**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Participants in Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service program are in a time of transition. Pray for those who are transitioning from their completed assignments to schooling or work and pray for those who are beginning their first or second term of learning and service.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for WDC Commissions as they support ministerial leaders, resource congregations, nurture church planting, and steward resources for God's work in our conference.

To request prayer or a visit, or if a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office or a pastor so that visits and prayer support can be offered. Names of people receiving medical care are printed in the BCMC bulletin only by permission of the patient or a guardian/family-member. This is part of the caring network at BCMC, which includes support among members of Sunday school classes and small groups, as well as the Prayer Network and Caring Fund sponsored by the Deacon Commission.

Bethel College Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, education, ability, and other factors which give rise to discrimination and marginalization.

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[10] Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.[11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

[12] For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

[13] Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

[14] Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

[15] and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace;

[16] besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.

[17] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

[18] Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

[19] and also for me, that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

[20] for which I am an ambassador in chains; that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6:10-20-NRSV

Our faith in a God of love leads us, by the power of the Spirit, to follow Jesus in doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God.

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Prelude	<i>Come, Thou Fount</i> (arr. Robert Lau)	Will Friesen, organ
Christ Candle Lighting		Ada Schmidt-Tieszen
Call to Worship and Prayer		
*Hymn	We Long to Know Her	VT 44
Children's Conversation		Tim Hodge
Scripture Readi	ng Ephesians 6:10-20	
Sermon	The Struggle of Today	Renee Reimer
*Hymn	When Peace Like a River	VT 617
Prayers of God's people		
*Hymn	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	VT 628
Benediction		
Postlude	Trumpet Tune (David German	)
VT = Voices Together		

Song leader: Matthew Schloneger Audio visual: Francis Toews Pastors: Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, Dawn Yoder Harms

## This week at BCMC Monday, August 23 8 am to 10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary 2 pm to 4 pm Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary **Tuesday, August 24** 7 pm Abuse Prevention and Response Committee Meeting 7 pm Decoration Committee Meeting Wednesday, August 25 8 am to 10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary 2 pm to 4 pm Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary Thursday, August 26 2 pm Hospitality Commission Meeting--Fellowship Hall Friday, August 27 8 am to 10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary 2 pm to 4 pm Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary Sunday, August 29 9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:30 am Safe Sanctuary Training 11:30 am Sunday School Teacher Orientation

**The BCMC 2021 Directory (used to be called the BCMC Yearbook)** will be printed in September. If you have address or contact (phone, email, cell phone) changes, please call or email the church office.

Bethel College Mennonite Church will be assisting Bethel College by providing class room space in the BCMC Sanctuary on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 am to 10 am and 2 pm to 4 pm. You should avoid coming in the south (glass) doors of the church on those days because you will find yourself at the back of a classroom.

The Faith Formation program year will start up again after Labor Day. This means that Sunday School for all children and youth (Preschool Sunday School, Middler Sunday School, and Sr High Sunday School) will begin on Sunday, September 12th, Wednesday Night Club for 3rd-8th graders will begin on Wednesday, September 8th, and Sr High Youth Group for 9th-12th graders will begin on Wednesday, September 8th.

## **Staff Absence**

Pastor Renee Reimer will be on vacation from August 23-28.

We extend our sympathy to Dale and Margo Schrag, upon the death of Dale's brother, Dwayne. Dwane died yesterday (Aug 18) in Wichita, following a long illness, and is survived by his wife, Sandy.