

GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



from the Lead Team

Greetings Grace Church!

As someone who spends a fair bit of time sitting behind a laptop, my technology has often reminded me that it is "Powered by Intel." It's a familiar declaration of the microprocessor manufactured by Intel that powers my computer. And as I thought about this coming Sunday being Pentecost, it occurred to me that our church has its own power source--not silicon, circuitry, or processors, but the living presence of God.

It's been stated that Pentecost marks the birth of the Christian Church. In Acts 1:8, Jesus tells His disciples, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." This verse highlights the primary purpose of the Holy Spirit's power--enabling believers to be effective witnesses of the Gospel. Jesus had earlier told his disciples that the Father would be sending the Holy Spirit in His name (John 14:26).

Long before, the prophet Joel had spoken God's promise: "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;" (Joel 2:28).

As a side thought, I've often wondered why Scripture speaks of the Holy Spirit's coming as something "poured out," like a liquid. It was helpful to discover that it's a reference to the pivotal moment in the crucifixion where blood and water pour out from Jesus' side, with the water representing the life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit (John 19:34).

It's also interesting to me that in Luke's Gospel, right after Jesus tells the disciples to "let the children come to me" (Luke 18:15-17), Jesus

foretells His death and resurrection. This Pentecost Sunday, parents will be bringing their young children forward for child dedication. It's all part of the work of the Holy Spirit, who powers every act of love, service, and worship in our church. It's incredible to think that the Holy Spirit not only powers our church but also pours joy, peace, and hope into us! (Romans 15:13) Wishing everyone a blessed Pentecost weekend!

- Dave Hildebrand

GRACE CAMPING WEEKEND

June 5-7, 2026
Plum Coulee Campground

EVERYONE is welcome to join us for activities, fun and fellowship.
Come for some or all events

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Evening: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bonfire	Afternoon: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lawn games• Beach fun Evening: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weiner Roast Supper<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ bring your own meat and buns◦ bring a side dish to share• Baseball• Bonfire• Outdoor movie for kids	Morning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:45 am - Worship Service in the park (weather permitting)• Baptisms at the beach Afternoon: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch catered by the Bunker• Games and activities for all ages

For the comfort of all who attend, please remember that Grace is a **fragrance-free** facility



grace youth

Last Week!

We had an incredible time this last week at The River! All the youth groups in Winkler came together for a citywide youth night. It was an awesome time of playing games, eating lots of cotton candy, popcorn, and donuts. Most importantly, we got to worship together and hear from God's word. Kellen Friesen from Winkler Bible Camp talked through Hagar's story in Genesis about how God sees us and loves us. It was a great time of community together as the youth of Winkler.

This Week!

- Jr. Youth - May 25 - Last Regular Youth Night of the Year
 - Topic - Where do we go from here?
 - Bring your Bible
- Sr. Youth - May 27 - Last Regular Youth Night of the Year
 - Topic - Time alone with God?
 - Bring your Bible and notebook

Upcoming

- Jr. Youth
 - June 1 - Small Group Wind Up
 - June 8 - Year End Wind Up
- Sr. Youth
 - June 3 - Small Group Wind Up
 - June 10 - Year End Wind Up

Other Information

Year Schedule

[2025-2026 Grace Youth Schedule](#)

If you have any questions, please ask! Brad

flourish women's Bible study

Flourish will be meeting on Tuesday, May 26 at 7pm for Bible study. We are just beginning a study of Discovering the Gospel in Every Book of the Bible. All ladies are welcome to join.

Our regular schedule is every 1st and 3rd Tuesday.

sunday school

We are in the final month of Sunday School for the year. The last Sunday will be May 31st.

The Sunday School year may be winding down, but we are already starting to plan for fall. We are so thankful for the teachers that God has always provided us with, and we trust He will do it again!

These are the roles that we need filled (all of these positions are half time):

- 1 - Kindergarten/Gr. 1 Teacher
- 1 - Gr. 2 Teacher
- 2 - Gr. 3 Teachers
- 2 - Gr. 4 Teachers

If you have questions about what this looks like, please don't hesitate to ask Jodi or Ashley!

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prayer and praise

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

At Home:

- Linda Hiebert
- Gladys Wiebe
- Helene Kuhl
- Linda Jenkins
- Florence Dyck
- Marilyn Hildebrand
- Melissa (Friesen) Tunu
- Dennis Wiebe
- Marie Brown
- Alexander Sauer
- Allan Derksen
- Leo Braun
- Abdul Tunu

Tabor Home: Irene Hildebrand

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

Condolences

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Bernie Loepky, on May 14th. Bernie was one of our founding members and Grace's first pastor. Please pray for Helen and her family as they grieve this loss.

mission update

On May 5 the missions team toured the facility of the Southman Gleaners and met with 2 members of their board. This organization shows a strong desire to help strengthen the work of the local church and its outreach through providing food for those in need. For those of you not familiar with the Gleaners, they collect unmarketable vegetables, dehydrate them, and then combine the different vegetables to make a soup mix. These packaged soup mixes have been sent to many places in the world including the Congo, Ukraine, Mexican Orphanages, and Winnipeg homeless assistance organizations. One box containing 10 bags of soup can feed 1000 people. Despite the fact that the vegetables are free, the process to get them ready is not. To help with their efforts, \$400/month will be taken from the surplus and sent to the Southman Gleaners to help with the processing costs. We plan to have them share during a moments for missions this year but in the meantime if you are interested more information can be found on their website: www.southmangleaners.ca

The missions team also met with Chris Harms who has recently accepted the role of assistant director for Roseau River Bible Camp. Roseau River Bible Camp is part of the ministry of One Hope Canada, formerly called Canadian Sunday School Mission. The camp ministers to kids age 6-17 in their camping ministry. They serve a large number of unchurched kids. They also offer a variety of programs to the greater community throughout the year. Staff at these camps are required to raise their own support so we have agree to send \$4500 to help Chris and his family get established in his first year while he is still working on collecting his support.

Please pray for these 2 ministries and for the missions team as we continue to seek God's guidance in our decisions.



We know that June is right around the corner, and we know that June is celebrated as Pride month. As June approaches and conversations around Pride Month become more visible in our community, we want to respond first and foremost as followers of Christ — with prayer, truth, humility, and love.

In this season of Pride, we can pray for ourselves and the ones we love, that we would be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our communities and families, and to encounter God's radical, love, mercy and Grace. For those in our families and communities who identify as LGBTQ+, that they would experience the true peace, transformation and belonging found in Christ alone. That the Holy Spirit would reveal in us and them, a deep sense of our brokenness and our shared need of God's grace and redemption.

We can ask God to make us people marked by compassion, truth, humility, wisdom, a fragrant aroma of Christ and faithfulness as we seek to love others and bear the fruit of the Spirit. We may ask that our churches and homes reflect both the holiness and mercy of Christ, and that the Holy Spirit would continue His work in our hearts, families, and communities.

Thanks for praying.

Pastor Tim





Yesterday we had a wonderful evening building community within the women of Grace. It was a wonderful time of sharing, hearing from a panel about the importance of deep relationships and, of course, enjoying delicious desserts.



DOES GOD EXIST? WHAT ABOUT EVOLUTION? WAS DARWIN RIGHT? HOW CAN A LOVING GOD ALLOW SUFFERING AND DEATH? WHAT ABOUT THE AGE OF THE EARTH? DO DATING METHODS PROVE THE EARTH IS MILLIONS OF YEARS OLD? WHO WAS CAIN'S WIFE? HOW DID NOAH FIT ALL THE ANIMALS ON THE ARK? WAS THERE REALLY A WORLD WIDE FLOOD? DOES ANY REAL SCIENTIST BELIEVE IN CREATION? ARE LINKS CAN'T A DAY MEAN THERE REALLY MISSING? WHAT ABOUT NATURAL SELECTION? WHERE DID THE RACES COME FROM? STARLIGHT ARE UFOS REAL? DID GOD USE EVOLUTION? WHAT ABOUT THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN MONKEY AND HUMAN DNA? WHAT ABOUT THE ICE AGE? WERE ADAM AND EVE REAL? PEOPLE WHO CARES WHAT I BELIEVE ABOUT ORIGINS? DON'T FOSSILS TAKE MANY MILLIONS OF YEARS TO FORM? WHAT ABOUT DINOSAURS?

