & Verna Bachmxcn; Paul & Linda for Loren & Dorothy Kxcng; Chuck & Jeanie for Eleanor, Sam and JC Swxrtz; Barb & Byron for Wanda Shumakxcn; and Eleanor in memory of Bill Shumakxcn.

The other poinsettias are given to and in honor of David Hostetlxcn, Eleanor Shumakxcn, Mary Kay Kxcng, Mary Yodxcn, Molly Thornbxrg, Ken & Jeanette Hostetlxcn, Lowell & Ellie Kauffmxcn, Wilfred & Hilda Yodxcn, Jan Smuckxcn, and Shirley Kxcng. You may pick these up after the Sunday service or after the Christmas Eve service. (Those marked with a green card in the soil are designated for someone else. Take one of the flowers without a card.)

Please submit items for the **January calendar** to the church office by December 26.

Miriam will be in the **church office** on Wednesday and Thursday this week. All bulletin items need to be in the office by 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. *The bulletin will be printed on Thursday.*

The **MCC Thrift Shop** would like to thank the churches, volunteers, shoppers and those who donated items, supplies and money. We have had a wonderful year and appreciate all you do to help us and by extension MCC.

**Saturday afternoon** around 2:00p.m. Anyone interested in helping to unload Rebecca and Andrew’s moving truck, contact Dave Lxcnk.

## Up Coming Events

**December 24. Christmas Eve Service. 7:00 p.m.** Singing, scripture and readings.

**December 25. Christmas Community Fellowship Meal** will be held again this year at Adriel Yoder Activity Center 12:00 – 2:00p.m.

**December 30.** Christopher Thornbxrg will be the speaker. This had been rescheduled from November Missions Month.

**January 6.** Cliff Brubakxr, speaker. During the service, Bethel will release Chuck and Cheryl from their pastoral duties.

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- In this season of family gatherings and celebrations, let us remember families who have recently lost loved ones and persons who have difficult or broken family relationships.
- Pray for a safe trip for Cheryl and Ken Shxnk as they visit their son, Benjamin and his wife, Sarah.
- Pray that Mary Jean's friend, Nancy and her family be given wisdom for Nancy's treatment decisions.

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 45

Worship Attendance 48

*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:** Polly Thomxs

**Next Week:** Paul & Linda Hostetlrx

### SOUND OPERATOR:

**Today:** Lori Lehmxn

**Next Week:** Lori Lehmxn

**Pastors:** Cheryl Shxnk ([youthpastor@bethelchurchwl.org](mailto:youthpastor@bethelchurchwl.org))

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by appointment

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