



For children 6 years and under, we have a play area along the back wall to your left as you enter the sanctuary. Please sit close to supervise children you bring. Clipboards with activities are available for children of all ages – ask an usher.

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Our Mission Statement

Believe God's Word. Live Christ's teaching.

Grow spiritually and share God's love, peace, hope and joy.

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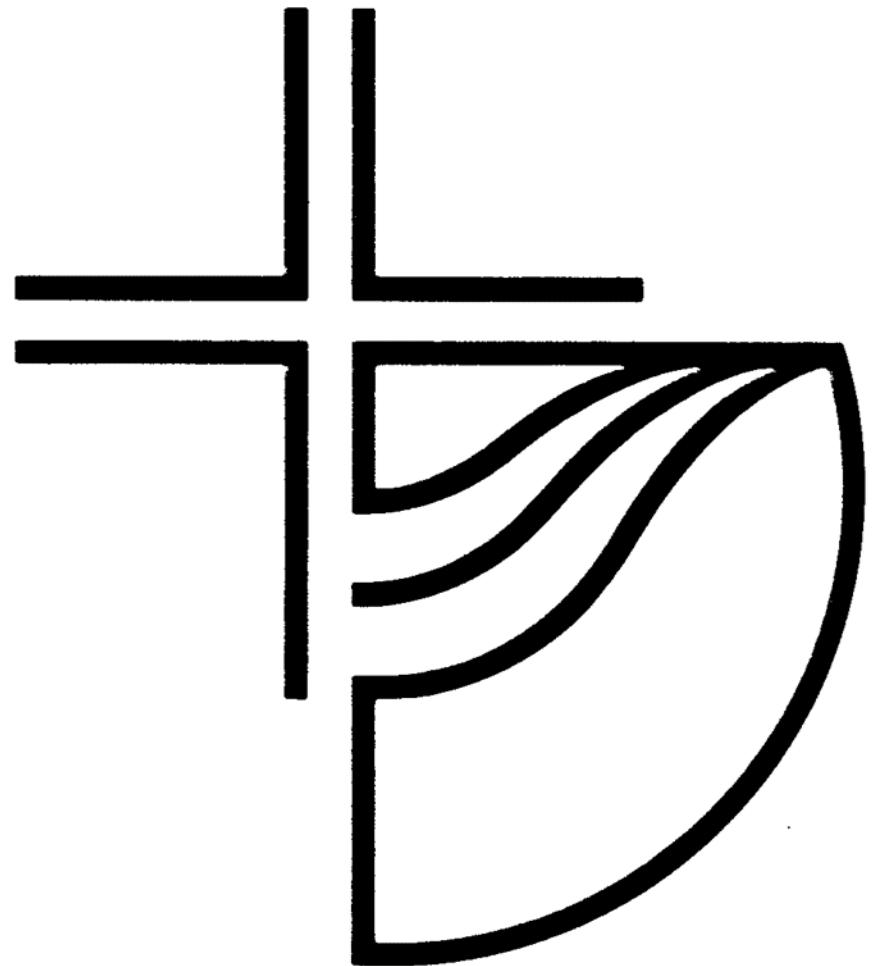
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The Church of the Brethren symbol on the cover upholds images of life in Jesus Christ. The cross recalls our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection (Romans 6:4) and testifies to God's plan to bring "all in heaven and earth . . . into a unity in Christ" (Ephesians 1:10 NEB). The circle, partially defined, represents the world into which we are sent by Christ (Matthew 28:19). The circle also affirms that as members of Christ's body we are members one of another (Romans 12:5)—a people who confess "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5). The wave connotes new life in Christ, "born of water and the Spirit" (John 3:5). The wave further evokes the waters of justice (Amos 5:24), the cup of water offered in Christ's name (Mark 9:41), the basin and towel (John 13:5), and "springs of living water" (Revelation 7:17). Images central to life in Jesus Christ thus are lifted up as images for Brethren to live by.

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October 26, 2025

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*a welcoming and inclusive congregation
offering Christ's hospitality to the world*

Worship—9:00am

Fellowship—10:15am

Sunday School—10:45am

October 26, 2025 Stewardship Commitment Sunday

The picture Jesus paints in this parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector is almost cartoonish as the Pharisee praises himself for his own spectacular "goodness" while the tax collector beats his chest in lament of his sinfulness. It is almost cartoonish, but is it? We can all think of people who are over the top in these ways. Humility seems in short supply these days, and many people are quick to measure their own goodness by comparing their superficial "best selves" to the worst in others. But humility isn't about comparison. It's about honesty. And God always sees right through us.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ came into the world, and through his life,
he taught us everything we need to know
about giving, about humility, about integrity.
Christ, our companion, did not come to humiliate sinners,
but he did come to disturb the self-righteous.

