



# Bethel Mennonite Church

“Serving Jesus, Loving Others”

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## Gathering

### Announcements

#### Lighting the Peace Lamp

Cindy Kauffmxn

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever.

And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places; Isaiah 32:16-18

#### Welcome & Call To Worship

Barbara Evxns

Leader: Now is the time of waiting and watching, We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God’s promises to be fulfilled.

**People: We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive. How long must we wait?**

Leader: Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us. The signs are all around us.

**People: Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be as we come before you with open hearts.**

*All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!*

#### Prelude

Worship Team

#### Psalms 10:10-18

Barbara Evxns

#### Opening Prayer

## Praising

### Congregational Singing

Praise Team

### With our offerings & Offertory

Bill Barrxtt

### Congregational Singing

Carl Newcomxr

## Proclaiming

### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-8, Luke 3:1-15

**Message:** "The Way of the Lord"

Larry Evxns

## Sharing – Led by Pastoral Team

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

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## Sending

### Sending song

Carl Newcomxr

### Benediction

Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Pastor Search discussion

**10:40 a.m.** – Worship. Larry Evxns

### MONDAY

**6:00 p.m.** – Ministry chairs, Elders, Pastors meeting

**7:00 p.m.** – Pastors and Elder Leadership Team meeting

### TUESDAY

**9:15 a.m.** – Women’s Bible Study

**3:30-5:00 p.m.** – Bethel Homework Help

### THURSDAY

**3:30-5:00 p.m.** – Bethel Homework Help

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sunday, December 9

Following the sermon, ballots will be distributed to active members and **the vote to call Rebecca Kauffmxn** will take place. The votes will be counted immediately and reported back to the congregation. Passage of the vote to call Rebecca to be Bethel’s pastor requires at least an 80% affirmative vote of the ballots cast.

Active members will be eligible to vote. Absentee ballots will be available by request from Miriam Lxpp, Administrative Assistant. Absentee ballots need to be returned to the box in the church foyer marked “Absentee Ballots” by **10:00 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018.**

Anyone wishing to bring a poinsettia (in memory of someone) to put up in front of the church during the Christmas season would be welcome to do so. See Nellie Lindemxr.

## **PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES**

- Ruth Ann and Elvin Yodxr's grandson, Kyle is doing well but will be taking 6 weeks of radiation 5 times a week. Pray for Kyle during this time of treatment.
- Pray for healing for Angie Harshbargxr Shoemaker; Cindy's brother, Tim; Jerry Smuckxr; and Mark's father, George Thomxs.
- Pray for guidance for our congregation, Rebecca and Andrew as our pastoral search process continues.
- Pray for Don & Phyllis Kxg. Hospice has been called in for Phyllis who is very ill.
- James Schxltz, the father of Scott Schxltz passed away November 23. Pray for the Schxltz family.

## **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: Carl Newcomxr**

### **GREETERS:**

**Today:** Joe & Donna Lehmxn      **Next Week:** Ed & Kim Lehmxn

### **SOUND OPERATOR:**

**Today:** Ken Shxnk      **Next Week:** Larry Evxns

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