

g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



From the Lead Team

On April 30th the lead team spent a day together getting to know each other better with our four new teammates, and looking at going forward with our vision to Love God, Love Others, and Make Disciples.

One of the questions we had wanted to tackle, and quite frankly an area that we really have not had great clarity on since our Transition, was how to evaluate our outcomes when it came to fulfilling our Vision of: Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples. It can be difficult to measure effectiveness besides looking at numbers (attendance, numerical growth, baptisms, volunteers, etc). Does that really tell you whether you are making disciples or not?

While in discussion we also felt that some additional attention was needed in creating regular opportunities for us as a Covenant Community to focus on and remember the foundation of our faith, drawing closer as a church and becoming more connected as a community of believers. To address this, we felt regular communion was one way we pause to remember our Lord's sacrifice, "do this in remembrance of me". The Lead Team will be serving communion now on June 5th and then plan to have a more regular communion schedule starting after our "Kick-off" in September. We also thought it would be a way for the Lead Team to be more visible and to minister to the congregation on Sunday mornings.

Another thing we want is to have a clearer discipleship path for all who attend Grace,

regardless of where they are on their journey with Jesus. Our first action item will be to create a benchmark or starting point for each of us. We determined that step one was a self-assessment of where you are at in the areas of knowing God, loving God, loving others, and making disciples. More information will be coming including a Discipleship Journey Booklet, with questions you can ask yourself, strategies for growth in those areas, developing a personal plan for growth, and opportunities to share progress and challenges. We desire that all who call Grace Church home, will be committed to going on this journey together. We believe that there is a progression that begins with knowing God. As we get to know Him better, we naturally love and trust Him more, we come to love others better as we obey God more, and we make it a priority to make disciples of others. The plan is to kick this off in September and make it the cornerstone of our year together.

As always, thank you for your prayers for the church and especially for us as a Lead Team, we continue to be blessed by you.

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Sunday School

It is hard to believe we are almost to the middle of May! We have five weeks of Sunday School left, meaning our last day for the year will be Sunday, June 12.

For our high school class there will be NO CLASS on Sunday, May 22.

We have a great group of students, and an amazing group of teachers who make these Sunday School mornings happen!

THANK YOU!

Childcare Update

Unfortunately, due to lack of volunteers and the approach of summer, we have decided to postpone the start up of supervised nursery care until the fall. We hope to have enough volunteers at that time.

Thank you for your patience.

Senior's Supper

All seniors (55+) are invited to supper on Tuesday, May 17 at 5 pm. Supper will be provided. Entertainment by Lynette Beaudry, Marge Groening and Linda Hildebrand.

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
- Margaret Ayala
- Agnes Giesbrecht
- Maria Loewen
- Karl Redekop
- Henry Hiebert
- Bev Rempel

Pray for Linda Hiebert who is recovering from surgery.

Partnership Focus

UGM SANDWICH MINISTRY:

Even though we've struggled in many ways over the last two years due to the virus the UGM Sandwich Ministry continues to thrive, praise Jesus for that!

We make sandwiches every Saturday morning to be delivered to UGM in Winnipeg and on average 300 sandwiches are sent to them every week.

These sandwiches are either handed out between meals to the homeless that come there during the day or, as I understand from speaking to someone who is part of the street team, they are also sometimes handed out directly on the street.

One of the times when I delivered the sandwiches this same young lady expressed her immense gratitude for these sandwiches which we make and deliver every week. I could sense the sincerity of her words as she was in tears as she spoke.

Lena has also expressed her sincere gratitude for all that we do and I just want to thank all of you for all that you do to make this happen every week. Without the funds donated or the time volunteered to make the sandwiches and deliver them this ministry wouldn't be the success that it is. Thank you all for your extreme generosity and God bless you all!

- Bev Hiebert

Yard Work Day - Saturday, May 28

We've got a lot of projects that need to be done around the church and we need your help. Meet at the church at 9 am and work as long as you are able. Lunch will be provided.

If you are unable to come on the 28th, but see a job you'd like to help with, let us know and you can take care of it at your convenience.

Gardening in our flower patch

- Weeding
- Bush trimming
- New mulch spread around
- Bring your gardening tools and gloves
- We'll supply the mulch

Raking

- Front lawn
- Lawn around the church
- Bring your rakes and gloves

Lawn Repairs

- Fill in and smooth ridges
- East side of parking lot and along fire line
- Bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrow

Trim Trees

- Evergreens along Pembina need to be trimmed 5-6' from the ground
- Bring chain saws, loppers, truck/trailer to haul branches away

Parking Lot Sweeping

- Along sidewalks, sweep up loose gravel and dirt

Brick cleaning

- Pressure wash brick
- Requires gas-powered pressure washer and garden hose
- Wash Brick all around the building

Touch up Parking Lot lines

Picnic Area

- Level ground
- Place patio blocks
- Set up picnic tables

Removal of aging cedars

- Several cedars around the building are showing signs of aging and overgrowth and need to be removed
- Will require a skid-steer to pull out

Gravel Parking area

- Gravel needs to be smoothed
- Will require appropriate equipment

If you have questions about any of the jobs listed contact Terry Wiebe.

We recognize that we may not be able to accomplish all these tasks in one day (we've listed the jobs in order of priority), but with enough help we hope to get our church yard looking great.

Hope to see you there!



Community Events

WINKLER BIBLE CAMP / Fundraising Event



Seniors Day

June 6 | 10am-5:30pm

Contact us for more information and to **reserve your FREE spot before May 27th!**

winklerbiblecamp.com/events | info@winklerbiblecamp.com | 204-325-9519

Steinbach Bible College

ANNUAL SBC GOLF TOURNAMENTS



Quarry Oaks JUNE 7 / 2022 Quarry Oaks, Steinbach
 Minnewasta Golf & Country Club JUNE 21 / 2022 Minnewasta Golf & Country Club, Morden

SBCOLLEGE.CA/GOLF

WINKLER BIBLE CAMP / Fundraising Event



FAMILY FUN DAY

June 4 | 11am-6pm

Ages 5 & up: \$5/person at the gate FREE HOTDOG for every guest
Ages 4 & Under: FREE

sponsored by Salem Foundation Inc.

BBQ

Fundraiser



Wednesday May 25, 2022
 Supper 5:30 - 7:30 pm
 at Salem Home Tent on South Parking Lot
 Cost by donation
 Music by: Quonset Brothers
 Bring lawn chairs

Funds go to Cottonwood Renovations

Sponsoring of funds is confined to those approved programs and purposes. 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.

A DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISING EVENT




Drive-Thru Fundraising Meal!

WINKLER BIBLE CAMP

MAY 26TH 4:30PM-6:00PM

For more information, visit winklerbiblecamp.com



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We have several ways you can give:

- Cheque/cash (office drop box)
- Online banking (Credit Union)
- PayPal (link on website)
- E-transfer

Contact the office if you have questions