

g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



From the Lead Team

Lately Deb and I have been working through some of the details of our imminent passing. We have both dealt with the passing of our parents and all the details around the planning of the end. From purchasing a plot at the cemetery to checking out grave stones. This may sound a little morbid for the younger folks but as you age you tend to think on these things. These days there are a lot of options, cremation as one. What do you want as an epitaph on your stone? These are some of the minor details.

The more important decisions is "Are you right with God?" Our soul and spirit depart from our earthly bodies to be with our Lord. I find Psalm 23 to be very comforting. It says we walk "through" the valley of the shadow of death. We don't stay there. It's not a cave or a dead end; it's a valley. We end up being with God. It is something we can look forward to.

I enjoy when we have a celebration of life at the funeral. We should celebrate and remember all the good times we enjoyed with the deceased. So Try to live each day with enthusiasm and joy in the Lord.

- John Neufeld

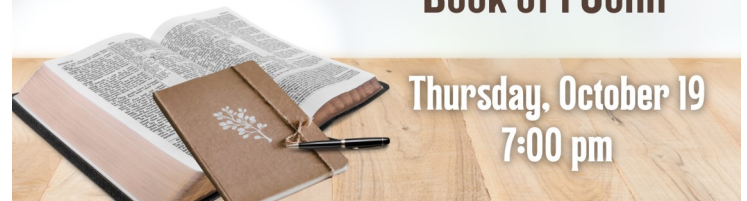


Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch following the service on October 15th.



How to Study the Bible Workshop

Book of 1 John



Thursday, October 19
7:00 pm

As part of Pastor Sean's "Study the Bible to Teach It" workshop series, we will be working through the book of 1 John beginning on Thursday, October 19 at 7:00pm. We will have one workshop per month through December. [Pre-session questions](#) are available at the Welcome Desk or on our website under Resources to work on prior to the workshops. You do not have to have attended previous workshops to attend these. All are welcome.

SENIOR'S SUPPER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 @ 5 PM



**All Seniors
(55+) are
welcome!**

GRACE YOUTH

Next Week:

Monday - Jr. Youth

- Regular Youth Night at the Church

Wednesday - Sr. Youth

- Regular Youth Night at the Church

Coming Up:

Monday (Oct. 23) - Jr. Youth

- Small Group Kick Off!

- Small Group Leaders will be in contact
about what will be happening

Wednesday (Oct. 25) - Sr. Youth

- 7 Mile Story at the church 7:00-9:00



Drive Away Hunger Food Drive Update:

There were over 14,000 pounds of food and \$1309 in donations collected between Morden, Winkler, Plum Coulee, Altona, and RM of Rhineland and other rural villages. That is about 2,000 pounds more than last year!

Thank you to all who participated in helping serve our communities in this practical way!

Mom's Morning Out

All moms are invited to a casual time of connection and encouragement on

Wednesday, October 18th from 9:30-11:30am.

We'll be in the Fellowship Hall so that there's lots of room for our kids to play. Come and go whenever it works for you! Feel free to invite other moms as well.

ENCOUNTER THE BIBLE WITH SEVEN MILE STORY

OCTOBER 25 7:00PM



Join author/storyteller, Ross Breitkreuz, for 7 Mile Story, as he takes audiences on a captivating journey through the Bible. In just 1 night, experience the Bible as a seamless story that will inspire, entertain, and engage the whole family. No matter what you believe. No matter how much or how little you know. If you love captivating stories, you're going to love 7 Mile Story.

Join our Senior Youth on Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!



Young Adults

Young Adults Bible Study - 7 pm, Sunday, October 15th at James & Renee's. Bring snack to share if you can.

