Giving Update

Budget to date: \$408, 650 Income to date: \$304, 752 Needed: \$103, 898



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Sermon Notes



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Church Calendar

Dec 22 - Sunday School Program Dec 25 - Gerry Giesbrecht/Christmas Day Dec 29 - Sharing Sunday

Prayer list-Werner & Marlene Ens

Missions - Kendra Fehr, Ryan Thiessen, Joshua Dyck (CCBR) Murray & Carol Honsberger, Eagles Wings Children's Village

Community Announcements

~**Faith and Life Choirs Christmas Carol Sing**. Join the Faith and Life Male Choir and Women's Chorus for an afternoon of Carols. TODAY, December 15, 3:30pm at Bethel Mennonite Church. Freewill offering will be taken.

~**Mennonite Collegiate Institute** invites you to ring in the Christmas season with us on Dec. 19th at 7:30pm. Join us in Buhler Hall for our Christmas Concert! All are welcome.

~Annual Longest Night Memorial Service on Dec 21st:

In this busy time before all the Christmas and Holiday celebrations, grief over losing a beloved person in our lives can be very hard. **The Altona Palliative Volunteer Team** presents a Longest Night Memorial Service each year on December 21. It's meant to give those who attend a time and space specifically to recognize and mourn their lost loved ones, or to recognize losses of ANY kind. It is a time for quiet reflection, music, and candle lighting, with a short meditation. The names of loved ones will be read out loud for those who wish. This year the Longest Night Memorial Service is at the Altona United Church at 7:00 pm, address 45 3rd Ave SE, Altona. All are welcome.





Mission Statement

We, the Blumenort Mennonite Church, commit to worship God with our lives, enabled by the Holy Spirit to follow the example of Jesus the Christ.

Worship Leader: Marlous Fehr Speaker: Herb Franz Song Leader: Tyson Fehr

Date: December 15, 2024

December 15, 2024 Third Advent

Welcome & Announcements Call to Worship Advent Candle Lighting-Verna Martens Worship in Song Children's Feature- Sue Letkeman Congregational Prayer Offertory Worship in Song Scripture Reading -Luke 2:8-20 Message - "Expensive Christmas" Closing Song Benediction

Verse for the Week

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:14

Prayer for the Week

God Almighty, we thank you for your grace and mercy shown through the gift of your son Jesus. May we never forget the magnitude of the gift that He is. Amen.

Church Announcements

~December 29th will be our annual sharing Sunday, please contact Pastor Gerry if you have something that you would like to share. Some examples of things that people have shared in the past are: Special music, scripture recitation, or reflections on what God has been doing in your life, or what He has been teaching you over the past year.

~You are all invited to attend BMC's annual children's Christmas program December 22 during the service. Dress rehearsal will take place Saturday morning December 21, 9:00 at church. All children attending Sunday school are expected.

~Mitten Tree - We want to share the gift of warmth again this winter with those who need it. Please bring mittens, scarves, toques, socks, and slippers and place them on the mitten tree. Handmade or store-bought, both are welcome! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

~The Clubs program will resume again in the new year on January 8th.

~Rejoice Devotional photocopies are in your mailboxes for those of you who have signed up to receive them. If you do not currently receive them and would like to, please contact Lori at the office.

Deacon Ministry

-Seth & Erica Klassen - 384-7384, 332-1690 -Kevin & Helen Krahn - 324-4395, 304-1521, (H) 327-5448.

We invite you to contact us anytime if you have prayer requests, need someone to talk to would like a visit, or have anything specific we can help with.

BMC Church Retreat

Save the date for our annual BMC Church Retreat on Jan. 31 to Feb. 2 at Camp Arnes. Our speaker will be Jeff Banman on the topic "Politics with Jesus". Full weekend: \$275. /Family, \$175. /Couple and \$75/individual. For those that want to come for the Sunday Morning Service only, please sign up as well if you are staying for lunch. Lunch cost is \$10. /Adult and \$5. /Child. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer, and here is the online sign-up link

https://forms.gle/kcHYRCL6vqqkpHb88

Deadline will be in the beginning of January. If you have never attended a retreat before, give it a try. We hope to see you there! from the Education Committee

Youth (Grades 7-12) Calendar

January 8 - Youth Resumes