

BNF People to Pray For This Week

July 15: Hazel Peterson

July 16: Sprow Family

July 17: Ray Bair

July 18: Marian & Terry Frick

July 19: Dustin Hoover

July 20: Carreon Family

Church Calendar This Week

Tuesday: Coffee Break, 10am

Wednesday: Steering Team Meeting, 6:30pm

Friday: AA Meeting, 7pm

Next Sunday, July 21

Joint Elkhart Mennonite Churches Service at Island Park, 10am

Last Sunday, July 7

Attendance: 26

Offering: \$2,480

Announcements

Next Sunday, July 21 we will be worshipping with other churches at Island Park in downtown Elkhart. The service begins at 10:00 am with a theme of Peace. The service will be a combination of scripture readings and singing. Plan on attending! There are benches to sit on or you can bring your own chair as well. It is outside with a mixture of shade and sunshine. Parking is available at the Aquatic Center or businesses off of main street. There will be no evening service for BNF on the 21st.

Thursday, July 25, is the date for the Encore gathering at the Pavilion at Greencroft. Please bring your own table service and beverage and a salad or dessert to share with everyone. We will meet for lunch at 11:30. Come and enjoy connecting with others in our church family.

Lost and Found: Check out the table in the gym if you may have left a dish, water bottle, item of clothing, etc. at the church in recent months. Items not claimed in the coming weeks will be donated or discarded.

Belmont Neighborhood Fellowship

July 14, 2024

Vision Statement

Belmont Neighborhood Fellowship is a family of Jesus' followers living out the Bible's message of Jesus' love, salvation, and discipleship. BNF encourages participants to utilize their God-given talents in worship, reaching out to those needing spiritual healing and to provide spiritual guidance to all.

In 2024, "Bridging Ethnic & Cultural Differences"

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer: Vera

Songs of Worship: Vera

Offering

Scripture Reading: Reader's Theater

Sermon: "Jacob and Esau" Glenn

Song of Response: Vera

Dialogue and Discussion: Glenn

Sharing of Blessings and Prayer Requests: Sylvia

Announcements

Sending Song: Vera

Fellowship Time in the Gym with a Snack

Genesis 32:13-21 & 33:1-11

32 13 He spent the night there, and from what he had with him he selected a gift for his brother Esau: 14 two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15 thirty female camels with their young, forty cows and ten bulls, and twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. 16 He put them in the care of his servants, each herd by itself, and said to his servants, “Go ahead of me, and keep some space between the herds.”

17 He instructed the one in the lead: “When my brother Esau meets you and asks, ‘Who do you belong to, and where are you going, and who owns all these animals in front of you?’ 18 then you are to say, ‘They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a gift sent to my lord Esau, and he is coming behind us.’”

19 He also instructed the second, the third and all the others who followed the herds: “You are to say the same thing to Esau when you meet him. 20 And be sure to say, ‘Your servant Jacob is coming behind us.’” For he thought, “I will pacify him with these gifts I am sending on ahead; later, when I see him, perhaps he will receive me.” 21 So Jacob’s gifts went on ahead of him, but he himself spent the night in the camp.

33 1 Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants. 2 He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear. 3 He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother.

4 But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept. 5 Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. “Who are these with you?” he asked.

Jacob answered, “They are the children God has graciously given your servant.”

6 Then the female servants and their children approached and bowed down. 7 Next, Leah and her children came and bowed down.

Last of all came Joseph and Rachel, and they too bowed down. 8 Esau asked, “What’s the meaning of all these flocks and herds I met?”

“To find favor in your eyes, my lord,” he said.

9 But Esau said, “I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what you have for yourself.”

10 “No, please!” said Jacob. “If I have found favor in your eyes, accept this gift from me. For to see your face is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favorably. 11 Please accept the present that was brought to you, for God has been gracious to me and I have all I need.” And because Jacob insisted, Esau accepted it.