

g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



From the Lead Team

Hello Church Family,

Can I just say, I love you all! I believe Jesus and the Holy Spirit are constantly at work in changing our hearts, and I just feel like sharing some scripture with you.

Ephesians 2:1-10 , Colossians 3:1-6, Romans 12:1-2, Romans 6:4, Philippians 4:8

Lead Team update:

We met April 13th for our retreat. It was a great time together, focusing on and asking the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us. Lots of praying for our Church family and for God's will to be done at Grace. Discussions about membership; reviewing scripture and leadership video recaps of our yearly studies. On a personal note, I have felt God's nudge lately to examine my schedule/time spent, and what making some adjustments might look like for more time spent with my family, and other areas God may be calling me to.

Youth update:

Please continue to be in prayer for our youth. Some amazing things being seen.. like Abbey's decision to be baptized!! Two members of our youth have felt led to organize and lead a bible study! The youth continue to amaze me of their spiritual maturity, often challenging and encouraging me to follow the Spirit. As the fundraising dinners that were bid on are starting to take place, I am still in awe of the support and generosity our Church family put forth for the Missions Trip!

Lastly, I'd like to thank you for the prayers, love and support, and FOOD for our family after Bre's surgery – what an amazing Church family we have.

- Matt

Volunteers Needed

Sunday Morning Coffee

Fellowship

First of all, we extend a huge thanks to Liz Enns and June Wiebe for organizing our Sunday morning coffee fellowship for so many years. They are stepping down from their role at the end of June.

We are looking for a few people to help out with this fellowship time. Your responsibilities would be to provide snacks, make coffee and clean up (instruction will be given), once every 5-6 weeks (depending on the number of volunteers). We'd also love someone to step up and fill June & Liz's role of creating the schedule.

If you would like to help out in any way, or have questions please contact Wendy in the office.

Ushers

We are in need of 2 ushers to round out our usher teams. Your responsibilities would include greeting and handing out bulletins, helping people find a seat and taking the offering. Each team serves for a month, every 3 months. Young or old, male or female, anyone could serve in this role.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Loni Derksen.



GRACE YOUTH

Hey Youth Parents!
This past week, we had some incredible conversations about LGBTQ and how we, as Christians, are to interact with and respond with truth and love to those whom we might know or meet. A big thank you to Steve Zacharias, who joined us both with the Jr. & Sr. Youth hosting and helped us walk through this topic.

This Next Week: City-Wide Garbage Clean-Up

- Jr. Youth - April 29 - 5:30-8:00
- Sr. Youth - May 1st - 5:30-8:00

Grace Youth, along with the other youth groups in Winkler, will participate in a City-Wide Clean-up the last week of April. This is a great service event that serves our community.

Our routes:

- Jr. Youth - 14th St.
- Sr. Youth - Pembina Ave

We will be meeting at the church at 5:30 for Pizza, then going out and picking up garbage till 8:00. Garbage bags will be provided.

Youth are encouraged to wear clothing that can get dirty, gloves, and rubber boots, as there might still be water in the ditches.

The congregation and Parents are invited to join us as we serve the community! If you are planning on joining, please let me know so I can order pizza accordingly.

Up Coming:

May 6 & 8 are small group nights for Jr & Sr Youth. Leaders will be in touch with details.

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

Blessings,
Pastor Brad

Young Adults

Grace Young Adults - It's a fiesta together! 6pm Friday, May 10th at James & Renee's. Let us know if you plan on coming! Bring your favourite board game and come hang out with us!

Sunday School

It's hard to believe we are on the end stretch of Sunday School for the year! A reminder that the last day to say verses is May 5th. We will have one final store time for everyone on May 12th. Our last day of Sunday School will be June 2nd.

- The Sunday School Team

Prayer and Praise

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

At Home:

- Marie Klassen
- Katherine Krahn
- Marie Brown
- Anne Enns
- Marilyn Hildebrand
- Marian Harder
- Helen Gerbrand
- Allan Derksen
- Helene Kuhl
- Walter Siemens
- Alexander Sauer
- Agnes Giesbrecht
- Guenter Strempler
- Henry Hiebert
- Margaret Ayala
- Linda Jenkins
- Irene Hildebrand
- Katy Dyck
- Gladys Wiebe
- Dennis Wiebe
- Helen Loepky

At Salem Home: Mary Friesen

Library Update



We are upgrading our library and digitizing our database. If you have any library books at home we request that you return them by May 5 so they can be entered into the new system.

The library will be closed on May 5 until everything has been inputted. We're hoping this process won't take us more than a couple of weeks.

If you are passionate about reading and would like to get involved on our Library Team, please contact Sara Wiebe. She'd love to add a few more members to her team.

Update on the Mulamba Family's Refugee Status:

In December 2020, a letter of intent was forwarded to Citizenship and Immigration Canada with the hope of beginning the process of sponsoring the Mulamba family. Four months later approval to proceed was given and the necessary documentation submitted.