***People: We are grateful that God welcomes us, even when we
struggle with the shame of feeling we are not enough,
but we are also grateful that God challenges us when
are tempted toward arrogance or smugness.***

Leader: Let us come to worship God this day
with the intention of being truthful in our self-reflections
and faithful in our actions.

People: We will seek God's mercy and trust God's love.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

For the fruit of all creation, #90

The Community Prays Together

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

One: In your mercy Lord

Many: Hear our prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn of Confession

Brothers and sisters of mine, #142

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Message

The humility factor

Moments of Silent Reflection

Time for Our Stewardship Commitment

Stewardship Reflection and Invitation

*This morning, as we make our stewardship commitments for
2026, you are invited to bring forward your stewardship
commitment cards and offerings as expressions of your desire
to share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure for the glory of
God and our neighbors' good.*

*Hymn of Sending

Move in our midst, #418

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Office Hours

Pastor Kurt Borgmann: Wednesday and Friday, 9am-noon

Treasurer / Daycare Business Manager Lorie Copeland:

Monday through Friday, 8:30am–5:30pm

Office Assistant Keaira Lambright: Wednesday 9am-2:00pm.

Bulletins will be printed on Wednesdays and cannot be adjusted after that. Please know that emails and voicemails that come into the office Thursday through Tuesday will not be seen until Wednesday.

Upcoming Calendar

October 27-Nov 2: Kurt will be attending “Pastor Sabbath” at Camp Mack and then will be on vacation

Upcoming in Worship

November 2: Guest Preacher Anna Lisa Gross, Northern Indiana District Moderator

Sunday School Schedule Upcoming

September- November: Wired Word taught by Don Anderson

If you are new or visiting, please fill out a visitor card available in the entryway. You are most welcome here!

Announcements

Stewardship pledge cards that aren't turned in today during worship can be mailed in or dropped off at the church office.

Remember next Sunday to “fall back” with the time change.

Goshen City Church has recently started Wednesday fellowship meals 5:30-6:30pm. A church member is preparing the meals, so RSVP's are requested by noon Tuesday the week of. Please contact Keaira in the church office at Goshen City if you are interested in coming. Everyone is invited!

Worship Participants

Preacher- Kurt Borgmann

Worship Leader – Keri Anderson

Pianist- Lorie Copeland

Flautist- Sherry Bickel

Guitarist- Jill Weaver

Ushers- Steve Poyser & Dalis Andrews

Greeters- Don & Beth Muhlnickel

Audio/Video Support – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver, Jacob Cripe

JOYS AND CONCERNS
October 26, 2025

Please notify the church office if you would like to add a prayer request, share a joy, or if something should be removed. Each prayer request will be removed after 2 weeks unless the office is notified.

Summer Stann asked for our prayers. Her 16-year-old cat died a week ago and the loss has hit Summer hard. (10/12)

Tom Miller wanted to thank people for coming over the past several weeks to help him. **Don Muhlnickel** and **Steve Poyser** for fixing his kitchen floor. **Pastor Kurt, Leyna, her friend, Beth Sholly, Don & Beth Muhlnickel, Bev Short, Roger & Lorie Copeland and Julie Bontrager** for coming and helping with his yard work. (10/19)

Linda Byrd shared joy that her granddaughter who lives in Bremen, her soccer team won Regionals and now they are on to Semi-State. (10/19)

Martha Huebert shared that her cousin **Liz** is doing better and has been released from the hospital. Liz's son flew from Chicago so she could be released. She's on some antibiotics that are helping. (10/19)

Mark Roebuck shared that 40 years ago **Catherine** said yes to marrying him. He couldn't have picked a better person to be by his side and go through life with. (10/19)

Dalis Andrews shared that **Wayne** has been having a difficult time and asked to keep him in your prayers. (10/19)

Gary Black shared that he had lunch with some of his old classmates, one of his classmates **Catherine** shared that she has been having a difficult time taking care of her husband who has dementia. He asked for prayer for her and her struggles. (10/19)

Beth Sholly shared she was getting text messages on Thursday about her brother **Brian**. He had gone to the doctor for vision problems and he thought he was having a stroke but it wasn't. She hasn't heard any more updates but she asked for prayers for him. (10/19)

Pastor Kurt shared that **Summer Stan** asked for prayers. Her liver counts are rising again and she's on more medication. If her counts don't come down in 2 weeks she might need to be hospitalized again and get another liver biopsy. The doctors are worried about liver rejection again. (10/19)

Please hold in prayer those who are unable to be present with us here at church due to health concerns or other limitations. Those people include **Barb Anderson, Gordy Mock, Vernon Yoder.**

Please remember in prayer all who use our building during the week including the children, staff and families of **Little Lites Daycare.**