ARE YOU READY WITH ANSWERS?

Grace Mennonite Church
 1350 Pembina Avenue, Winkler
 Presents
Richard Fangrad
 CMI-Canada
Thursday June 4, 2026
7:00pm
A Christian View of Everything
 followed by a Question & Answer Session

CREATION MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
 For more information please call: 204-325-8884
 All are welcome. Resources will be available for purchase.
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Help us **Fill the Crib**

- Baby Care**
 - Shampoo
 - Body Wash
 - Lotion
 - Nail Clippers
 - Baby Bath Towels
- Diaper Supplies**
 - Diaper Rash Cream
 - Wipes (unscented)
 - Diapers (various sizes)
 - Pull-Ups
- Toys**
 - Board Books
 - Teethers
 - Baby Toys (New, unopened packages)
- Clothes**
 - Socks
 - Bibs
 - Burp Cloths
 - Sleepers
 - Onesies
- Summer**
 - Sun Hats
 - Swim Diapers
 - Baby Sunscreen
- Gently Used**
 - Blankets
 - Baby Clothes

Pregnancy Care Centre Accepting Donations until June 21st.

community events

SALEM FOUNDATION Salem Home
Salem Foundation and Ladies Auxiliary Present

BBQ Fundraiser

May 27, 2026 | Salem Home | Free Will Offering
5:00 PM | 165 - 15th St

featuring The Quonset Brothers

Proceeds go towards the new HandiVan for Salem residents

Gateway RESOURCES

Open house Bake Sale Abstract art show

Thursday, May 28th, 2026
1582 Pembina Ave West,
Winkler Mb
1:00pm - 3:30pm

Donations are welcome

See you there

Community Event: Gateway Resources Open House, Art Show & Bake Sale

Gateway Resources invites the entire community to their annual Open House, Art Show, and Bake Sale! Come explore the facility, enjoy the art created by participants, and enjoy some delicious treats while supporting local operations.

- When: Thursday, May 28, 2026
- Time: 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- Location: 1582 Pembina Avenue, West (Winkler, MB)

Adult & Teen Challenge of Central Canada

Freedom from addiction starts here

COMMUNITY BBQ

May 29th, 2026
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

324 Cargill Rd- Winkler

www.teenchallenge.tc

Bake Sale Donations Wanted!
Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated.

- Drop-off Deadline: By 11:30 a.m. on May 28th at the 1582 Pembina Ave West location.

Proceeds support Gateway Resources' programs and operations.

June 13th
Starts at 10:30 am

Walk to U-Turn Parkinson's Winkler

Grace Mennonite Church, 1350 Pembina Ave, Winkler

In support of: U-Turn Parkinson's

U-Turn Parkinson's is a community-based health and wellness charity empowering people living with Parkinson's through FREE exercise and support programs - now in Winkler!

We're excited to bring the Walk to U-Turn Parkinson's to Winkler for the first time! Every step you take and dollar you raise helps keep these programs free and accessible for those who need them most.

- 📍 Saturday, June 13
- 🕒 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m
- 📍 Grace Mennonite Church, 1350 Pembina Ave, Winkler

Walk for yourself, a loved one, or the community and make a real impact. Let's Walk With a Purpose, Winkler.

🌐 www.uturnpd.org/walkwinkler

☎ 204-510-4869

WINKLER BIBLE CAMP / Fundraising Event

FAMILY FUN DAY

June 6 & 7 | 12pm-6pm

Try 11 different camp activities!
FREE HOTDOG for every paying guest!

Admission:
\$7/adult ages 13+
\$5/child ages 12 and under
Age 1 & under FREE

Visit winklerbiblecamp.com/events for more details.