

g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



from the Lead Team

Recently a few of my high school classmates were talking and decided that it might be nice to have just an informal get together to reconnect with our high school classmates, a 35-year Reunion! It got me to thinking about those years and how much has changed and how much I have changed. Is there a lesson in there for me?

I think one of the lessons is in identifying what is important and what we put value in. Who we were in high school and what was important may not be who we are today or what we put value in. Time is a great equalizer and regardless of whether we were the star athlete, class clown or the academic superstar back in high school when all of that is stripped away what is left? What actually lasts? Ecclesiastes speaks to King Solomon's pursuit of legacy and yet those earthly achievements were described as meaningless, like chasing the wind.

The stereotypical reunion is about showing off what you have accomplished since you left high school. Its all about status, wealth, and human praise. However our meaningful investments are often hidden from public view not seen by others, serving in obscurity, sharing the gospel, investing in those eternal relationships. Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples!

So in our faith, we could say reunions are like milestones which allow us to audit our priorities. Are we building on temporary accolades or building on eternal foundations? How much of your daily, weekly or yearly

energy is spent on things that will fade away or are we focused on those things which are eternal?

- Derek Hiebert

mark your calendar

Flourish Ladies Bible Study

- 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
- 7 pm at Grace Church in the Genesis Room
- "Discover the Gospel in Every Book of the Bible"

Men's Accountability Group

- Saturdays at 8 am
- Starting on October 10th

Adult Bible Study

- 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
- Starting on October 13th
- "The Book of Daniel" by Jarrett Stephens

Thanksgiving Potluck

- Sunday, October 18th, after the service
- Everyone bring a hot dish to share
- Last Names A-M
 - Bring a salad
 - Help with clean-up
- Last Names N-Z
 - Bring a dessert
 - Help with set up (before the service)

grace youth

Hey Grace Family!

The youth year is officially underway, and what a start it's been! Our Soft Kickoff nights were such a great time of getting to know everyone and getting everyone back into the same room again. This past week we kicked things off with Activate (Jr. Youth) and Apex (Sr. Youth), and next week our small groups get started. Please be praying for our youth and our leaders as they build relationships and take steps closer to Jesus together this year!

This Coming Week!

- * Jr. Youth - Sept. 28 - Small Group Kickoff @ Grace
 - * Small groups are all meeting at the church to kick off the year together
- * Sr. Youth - Sept. 30 - Small Group Kickoff Week
 - * Small Group leaders will be in contact about plans

Upcoming

- * Jr. Youth
 - * Oct. 5 - NO JR. YOUTH - join us for the Food Drive on Oct. 7 instead!
 - * Oct. 7 - Winkler Wide Food Drive (Jr. & Sr.), 6:00-9:00 pm, at WMBC
 - * Oct. 12 - NO YOUTH - Thanksgiving
 - * Oct. 19 - First Regular Youth Night
- * Sr. Youth
 - * Oct. 5 - What If We Prayed Training Night @ Grace, 7:00-9:00 pm
 - * Oct. 7 - Winkler Wide Food Drive (Jr. & Sr.), 6:00-9:00 pm, starting from WMBC.
 - * Oct. 14 - First Regular Youth Night
 - * Oct. 21 - Regular Youth Night

Missions Trip - St. Croix, USA (July 2027)

- For Gr. 11-12 youth
- Oct. 14th - Parent & Youth Meeting
- Oct. 28th - Sign-up deadline
- If you have questions about the trip, please come talk to me!

New Youth Parents - If you'd like weekly updates about what's happening in youth, please email me to get set up: youth@gracechurchwinkler.com

If you have any questions, please ask!

Brad

sunday school

Our kick off to Sunday School went well, and we are excited to continue to dive into the New Testament!

Our first collection project will be for UGM Sandwich Ministry.

We have also handed out papers for the kids to learn verses. If your kid didn't take one and you would like them to have one, connect with us!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Ashley or Jodi.

Ashley - Ashleyfehr89@gmail.com

Jodi - Jodimwiebe@gmail.com

pastor Sean's resources of the month:

Book: [The Business of Is-ness: How To Live In the World God Made](#) - David Schrock

RightNowMedia: [Does Christianity Still Make Sense?](#) - Bobby Conway

volunteer drivers needed:

We are looking for additional drivers to assist with transporting our Mulumba family to various events during the week. All driving is within the city of Winkler. If interested in adding your name to the list, please contact Larry Schroeder at 631schroeder@gmail.com or if you have any questions give him a call at [204.312.8889](tel:204.312.8889).

pvbc fundraiser

Pembina Valley Bible Camp has requested that Grace Church provide 30 pies for their Pies & Fries fundraiser on October 4th. Pies can be dropped off at the church by Sat, Oct 3rd. Sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Desk. Contact Annelore White at 204-362-2095 for more information.

prayer and praise

Pray for our shut-ins and those with on-going health issues:

At Home:

- Linda Hiebert • Diane Falk
- Abdul Tunu • Melissa (Friesen) Tunu
- Dennis Wiebe • Pete Sawatzky

In Altona Hospital: Marie Brown

Tabor Home: Irene Hildebrand

In Salem Home: Helen Loeppky
Elva Hildebrand
Agnes Giesbrecht
Maria Klassen
Anne Enns

fall kickoff

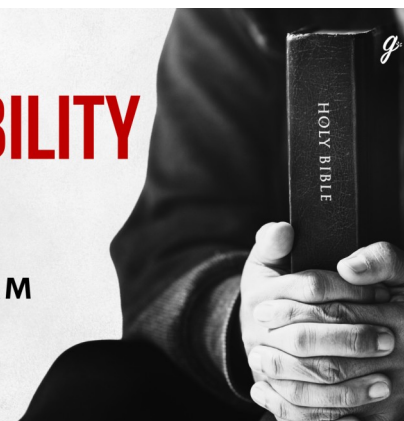
Last Sunday we had our annual fall kickoff. It was a beautiful day with great food and a lot of fun!



