

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for God's hand of comfort to be upon those who are experiencing grief and loss. Pray for those you know who struggle with health concerns. May Christ's power bring physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.
- Continue to pray for Dereck Klopfenstexn who suffered severe head injuries in a bicycle/car accident. Pray for strength and wisdom for his parents, Doug & Janette Yodxr, and family in this difficult time as they make decisions about his care. May God's sustaining presence surround them and all who know him.
- Pray for teachers, students and staff as the school year begins again. Give thanks for opportunities to learn, create and ask questions. Pray the school would be a place of physical and emotional safety. May God grant teachers abundant patience, and students a curiosity to learn.
- Join Deb Bylxx in giving thanks for some reconciliation between church leaders and an organization called Red Paz. Continue to pray for openness on the part of church leaders to speak with the leaders of Red Paz about possible future work together. Pray for the Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala, and Deb's work to encourage the women's ministry.
- Pray for wisdom and protection for a Mission Network couple and Christians in Laos as the government has begun confiscating their documents, making them "stateless." This means that Christians have difficulties attending school and finding places to live.

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We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace.

In the world you face persecution.

But take courage; I have conquered the world! John 16:33 NRSV

Welcome

HWB # 662

Prelude

We offer our praises & gifts

Congregational singing

Old Testament reading: Psalm 34:15-22

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

We hear God's Word

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

Message: "Struggle, resilience, and putting on the armor of God"

We respond to Christ's invitation

Prayer of response: (see next page)

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

Intercessory prayer

We go to love and serve

Sending song

Benediction

Prayer of response:

L: God our security, you alone can defend us
against the principalities and powers that rule this present age.

All: May we trust in no weapons

**but rather put on the whole armor of God:
truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace,
faith, liberation, the word of God, and prayer.**

L: May our constant prayers keep us alert
to both danger and opportunities for witness

**All: so that we stand in solidarity with the oppressed
and proclaim Christ's victory. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grief Share sessions held at West Liberty United Methodist Church starting Mondays at 10:00 a.m. Aug. 26 – Nov. 18 or Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 27 – Nov. 19. *

Birthday Potluck. Those who have birthdays during the months of May, October, March and January (and their spouses) are invited to celebrate their birthdays together today.

The "Bethel Annual Picnic" will take the form of a **Brunch** at Bethel on Sunday August 25th. We suggest everyone be there and ready to eat by 10:00 AM. It is our hope that we can eat together, get cleaned up and all be ready for an 11:00 AM service in the Fellowship room. Bring Breakfast casseroles, salads and fruits to share.

Plan to attend! August 25, following brunch and worship in the fellowship room, there will be a **congregational meeting**. This is an opportunity to hear information and have Q&A on the proposal to upgrade the elevator. Other agenda may be added. Your participation is valued!

Sunday morning greeters needed. There are greeting opportunities remaining in 2019 in September, November and December. 2020 is wide open! Sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer.*

September is Bethel's month to serve at **West Liberty Cares**. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are willing to help.*

Today, Hesston College alumni magazine, is in the rack outside the library.*

*More information in the foyer

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. – Gifts Discernment Committee

NEXT SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. – BRUNCH

11:00 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn
Followed by a Congregational meeting

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Kauffmxn

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 33

Worship Attendance 52

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – August 18

Worship leader: Kathy Lehmxn

Musicians: Bill Barrxtt, Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Mark & Polly Thomxs

Sound/media: Ken Shxnk

Prelude: Kathy Grabxr

Offertory: Bill Barrxtt

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – August 25

Worship leader: Michelle Lxnk

Musicians: Janet Wilkxns, Bill Barrxtt
Byron Kauffmxn, Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Mark & Polly Thomxs

Sound/media: Lori Lehmxn

Prelude: Bill Barrxtt

Offertory: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn