

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Mary Yodxr has moved into the Green Hills Care Center. She appreciates our prayers and cards. May the peace and love of God continue to surround her each day as she adjusts to a new space.
- Pray for grace and strength for Lee Jordxn as he continues the long process of healing following surgery on his esophagus.
- Pray that Kim Lehmxxn would experience healing in her shoulder.
- Pray for Teresa Lehmxxn as she recuperates following surgery on her knee last week.
- Alejandrxx A. (a neighbor to Mark & Polly) is scheduled to have a significant surgery this Tuesday. May God grant him courage and restore him to health.
- Hold Greg, Reva, Karen and the family and friends of Tyler Blakxr in prayer as they grieve his death.
- Praise God for a new collaboration between Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, IN) and theological schools in Africa. Pray for students in Ethiopia who have begun courses at *Meserete Kristxs* College. May God bless this partnership so that it will help equip leaders to serve the growing church.
- Mennonite World Conference invites us to pray for church leaders and members who have become infected with Covid-19. Pray for God's hand of protection on those who are vulnerable, and that vaccines will become more available to poorer countries.

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# Bethel Mennonite Church

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith,  
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. -Ephesians 6:23 (NRSV)

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering hymn: O worship the King – H #66

Call to Praise:

L: The earth is the Lord's and God's earth is our home.

**P: We dwell in God's shelter and experience God's work of art.**

L: We are not alone in God's world.

We share this planet with the waters, air and land,

**P: with trees, grasses and plants;**

L: with fish, birds, animals and micro-organisms;

**P: And with all our human brothers and sisters.**

L: God is good and everything God makes is good.

**P: God is love and everything God has made is a gift of love.**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Offering and prayer

Children's time

Hymn: Come, let us all unite to sing – H #12

Scripture: I John 4:7-19

Message: Love one another

Song of response: How can I say – SS #117

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

Sending hymn: Heart with loving heart united – H #420

Benediction

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A **congregational meeting** will be held following worship today. Last week you received information about proposed revisions to Bethel's Leadership structure. The meeting will provide an opportunity to hear more about that, to ask questions and give input. Agenda also includes a financial report and update on the renovation project. A baked potato bar meal is provided for any who would like to stay.

This Wednesday 28th, Rebecca will be in the office in the morning, 9:00-12:30, instead of the afternoon.

Bethel has recently drawn from our **Community Support Fund** to assist persons in our community with financial needs. If you would like to designate an above-budget gift to help replenish this fund you are welcome to do so. Thank you!

**Adriel's 2021 Virtual Benefit Auction.** To celebrate National Foster Care Month, Adriel will be auctioning off a number of fun and unique items to raise money for our organization - including getaway vacation experiences, relaxing spa packages, delicious homemade baked goods, gift cards from local businesses, and even a cargo trailer! Visit Adriel's virtual auction NOW to register, then on MAY 1st to preview the items available, and again on MAY 6th to begin making your bids. Bidding ends, May 8.

In order to place bids, you will need to register though Bidding for Good and registering before bidding opens will ensure immediate access to view items and provide email reminders so you don't miss out on your favorite items. Visit [www.adriel.org](http://www.adriel.org) and follow the Benefit Section under the link "How You Can Help." Proceeds benefit children and families in need in our area through Adriel's various programs.

Plans are to have **adult Sunday school classes** beginning June 6. Please sign up on the list by the mail boxes marking you would like a quarterly and which type. Quarterlies will only be ordered for those who sign the list. If you have questions please see Ellen.

When we gather on **Sunday mornings**, thank you for continuing to wear masks, wash hands, keep distance, and self-quarantine as needed - these are essential actions for the health of our congregation and community!

## **THIS WEEK**

### **TODAY**

**9:30 a.m.** – The Bible Unwrapped, book study  
**10:10 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn  
Following worship – Congregational meeting  
Fellowship Meal

### **WEDNESDAY**

**3:30 p.m.** – Our Daily Bread  
**6:30 p.m.** – Worship Ministry meeting

### **THURSDAY**

**12:30 p.m.** – Peace & Justice Lunch

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:30 a.m.** – The Bible Unwrapped, book study  
**10:10 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn.

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Carl Newcomxr

## **LAST WEEK**

Worship attendance: 51

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

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

**This Week – April 25**

**Worship leader:** Barb Kauffmxn  
**Music leader:** Byron Kauffmxn  
**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn  
**Greeter:** Paul & Linda Hostetlrx  
**Sound:** Lori Lehmrxn  
**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt  
**Prelude:** Carl Newcomxr

**Next Week – May 2**

**Worship leader:** Doug Steinrx  
**Music leader:** Carl Newcomxr  
**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn  
**Greeters:** Joe & Donna Lehmrxn  
**Sound:** Andrew Bloxnt  
**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt  
**Prelude:** Ellen Steinrx