



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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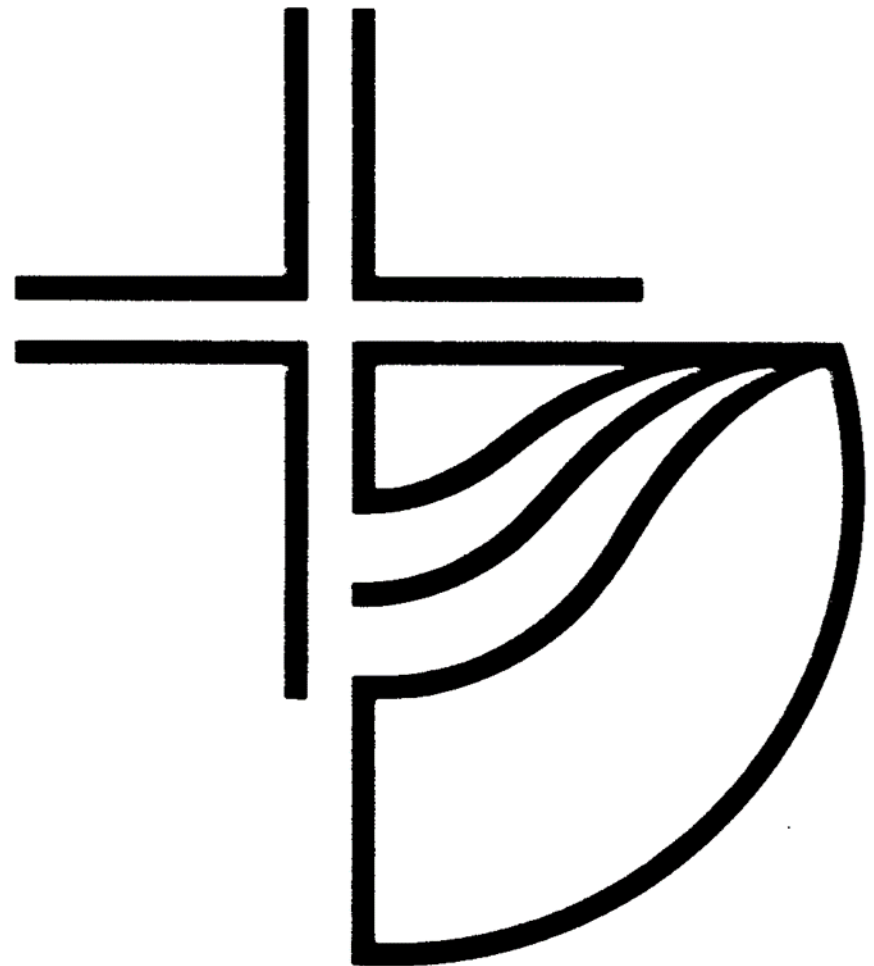
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The Church of the Brethren symbol on the cover upholds images of life in Jesus Christ. The cross recalls our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection (Romans 6:4) and testifies to God's plan to bring "all in heaven and earth . . . into a unity 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 19, 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

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This story of the widow and the judge and how the widow gets what she wants, does not turn on what's right or wrong, but on her persistence. She will not give up! Jesus tells the disciples then to cry day and night to God for the justice they want. If an unjust judge will give in to the persistent widow, won't God surely listen to God's children? Are we persistent in our cries for justice?

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 37:1-11

Opening Prayer (unison)

*Living Christ, in these times when we fear we are losing hope
or feel that our efforts are futile,
let us see in our hearts and minds the image of your resurrection,
and let that be our source of courage and strength.
With that, and in your company,
help us face challenges and struggles
against all that is born of injustice. Amen.*

*Hymn of Gathering

Brethren, we have met to worship, VT #25

Offering Invitation and Prayer

(An offering plate is available at the back of the sanctuary for your gifts.)

The Community Prays Together

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

One: In your mercy Lord

Many: Hear our prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Jesus Prayer (unison)

*Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe,
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.
May we know your presence,
may your longings be our longings in heart and in action.
May there be food for the human family today
and for the whole earth community.
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.
Do not forsake us in our time of conflict,
but lead us in to new beginnings.
For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life,
Are yours now and forever. Amen.*

Hymn of Faith

What a friend we have in Jesus, VT #628

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Message

Do not give up...on justice!

Moments of Silent Reflection

*Hymn of Witness

How can we be silent, VT #790

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please rise in body or spirit.

The Opening Prayer is from "Voices Together," #1033

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 22: Deadline for calendar items

October 26: Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Upcoming in Worship

October 26: Luke 18: 9-14 “The humility factor.”

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

The Stewardship letters and pledge cards were mailed out Thursday **October 16th**. You should receive them by Monday or Tuesday if you haven't already received them. Please turn them back in on Sunday, **October 26th**.

Worship Participants

Preacher- Kurt Borgmann

Worship Leader – Mark Bickel

Pianist- Lorie Copeland

Flautist- Sherry Bickel

Guitarist- Jill Weaver

Ushers- Beth Sholly & Todd Grathen

Greeters- Juile Bontrager & Bill Hawkins

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

October 19, 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.

Martha Huber asked for prayers for her cousin **Liz** who has battled MS for a very long time. She recently needed a heart ablation done, and the doctors had to administer a breathing tube that has now caused her to get pneumonia. (10/5)

Mark Robuck shared they had a good day at the Camp Mack Festival. They had 15 people participate in the “wreck a wreck” fundraiser. Sadly, he is stepping away from this event at Camp Mack and has asked prayers they can find someone new with fresh eyes and ideas. (10/5)

William Coffey shared that his Aunt **Cheryl** passed away from cancer. He asked for prayers for the family while they grieve from her passing. (10/5)

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

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.**