Prayer and Praise

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

- Marie Klassen
- Katherine Krahn
- Marie Brown
- Anne Enns
- Marilyn Hildebrand
- Marian Harder
- Helen Gerbrand
- Agnes Giesbrecht
- Guenter Strempler
- Henry Hiebert
- Margaret Ayala
- Linda Jenkins
- Irene Hildebrand
- Katy Dyck



Refugee Family Update

It has been quiet! Habakkuk 2:20 says, "But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him." It's an important reminder that while we wait for news, God is in control. Last Spring we reported that our refugee family was struggling financially to provide for their basic needs in Uganda. They had lost their temporary housing and had no means to secure a new place. Your generosity allowed them to move into their new apartment. It has also provided for a \$200 stipend until now that has been sent to them monthly. According to a government website, presently the average wait time to process refugee claims from Uganda is 32 months. We are now at 24 months. As we wait, please be in prayer for their safety and that they will feel God's presence. If anyone is interested in continuing to support the Mulamba family financially while they are in Uganda, please forward funds to Wendy at the church office.



Everyone is encouraged to come to our Fall Covenant Community meeting on Thursday, October 26th at 7pm in our Fellowship Hall. Come hear updates from our various ministries. Coffee and snacks will be provided.



For those interested, here's a link to this summer's Community Worship service:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0sbleY8JMFU>



Community Events



COME AND GET EQUIPPED



Answers in Genesis Presentation

This presentation will challenge you to think biblically, teach you how to defend your faith, and help you to confidently communicate the gospel to Jesus Christ.

with **Calvin Smith**

October 20–21, 2023

Fri. 6:30 p.m.
 Sat. 8:30 a.m.
 Sun. 11:00 a.m.

Please REGISTER if you plan to stay for Saturday lunch

<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/answersingenesis>

Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church

252 6th Street, Winkler, MB

ANSWERS IN GENESIS CONFERENCE

Sponsored by Pathway Community Church, Christian Faith Church, and Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church

Friday

6:30 p.m. Doors open

7:00 p.m. *Genesis: The Missing Piece of the Puzzle* – Calvin Smith

8:00 p.m. Break – refreshments

8:30 p.m. *Biblical Biology* – Calvin Smith

Saturday

8:30 a.m. Doors open

9:00 a.m. *The Race of Man* – Calvin Smith

10:00 a.m. Break – refreshments

10:30 a.m. *Dinosaurs through a Biblical Lens* – Calvin Smith

11:30 a.m. Lunch Break (lunch provided, registration required)

12:30 p.m. *Noah's Flood, Fact or Fiction* – Calvin Smith

1:30 p.m. Break – refreshments

2:00 p.m. *Sharing the Gospel in Today's Culture* – Calvin Smith

3:00 p.m. Break – refreshments

3:15 p.m. Question & Answer

Sunday Worship at Winkler Bergthaler (simulcast to CFC)

11:00 a.m. *The Seven C's of History*—Calvin Smith

You must register to receive the Saturday lunch.

You are invited to a

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28
8-10:30am

at **Southman Gleaners**
24 Reinfeld St. N Reinfeld MB

Introducing Manitoba's new Mission to help feed the needy! **SOUTHMAN GLEANERS** is a Christian non-profit food dehydrating organization, seeking to assist God's missionaries by enabling them to spread His Word through food assistance for the needy.

Come and enjoy our Fundraising effort and hear a Gleaner speaker from Alberta.

Come explore Mission involvement with us by:

- ✓ Volunteering,
- ✓ Financial assistance,
- ✓ Vegetable growing etc.





24 Reinfeld St. N
Reinfeld MB

Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church

Missions Dine In Fall Supper

252 6th Street, Winkler

Date: Tuesday, October 17
5:00 to 7:00 pm

Menu: Hot roast beef meal and pie

Proceeds to:

Zambia Orphanage & Ministry

Gospel Equipment Ministries—Comic Bibles to Canadian prison inmates

Southern Gleaners

Nation to Nation—refugee work along the Thai/Myanmar border

Everyone welcome—bring a friend!

Community Memorial Service

Monday October 30, 2023 @ 7 pm
Boundary Trails Health Centre, MPR
Corner of Hwy # 14 and #3



The service will include readings, prayer, music, a word of encouragement and a time of sharing our favourite memories. Coffee & Dainties to follow.

Space is limited! Respond to reimer2@southernhealth.ca or call 204-331-8809 if you plan to attend.

Service Provided by Palliative Care and Spiritual Care programs @ STHC

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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