MEN'S ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP

SATURDAYS AT 8AM

ACCOUNTABILITY
ENCOURAGEMENT
MENTORSHIP



Men's accountability group will be starting Oct 10th we will meet at 8 am on Saturday mornings in the prayer room at church. We will be going through Voddie Baucham's book "Family Shepherds". Open to all men looking for genuine accountability, encouragement and mentorship to do better and spur others to do better also.

Any questions please contact Garth via phone call or text. [204-325-1936](tel:204-325-1936)

Update on missions

This month, because you give so faithfully, we have the opportunity to support many good causes.

- 6 Bible school students received \$500 each toward this fall's tuition
- 7 Camp workers received a top-up of funds for serving at camp
- Messiah Prayer Ministries, lead by Vasanth Kumar Boothapati, father of Stefan from our church, will receive \$2000 for on going ministry
- Support for Kenny & Brittany was increase by \$72/month to help cover their increased rent and schooling costs and a one time gift of \$1000 to help with the cost of moving

Thank you for your prayers. We would appreciate prayers as we continue to accept camp worker applications, look at support for relief work, finishing reviewing needs for a few more missionaries and look ahead to next year's budget. Thanks again!

community events

Landmark Cinemas | Southland Mall
Winkler, MB
October 4, 2026 | 4:00 pm
777 Norquay Drive
Winkler, Manitoba R6W 2S2

THE SHEPHERD & THE SOUND

www.theshepherdandthesoundfilm.com

The Shepherd & The Sound: Film Encounter. From a shepherd boy in the fields to a warrior and eventually one of history's greatest kings, the story of David is embedded in the fabric of many cultures. This film explores the biblical character in-depth and how he relates to us today. It's a modern-day spiritual pilgrimage that sees a desperate and lonely King David near the end of his life, plagued by his inability to hear the once-familiar sound of the Creator.

Jason Hildebrand who has Winkler roots is the sole actor in this film, produced in Northern Scotland. Mike Janzen who also has local roots produced the music, original soundtrack.

The tickets are FREE with opportunity to donate whatever you wish at the event. There is opportunity to make this an interactive event after the showing, as Jason will be in attendance.

Ladies Night Out
Join us for an evening of encouragement, worship & fellowship

October 3, 2026 @ 7pm
at Grace Mennonite Church in Winkler

Focus for the evening:
Finding Peace & Rest in God

All ages are welcome to come for a time of encouragement from Kristin Ciesbrecht and praising God together. Fellowship and food to follow – if you are able, bring a snack to share.

This is a free event but donations to Love All Ministries will be accepted. Donations will go towards the event costs.

RSVP HERE



A PEMBINA VALLEY BIBLE CAMP FUNDRAISER

PIES AND FRIES AT PVBC

SEPT 20, 27 & OCT 4 2-6PM

Come get some pie, fries and a drink at PVBC! Payment by donation.




REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY *Loved for a lifetime*

Miscarriage, Infant & Child loss



MORDEN October 13th
7pm – doors open at 6:45
ALLIANCE CHURCH This is a free event, childcare is not provided

HOSTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **PregnancyCare**

Salem Home **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

END OF LIFE COMPANION
A Ministry of Presence

Salem Home is looking to add to our current group of End of Life Companion Volunteers.

Volunteers provide compassionate companionship and a comforting presence to residents during their final days, while also giving families an opportunity to rest and recharge.

This is a meaningful opportunity to offer your time, compassion, and presence to someone who may need it most.

Training and ongoing support are provided.

Interested in learning more?
Contact Alana Thiessen
Director of Community Engagement, Salem Home
204-325-4316 ext. 246
althiessen@salemhome.ca

Sometimes the greatest gift is simply your presence.

Drive Thru FUNDRAISER

MEATBALLS ★ MASHED POTATOES
HOMEMADE BUN ★ CORN
COLESLAW ★ DESSERT

Friday, October 2

Lunch @ 11:30-1:00 Pre order is required
Supper @ 4:30-6:30 Pre order is strongly suggested

PREORDER:
204.325.7900
registerforthisevent@gmail.com

Pembina Threshermens Museum

Salem Foundation presents fellowship and song

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS *with the Zion Choir*

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Bergthaler Church, 262 6th Street, Winkler

ZION CHOIR 3:00 PM
REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW
Free Will Offering

DINNER 5:00 PM
BY ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE ONLY

SALEM FOUNDATION INC. WITH YOUR HELP making a difference in a resident's life and in the community



Grounds for Giving

OCTOBER 17TH | 7:00PM
Winkler Bible Camp: 16037 MB-3, Winkler

Coffee House Fundraiser: Brewing hope & healing in our community one cup at a time. Join us for an evening of music, coffee, and dessert.

PERFORMANCES BY:

Kim Thiessen, Darryl Neustadter Barg, & Jon Guentert
Grace & Orlando
Joel Klassen

Supported By: REMCO, BAKCO HEALTH INC.

Coffee Provided By: OTHER BROTHER ROASTERS
Dessert Provided By: Nelly's BAKESHOP
GI OPTIONS AVAILABLE

In Support of **Recovery of Hope**

Limited Seats! Register Now to Claim yours!
Venue is not accessible

Scan QR Code to Register

