

# *g* GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter

## From the Lead Team

Hey church fam! I wanted to share something on my heart as we head into an important time for our leadership team. We've got a Lead Team retreat coming up April 11-12, and we're asking for your prayers. I really believe God is calling us to pray and only to rely on him, to lay down our own thoughts and desires, and to truly listen to the Holy Spirit. Our prayer is that we'd move forward not in our own strength, but by His leading. "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord. (Zechariah 4:6) We'd love for you to join us in praying over this retreat—pray for clarity, unity, and boldness to follow wherever He leads.

Also—can we just take a moment to celebrate what God is doing? It's been amazing seeing brothers & sisters at Church sharing what is going on in their lives, new faces at church, and the sense of community growing stronger. We were never meant to do this alone. If you've been thinking about joining a small group or feel a nudge to connect more deeply, let's talk. It's been on my heart lately, and I'd love to help you find the right spot to grow and do life with others.

Love you all—let's keep seeking Him together!

- Matt Neufeld

## Lead Team Update

Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as our Lead Team will be on retreat from April 11-12.

## Church Events

Here are some events you won't want to miss:

- Apr 12 & 19 Men's Bible Study at 8:30 am
- Apr 15 Senior's Supper at 5pm
- Apr 17 Young Mom's Night at Michelle Reimer's home at 8 pm
- Apr 18 Good Friday Service at 10 am  
Communion  
Offering for Benevolence Fund
- Apr 20 Easter Sunday  
Brunch at 9:30-10:30 (sign up)  
Service at 10:45
- Apr 23 Worship Night at 7:30 pm
- Apr 24 Men's Night - NFL Draft at 6:30 pm
- Apr 27 Child Dedication
- May 3 Ladies Spring Tea

*Check Newsletter or bulletin for more details*



# GRACE YOUTH

We are back! Spring break was a welcomed break, but it is so good to be back together again! The smiles, laughter, conversations, the community. It is amazing to see peers become friends and, more than friends, family.

This last week:

- Jr. Youth had a small group week where they were able to hang out and spend quality time together having fun!
- Sr. Youth continued in our question series as we covered a number of great questions that they had on: What is a saint? How does the Trinity work? and more! The questions that are being asked both formally and informally are a testament to their desire to grow in their faith and understand how to work everything out through the lens of scripture.

## Coming Up:

### Jr. Youth

April 14 - Regular Youth Night

April 21 - Regular Youth Night

April 30 - City Clean Up with Sr. Youth

### Sr. Youth

April 16 - Regular Youth Night

April 23 - Worship Night

April 30 - City Clean Up with Jr. Youth

## Worship Night (April 23) - You are all Invited!

- Earlier in the year, we had a worship night where we spent time together, worshipping and hearing God's word.
- On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we want to welcome the congregation and whoever is interested in coming and joining us as we dedicate an evening of worship!

As always, if you have any questions, please ask.  
Blessings, Pastor Brad

# Sunday School

Hope everyone enjoyed their break the past couple Sundays. We look forward to seeing you back this weekend!

## Prayer and Praise

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

### At Home:

- Marie Klassen
- Katherine Krahn
- Anne Enns
- Margaret Ayala
- Linda Jenkins
- Irene Hildebrand
- Gladys Wiebe
- Dennis Wiebe
- Alexander Sauer
- Agnes Giesbrecht
- Marie Brown
- Marilyn Hildebrand
- Marian Harder
- Allan Derksen
- Helene Kuhl
- Walter Siemens
- Linda Hiebert

In Swan Lake: Elva Hildebrand  
Helen Loepky

## Condolences

We express our deepest sympathies to James & Ashley Fehr and their family on the sudden passing of James' mom, Barb Fehr, on Thurs, Apr 10<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences also go out to Cornie & Hilda Fehr, as Barb was their sister-in-law.

May God grant you his peace and comfort during this difficult time.

## Young Adults

Young Adults Bible Study.

- When: Friday, April 25 at 7 pm
- Where: James and Renee's

## Staff Update

Wendy will be out of the office on vacation next week (Apr 13-19). If you call, just leave a message and someone will get back to as soon as they can.

