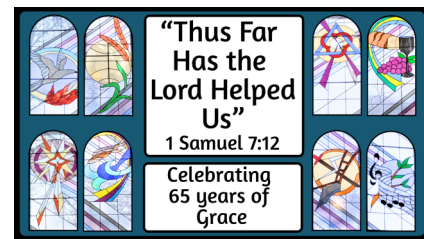


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Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



from the Lead Team

In our Adult Bible study on Tuesday nights, we've been going through a series called "What does the Bible say" by Sharon Hodde Miller.

This past week, we looked at Israel's experience of waiting on God and took a more personal look on what that could look like for us to wait on Him in our own personal lives. Sharon reminded us that the nation of Israel didn't enjoy the prospect of waiting, and my guess is we probably don't enjoy it either. Our fast-paced culture demands that we get what we want instantly. Waiting is unnecessary.

Despite the challenges that come with waiting, we have been reminded of the significance of God's perspective and how he operates on a different timetable with purpose for our lives in seasons of waiting. Miller wraps up the session with two quick lessons.

The first lesson is: "The silence of God is not the absence of God."

While we may experience seasons where it feels like God is absent, we see in the stories of Scripture that God is always present and always working. How do we respond when God feels absent? In what ways have the stories of God's faithfulness encouraged you when God is silent?

The second lesson we can learn from the stories of the Bible is that "waiting is not always a detour. Sometimes it's the path."

As we read in Scripture, God often uses waiting to shape our character and identity. When we shift from viewing our delays as lacking purpose to seeing them as a way God can shape our

character, we more fully experience God's intentions for that season. In our season of waiting, how are we framing our situation? Are we seeing it as a detour to avoid or an opportunity to get to know God deeper and experience his love and grace.

- Pastor Tim

Happy Birthday Grace Church

On the first Sunday of May in 1961 Grace Church held it's first service. Join us for a coffee and cake on May 3rd from 9:30-10:30 am to celebrate our 65th anniversary.



Women's Night - May 21st at 7:00 pm

Women of Grace are invited to come out for an evening of connection, community, and fun.

- Coffee & Desserts
- Sharing
- Panel Discussion about the importance of community at all stages of life
- Build your own bouquet

Cost is \$10/person. Tickets available until May 10 at the welcome desk or talk to Juli, Wendy or Loretta. (if cost is a barrier, please let us know).

grace youth

Last Week!

We had an amazing time this past week at our joint worship night! We spent some time talking about what it looks like to be equipped for ministry and how we often might think it's education or training. Peter and John in Acts 4 show us that while those things might be good, it's time spent with Jesus that truly equips you. Thank you to all who came out and joined us. It is so special to see the different generations coming out and supporting and worshipping alongside the youth on a weeknight!

This Week!

Jr. Youth - April 27 - City Clean Up!

- 5:30-7:30
- Supper will be provided (Pizza)
- Wear work clothes and gloves

Sr. Youth - April 29 - Event Night at the Church

- 7:30-9:30
- Everyone is invited!

Upcoming

Jr. Youth

- May 4 - Small Groups
- May 11 - Level Up
- May 18 - No Youth -> May 20 The River
- May 25 - Last Regular Youth Night

Sr. Youth

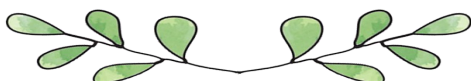
- May 6 - Small Groups
- May 13 - Level Up
- May 20 - The River
- May 27 - Last Regular Youth Night

Other Information

Year Schedule

[2025-2026 Grace Youth Schedule](#)

If you have any questions, please ask! Brad



sunday school

We are coming up to the last month of Sunday School! The last day before we break for summer will be May 31st. We will have one more store in the next few weeks, so continue encouraging your children to learn verses.

We also want to give a special shout out to all our teachers, helpers and verse listeners. We are so thankful for them and the time and energy they give towards this ministry. We look forward to celebrating them at our appreciation lunch this Sunday!

Sunday School Superintendents,
Ashley Fehr & Jodi Wiebe

child dedication

If you'd like to participate in dedicating your child(ren) at our dedication service on May 24th, please contact Pastor Brad.



Flourish Women's Care Ministry

New Bible Study!

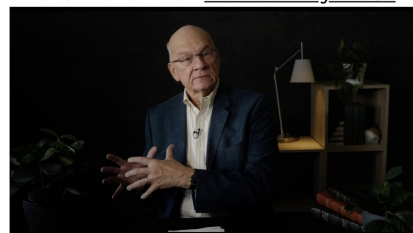
Discovering the Gospel in Every Book of the Bible
with Tim Keller

- 10 sessions
- No prep required
- Starts May 7th in the Genesis Room

All ladies are invited and welcome!

Contact Juli Enns or Loretta Hildebrand if you have questions or would like to be added to the group chat.

Click here for an [Introductory Video](#)



Prayer and Praise

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

At Home:

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

Notre Dame: Irene Hildebrand

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

Condolences

Our sympathies go out to Dave & Margaret Penner on the loss of Dave's sister, Helena Elias, on April 9th. May God's comfort be with you in this time of loss.