Little did we know that a deep silence would break out, lasting three years. However, we are blessed to share that the time of quietness has been broken! On March 26th, the Mulamba family was requested to report to Citizenship and Immigration Canada for fingerprinting (something all refugees from Uganda must do). Ten days later they were notified that they would be given dates for medicals within the next 3 to 4 weeks.

Please continue to pray for the Mulamba family as the process continues. There is still a road to travel, even with this recent progress and encouragement. This does not mean that our desired outcome to have them join us in Winkler is a foregone conclusion. There are many ways it can be derailed. So, we move forward trusting our only source of hope! Please pray with us that one day

we will be able to worship our God together in the pews of Grace Church!



Father: Jonathana Mulamba
Mother: Mulikanwa Mukamanzi
Brother: Biaise Mulamba
Brother: Jean-De-Dieu Mulamba
Aunt: Alima Matala



"Let's Pursue Christ Together": I was interested and mildly excited to sign up for the Lifeway Women Simulcast last Saturday. However, as Friday rolled around I began to dread getting up early on a

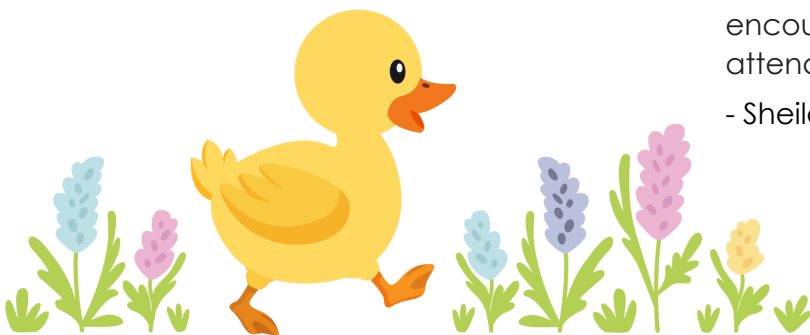
Saturday and head out for a full day of activity and more information. My prayer that evening was that God would change my attitude and prepare my heart for the message he'd have for me the next day! Well, He did not disappoint!

For those of you who've travelled to women's conferences in the past, this was like skipping the long bus ride there and back, getting to sleep in your own bed at night PLUS getting fed the good news of Jesus in a safe atmosphere of worship, fellowship and female comradery. I came home with a head full and a peaceful heart knowing in the days to come I would be reminded of the messages these women shared with us.

Although I was unfamiliar with the speakers/bible teachers, they did not disappoint either. I came away being reminded by each of them that we are to live as Christ lived, to get into the Word and study it over and over, to stand by His Truth even though it won't always be easy, to be there for each other and so much more. Their teaching was scripturally based and explained in fresh ways to allow us to understand Jesus's teaching from different perspectives. I'm sure each woman's take away was very individual and meaningful.

This event was graciously hosted by a group of women at Bethel Church, who took care to ensure we felt welcome and appreciated and loved. It was a GOOD day and I would encourage you, ladies of all ages to consider attending this event in the future.

- Sheila Bergen



Partnership Focus



Thank you to all who help prepare the sandwiches and those who take the time to deliver them. It is exciting to see all age groups joining together to serve Christ through this ministry.

A number of our regular drivers have needed to step away. Would you consider this opportunity? The time commitment is the road trip later on Saturday morning and 10 minutes to unload at UGM. Participation is totally flexible.

UGM has several recent videos that really show how lives are transformed by the love of Christ. I encourage you to take some time to view.

Pray for protection and strength for our UGM 'missionaries' as they serve. Summer is also the time they hope to send many children to experience Jesus at a Bible camp.

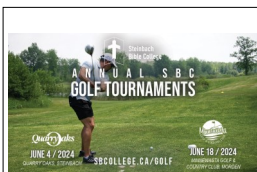
- Melody Hamm

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SBC's Annual Golf Tournaments are coming up June 4th at Quarry Oaks (Steinbach) and June 18th at Minnewasta Golf Club (Morden)!

Join us for a round on the green in support of students in Christian Higher Education and our mission of empowering servant leaders as they follow Jesus, serve the church, and engage the world! Visit SBCollege.ca/golf for information and to register as an individual or team!

WINKLER BIBLE CAMP / Fundraising Event

**Drive-Thru
Fundraising
Meal!**

APRIL 30TH 5PM-6PM

**SUMMER
STAFF
NEEDED**
PEMBINA VALLEY BIBLE CAMP

LOOKING FOR:

- NURSES**
- ASSISTANT COOKS**
- MALE/FEMALE CABIN LEADERS**
- MAINTENANCE HELP**
- SKILL LEADERS (BIKES, CREATIVE ARTS, PAINTBALL)**

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