## Grace Events



*Ladies Spring Tea*  
**Saturday, May 3**  
**2-4 pm**  
*sign up as a guest or hostess  
at the Welcome Desk*  
**Sign up before April 20**



**Easter Brunch**  
**April 20 @ 9:30 am**  
**Sign up at the Welcome Desk**



Join us for  
**WORSHIP NIGHT**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**  
WEDNESDAY • APRIL 23 • 7:30-9:30 PM  
GRACE CHURCH SANCTUARY



**NFL Draft Party**  
**Thursday, April 24**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Talk to Reyburn if you plan to attend**

## Mission Focus

THANK YOU for your PRAYERS!

Every church multiplication movement in recorded history happened in the context of extraordinary prayer. If you joined the Prayer4Tunisia prayer initiative over Ramadan and did 15 minutes each day, you just completed 7.5 hours of prayer! During this prayer initiative there was 89.3 days worth of prayer or 2 143.2 hours of prayer. 100% of their goal was met. On behalf of our friends in this country, the Missions Team would like to thank-you for your participation. Please continue to pray for our missionaries and the people of Tunisia.

Other Prayer Notes: Please pray for Gordon as he returns to India with his trainers after having ministered in a neighbouring country. Pray for his travels back to Finland on April 16. Lastly, pray for a young leader to come forward for Gordon to mentor as his replacement.



**GRACE CAMPING WEEKEND**  
**JUNE 13-15**  
**Plum Coulee Campground**  
**Activities Friday Evening, Saturday & Sunday**  
**Worship Service at the Campground, Sunday at 10:45am**

**Mark your calendars!** You don't want to miss our annual weekend at the Plum Coulee Campground. Event details will be announced in the coming weeks.

If you'd like to book a site, the sign up sheet is at the Welcome Desk, or talk to Jodi Wiebe.

# Community Events



WINKLER BIBLE CAMP / Fundraising Event

## Drive-Thru Fundraising Meal!


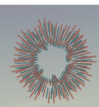


**APRIL 29TH 5:00PM-6:00PM**  
For more information visit [winklerbiblecamp.com](http://winklerbiblecamp.com)

# Men's Breakfast

FOOD x FAITH x FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesdays @ 7 am**  
**Smitty's Lounge**

## JUST AS I AM HYMNS TOUR

Live-in concert

Friday,  
April 25, 2025  
7:00 pm

Winkler, Manitoba  
Winkler Mennonite Church  
31 Winkdale Crescent  
(204) 325-5411

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## Gateway Resources Gala

May 8th, 2025  
Doors open at 5:30pm, begins at 6pm  
at Buttercup Celebration Hall

\$700 table of 8 / \$400 table of 4 / \$100 single plate  
Tickets available by calling or email  
204-325-7304 (Ext 260)  
corinne@gatewayresourcesinc.com

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## BAKE SALE



## Fundraising Bake Sale

Teya Friesen is having a bake sale on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Winkler Co-op to support her sister-in-law,

Nikki Friesen. She has compression syndrome which has left her with a feeding tube and needs to travel to Spain to receive a surgery not available in Canada.

If you would like to help out with baking, please contact Teya (204-362-6420) or Evelyn Derksen (204-362-1901). And please support them and Nikki with your prayers.



PEMBINA VALLEY BIBLE CAMP

## FUNDRAISING BANQUETS

DATES:  
Apr 9 - Morden  
Apr 22 - Winkler

**WE ARE  
LOOKING FOR  
TABLE HOSTS!**



TO HOST A TABLE...

☎ 204-246-2008  
✉ [info@pembinavalleybiblecamp.com](mailto:info@pembinavalleybiblecamp.com)



We'd love for you to join us to hear how God is reaching into the lives of young people right here in the Pembina Valley. We are hosting our Annual Spring Banquet @ the Winkler Berghthaler Church Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Doors open at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00.

For reservations contact Larry Schroeder @ 204.312.8889 or Walter Friesen @ 431.775.9799.