Pastor Sean's Resources of the Month:

"The Living Church" - John Stott

Wonderful insights and convictions of a life long respected pastor

"The Book of Titus" - Chip Ingram RightNowMedia

Chip unpacks the book of Titus and challenges us to display the gospel in our lives through doing good. We do good works not to earn God's favor, but as a result of God's favor.

mission update



If you read or listen to the news at anytime during the day chances are you will heard about one of many crisis in the world

today. The latest in this long list is the humanitarian crisis in Sudan. Three years of violent conflict, 11.9 million people displaced, level 5 famine declared, and a reduction in foreign support has made the situation critical. ERDO, a partner with Canadian Foodgrains Bank reports, "Right now, 24.6 million people in Sudan are experiencing extreme hunger. Without intervention, this has the potential to be the largest hunger crisis in recent history. With up to 640,000 people in Sudan already experiencing famine-like conditions and access to food further deteriorating, we need to help suffering men, women and children quickly."

As a response to this crisis, \$5 000 will be sent from the surplus to Canadian Foodgrains Bank for humanitarian work in Sudan.

To learn more about the crisis, there is a news release on the missions bulletin board or check out this update from Canadian Foodgrains Bank: <https://foodgrainsbank.ca/news/live-from-sudan/> or visit the Canadian Foodgrains Bank website. There is also an article on Pembina Valley On-line posted on Monday, April 20th called " Three years of civil war, now a human crisis: why the world can't look away from Sudan.

Most of all, remember to pray: for those working in the crisis, for those suffering, for aid to get to where it is needed, and most of all that God will work in and through his people.

community events

"Light the Corner Where you Are!"

Shine God's light of truth, healing and redeeming love! Join the church in Winkler as we praywalk our neighbourhoods. Let your flashlight be a picture of His light that shines in you!

Monday May 4th, 9 pm 2026

"Jesus declares, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"
John 8:12

PRAYER WALKING BASICS

Psalm 37:23, "The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him."

- 1 INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT**
Prayer walking is a great way to get active in prayer and is as simple as it sounds - you pray as you walk. Why not try it and learn more about a place and God's heart for a community. Invite the Spirit of God to accompany you.
- 2 GATHER TO PRAY**
Start and end together, agree a place and time to meet to start walking and talking to God together. Begin by requesting only you be gathered to pray and a few pointers for those who haven't prayed this way before. If you're going to split into smaller groups at any point, then agree a place and time to end together.
- 3 PLAN A ROUTE**
Planned route or a wild goose chase? You can decide ahead of time where you're going to go or you can simply ask the Holy Spirit to lead you as you walk. Just make sure you don't get lost! Plan a route before you set off. Pray for the present hour needs and places you see, trusting a map to focus on streets, schools, shops and health institutions may be helpful.
- 4 BREAK INTO PAIRS**
Try going out in twos Jesus sent his disciples out in twos. It's not intimidating or as conspicuous as a large group can be, and it is safer than people going on their own. If you have a larger group, breaking into pairs can help you cover more ground. For safety's sake you might want to make sure that at least one person on each team has a mobile phone in case you need to contact each other.
- 5 SEEING AND PRAYING**
To be seen or not to be seen, you can pray quietly or in a volume that doesn't draw attention. If you're on a secret prayer mission, silence is okay too. It's not about being seen to be praying, it's about seeing and praying. Having said that, if you feel confident sometimes the Lord can ask us to pray loudly in public! Be persistent! Pray for areas near our work school or home in a regular way. Pray quietly or audibly for clarity and agreement.
- 6 SHARE WHAT YOU'VE SEEN, PRAYED AND HEARD FROM GOD**
Ending well, if you've gone in different directions who met up at the end to share what you've felt, seen, prayed and heard from God. If you can, keep a record of what you share so you can build on it next time.

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Ladies Night Out

Join us for an evening of encouragement, worship & fellowship

April 30, 2026 @ 7pm
at Grace Mennonite Church in Winkler

Focus for the evening:
Looking to Jesus for Everything

All ages are welcome to come for a time of encouragement from Maggie Wiebe and praising God together. Fellowship and food to follow - if you are able, bring a snack to share.

This is a free event but donations to Love All Ministries will be accepted. Donations will go towards the event costs.

RSVP HERE

WINKLER BIBLE CAMP / Fundraising Event

Drive-Thru Fundraising Meal!

APRIL 28TH 5:00PM-6:00PM

For more information visit winklerbiblecamp.com

Fish Fry FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH | 11:30-6:30

Dinner Includes fresh cut fries, coleslaw, and dessert!
Preorders available at 431-775-9049.
Cost is by donation!

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Donations over \$40 will be tax receiptable!

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 Handi-Van for Salem residents

Sponsored by CO-OP Gardenland GARDENLAND MEATS

Spending of funds is confined to Board approved programs and purchases. 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.