

g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



From the Lead Team

Most of you probably know, but I'm sure some of you might not know, that Mel and I were staff at Winkler Bible Camp back in the early 2000's. It was a good season of life with many fond memories, much growth, and many new relationships. One of the things that happened every year was: we had LOTS of people come to the camp, about 15,000-20,000 people every year. I had the opportunity to host and serve many rental groups, family gatherings, youth groups, business events, company picnics, theatre events, school groups and so on. I love meeting new people and getting to know their stories, but I did notice that after spending a little bit of time with so many different people, that I didn't often take the opportunity to go deeper and found myself having many shallow relationships and few deep long lasting ones (other than my wife Mel).

As I was praying about what to share with you – the Grace Covenant Community – the thought that was impressed on my mind was to exhort you to be intentional in building community, not just smiling and saying “Hi!” on a Sunday morning, but to have genuine interest in one another, caring deeply for and praying for each other, getting together outside of Sunday morning. I know our congregation is too big for all of us to know each other well, but hopefully we can be intentional in getting to know some on a deeper level, and keeping our eyes open for those who maybe aren't feeling connected in church yet-it is rewarding to get to know a new person's story and how God has worked in their lives.

I'm glad that my family and I have the opportunity to be part of the Covenant Community at Grace, we've felt welcomed, and want to do our best to help you feel welcomed too, but not just feel welcomed, rather to be an active part of Jesus' family.

- Walter Friesen



Mark Your Calendar

- **Parent Night** - Thursday, Nov 6 at 7:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- **Fall Covenant Community Meeting** - Thursday, Nov 13 at 7:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- **Annual Curling Tournament** - Friday, Nov 14 at 7:00 pm (Winkler Curling Club)
- **Annual Church Christmas Banquet** - Sunday, Nov 30 at 5:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

More details included in the newsletter.

grace youth

Salt and Light

This last week we took a look at Matthew 5:13-16, how we are called to be salt and light in the world around us. That while we are called into personal relationship with God, if that's where it ends we will be salty but won't look any different from the world around us. Or if we focus on our works, we will stand out from the world but won't have any substance or flavour. We need to be full of salt, from our relationship with God, and be willing to step into what God is calling us to!

This Week

Jr. Youth

Oct. 27 - Small Group Night - Small Group leaders will be in contact

Sr. Youth

Oct. 29 - Small Group Night - Small Group leaders will be in contact

Upcoming

Jr. Youth

Nov. 3 - Regular Youth Night - Who is Jesus?
Nov. 10 - Regular Youth Night - Understanding the Gospels

Sr. Youth

Nov. 5 - Regular Youth Night - Who is Jesus?
Nov. 12 - Regular Youth Night - Understanding the Gospels

As always, if you have any questions, please ask :)

Blessings,
Pastor Brad

young adults

Bible Study: Tonight, Friday, Oct 24th

- Studying the Book of Mark.
- Meet at Grace Church, Fireside Meeting Room (behind the nursery)
- 7:00 pm
- Stay informed through the WhatsApp chat. Text Mel at 204-384-9801 to be added to the group.

Winkler Area Youth Leaders Presents:

Winkler Parent Night

SPEAKER : KEN CASTOR

Topic: Crazy By Design
Encouraging parents to model Faith and enjoy the roller coaster ride with their kids in the process of faith and adolescent development.

 **THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 6**

 **TIME
7:00 PM**

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CHURCH**

 **COFFEE AND
SNACKS TO
FOLLOW**



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sunday school

Save the date - Our annual Christmas concert will be held on Sunday, December 14th! You won't want to miss it.

Senior's Game Mornings

We are inviting all interested seniors to Grace Church Fellowship Hall for a weekly morning of games and fellowship, Wednesdays from 9:15-Noon, starting on November 5th.

Bring your favorite table game and a mug for coffee.

Prayer and Praise

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

At Home:

- Marie Klassen
- Gladys Wiebe
- Anne Enns
- Hildebrand
- Helene Kuhl
- Linda Jenkins
- Linda Hiebert
- Dennis Wiebe
- Marie Brown
- Marilyn
- Alexander Sauer
- Allan Derksen

Notre Dame: Irene Hildebrand

In Salem Home: Helen Loepky
Elva Hildebrand
Agnes Giesbrecht

Please pray for Wendy's family, (John & Margaret Malinowski, Max Malinowski, and Sheryl & Kelly Brunski) of High River, AB, who suffered a devastating loss on Oct 14th as their home was destroyed by a fire and their son, Clint was tragically killed in the blaze. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Oct 28. Please pray for God's grace and comfort in the midst of their suffering.

Annual Fall Meeting

November 13 @ 7pm

- Highlights and updates from our various ministries.
- Coffee & Snacks will be served

Thank you

Many thanks to all who have prayed for me in my journey with cancer. God has answered and done great things. Less frequent exams now and generally feeling much better, praise the Lord. Thanks again.

- Margaret Ayala

Donations Needed



Trip to Tabiro's school and orphanage in Uganda in November!

Jim is going soon and we'd love to fill suitcases. The team leaders there have asked for any girls' or women's dresses, or purses you don't use

Contact: Rebeka @ (204) 362-8312

Church Curling Night

Friday, November 14th

Please bring a snack to share

Fellowship, Food and Fun!

Not curling?
Bring a board game!



Sign Up at the Welcome Desk

Community Events

Singin' In the Grain 2025
Prairie Singers
Accent Singers



Saturday, October 25, 7:00 PM
Emmanuel Mennonite Church Winkler
750 15th St Winkler

Sunday, October 26, 3:00 PM
Steinbach EMC
422 Main St Steinbach



 Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 15 Canadian and Church based agencies working together to end world hunger.

 *Be Part of a Story*
2025 Fall Fundraising Dinner
Monday, November 3rd



Hear Stories of Addiction Ending & Local Highlights!

 Doors open 6:00 PM, Event begins 6:30 PM
Winkler Bible - 16037 MB-3, Winkler, MB
Ticket Cost: \$50.00

Reserve tickets in advance | www.teenchallenge.tc | (204) 949-9484 ext 6

Salem Foundation Presents Fellowship & Song
Soup | Chili | Pie FUNDRAISER
with the *Baker Hutterite Choir*



Sunday, November 9th, 2025
3:45 PM
Winkler Bergthaler Church
252 6th Street, Winkler

Free Will Offering
Proceeds go toward purchase of a new handivan

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Spending of funds is confined to Board approved programs and purchases. Each gift designated toward an approved program will be used as designated with the understanding that when a given need has been met, or where projects cannot be carried out for any reason, gifts will be used where needed most.

Women's Night Out
Join us for an evening of encouragement, worship & fellowship

November 20, 2025 @ 7pm
at Grace Mennonite Church in Winkler

Focus for the evening:
Surrender, True Hope for all Moms

Come for a time of encouragement from Maggie Wiebe and praising God together. Fellowship and food to follow – if you are able, bring a snack to share.

This is a free event but there will be "Surrender" Merch available to order. Profits will go towards the church rental.



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CHARCUTERIE Banquet

Christian Life Centre | Friday, November 14, 2025 | 7-9 PM
Reserve your seats or sign up to host a table! 204-822-8085