



# g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter

## From the Pastor

I thought I would use this opportunity to briefly share the fruit of my recent sabbatical with you all. We began shortly before Christmas and it was nice to experience Christmas without any church responsibilities for the first time in 17 years. At the same time there were some rather sudden health issues and unexpected repair expenses on our house and vehicle. It seems God was saving a number of unexpected things like this for the sabbatical. In the end we are grateful for His timing, because these things would have been more stressful if I was in the midst of my daily pastoral responsibilities. And, I was still able to eat my box of "Captain Crunch" for my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration in February.

I was very blessed to attend a pastor's conference on "Revival" in Florida toward the end of January. It was an incredibly affirming time, met pastors and their families from many different places, and was fed with some wonderful teaching and preaching. And of course, I got to experience some warmth and palm trees in the middle of our winter. Thank you church for making this possible.

I also informally re-did a couple seminary courses on "Practical Theology" and "Pastoral Care Through Preaching". I realized that my thoughts and what I learned with very little church or pastoral experience hasn't changed much in 20 years. But the experience of being a pastor in different churches validated and made that book/lecture learning real.

In all I read 7 books, two of which were recently published popular books. I highly recommend "Death to Deconstruction: Reclaiming Faithfulness as an Act of Rebellion" and "Don't Follow Your Heart: Boldly Breaking the 10 Commandments of Self-Worship". Both are written by people with

interesting backgrounds in the church in a very personal, currently relevant, non-academic manner.

Overall, I feel refreshed and inspired to continue in the calling God has given me here at Grace Church. My love for this church has been affirmed, and I am happy to be back with you and this wonderful team I work with!

- Pastor Sean

## Partnership Focus



Summer is just around the corner! Camps throughout the province are preparing to welcome campers in just a few months. In preparation, PEMBINA VALLEY BIBLE CAMP has created a brochure of things that they need. Many are things people get rid of when they downsize. If you or someone you know are downsizing or maybe you just have more than you need, consider donating to PVBC.

Here is their wish list:

- leaf, gravel and landscaping rakes
- Snow, square and spade shovels
- Leaf blower
- Zero-turn mower
- Gas or diesel generator
- stand up vacuum with power head
- Chainsaw chaps
- Come along winch
- Golf cart
- Leatherman multitools
- 1/2' deep impact socket set
- Shop Vac
- Sun tent
- DSLR camera
- Ratchet straps
- Backpack sprayer

There are also big ticket items they are hoping to purchase. See the missions bulletin board for more details. If you have questions or items to donate, contact Larry Schroeder. (204) 312-8889/ [631schroeder@gmail.com](mailto:631schroeder@gmail.com)

# GRACE YOUTH

## 2 Week Recap:

**Jr. Youth** - Last Saturday we had our Day Retreat! It was such a great time going to Activate, then to Stonewall for YQ on the Road! So many great memories together having fun and worshipping together!

- Last week, we spent some time talking about how to live as Christians and looking at the question, 'How old is the earth?'
- This week we had Question Night #2

**Sr. Youth** - Last week we had another great time in Leadership Essentials where we were looking at Peter and how you respond in the midst of your failures or mistakes. We saw how Peter remembered what Jesus had said, realized his sin, and then repented of his sin. A great reminder that when we run to Jesus when we make mistakes, He can redeem us.

- We also continued in our question series looking at:
  1. How to keep God at the center of a dating Relationship
  2. Hearing God's Voice
  3. Orthodox vs. Catholic vs. Protestant Bible.
- This week was a small group night.

## Upcoming:

### Jr. Youth

March 31 - No Youth - Spring Break  
April 7 - Small Groups  
April 14 - Regular Youth Night

### Sr. Youth

April 2 - No Youth - Spring Break  
April 9 - Regular Youth Night  
April 16 - Regular Youth Night

As always, if you have any questions, please ask.

Blessings, Pastor Brad

## Young Adults

Young Adults Bible Study. Movie Night!

- When: Friday, April 4 at 7 pm
- Where: Walter & Mel's



## Sunday School

Reminder that there will be no children's Sunday School on March 30 or April 6. See you back on April 13<sup>th</sup>!



Our Sunday School Birthday party

## 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

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Bill Zacharias on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. After a lengthy battle with cancer he is finally healed and pain-free. Please pray for his wife Joan, children Steve & Terri (Janae & Jace), and Tania & Mike (Kiera, Kenley) as they grieve their loss. Funeral services are pending.



Congratulations to Binwa & Rita Mulume on the birth of their baby boy, Shukuru Enoch, born on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Enoch was 8lb 11oz and 21 inches at birth.



## Grace Events



Sign up before April 20 as:

- ☼ A guest. All ladies of all ages are welcome
- ☼ A hostess. Duties listed on the sign up sheet
- ☼ A server. Looking for men to help out as servers. (please wear white shirt & dark pants)

This year:

- ☼ Everyone brings their own special cup and saucer
- ☼ Guest speaker will be Ana Hamm sharing about Pan de Vida.
- ☼ Donations will go towards Children of Hope orphanages
- ☼ Grace Sukkau will provide music.



- Sign up so we know how much to prepare.
- Let us know if you're willing to bring a dozen muffins or paska buns.

## **WINKLER BIBLE CAMP Nurses Needed!**

Winkler Bible Camp is looking for your help in finding nurses to fill the role of Medical Officer for our summer camp programs. We would welcome nurses or retired nurses (must have current Standard First Aid/CPR-C or equivalent) who might be interested in serving for a week or more this summer to reach out to us to see if this role could be a good fit!

## Children's Camps International - Call to Prayer

God is calling us to build and expand our prayer team in 2025. Sign up at the link below and receive Children's Camps International's monthly list of prayer requests. We look to God's protection and wisdom to navigate the opportunities to fund a record number of kids to camp. Thank you and God Bless!

<https://www.childrenscampsintl.com/pray>

*"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."*  
Mark 11:24

**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 Bergthaler 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.

# Community Events

## Men's Breakfast

FOOD X FAITH X FELLOWSHIP

Wednesdays @ 7 am  
Smitty's Lounge

**Pembina Counselling Centre**

## COFFEE & DESSERT FUNDRAISER

APRIL 10 7 P.M.

Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church

Coffee: OTHER BROTHER ROASTERS

Dessert: DE LUCAS

RSVP FREE TICKETS BY APRIL 5TH:  
SCAN QR BELOW OR CALL 204-822-6622

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## JESUS FOR MUSLIMS

FAITHRAISER EVENT  
DESSERT FUNDRAISER & PROGRAM

COME LEARN WHAT GOD IS DOING IN THE MUSLIM WORLD  
OUR EVENING INCLUDES:

- SPEAKER DANIEL M. CANADIAN FIELD WORKER TO SOUTH ASIA
- STORIES FROM THE FIELD
- DESSERT AND REFRESHMENTS

FREE ADMISSION  
APRIL 13 AT 7:00PM

WINKLER BERGTHALER CHURCH | 252 6 ST WINKLER, MB  
REGISTER AT FRONTIERS.CA/DESSERT OR CALL 204.962.7712

# LAUGH OUT LOUD

AN EVENING OF COMEDY WITH  
**MATT FALK**

In support of  
**onehope CANADA**

April 6 • 7:00pm  
P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall  
783 Mountain Avenue, Winkler

Free Admission • Donations Welcome

onehopecanada.ca/events

Gateway

Featuring inspirational speaker "Unstoppable Tracy"

## 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

PURCHASE BY APRIL 17TH

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