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## Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



### from the Lead Team

As Grace Mennonite Church celebrates 65 years of God's faithfulness, it's been interesting to delve into the origins of our stained-glass windows and get a glimpse of the stories, prayers, and people who've shaped our church's history. This process of looking back has also made me reflect on my own time at Grace, and how interwoven my family life and church life have been over the years. Like pieces of a stained-glass window, the following are a few fragments of my own life shaped by our church.

Back in 2006, my wife Loretta and I were engaged to be married and looking for what might become a new church home for us. We had some family and friends at Grace, so we asked our then-pastor Herb Franz if he would be willing to do some marriage counseling with us. He agreed, and after our valuable counseling sessions were over, Herb said to us, "I want you to know that you are always welcome here at Grace." That simple invitation brought us into what has now been our church family for 20 years!

Loretta and I became members of our church in 2009. This step opened new doors to service and relationship opportunities still ahead. The Child Dedication services at Grace have always been especially meaningful to us. By 2010, we had presented both of our children to the Lord and committed to raising them for Him with the support of our church family. I can see now how God's hand and the faithful influence of our church family have significantly shaped my kids' lives. Being in care groups over the years provided further support and gave our family a safe place to share, learn, and grow stronger together.

Worshipping our Lord in song every Sunday is such a rich time, and it's been a joy over the years for my whole family to be a part of a worship band.

Watching our musicians and sound teams work together in a spirit of peace and cooperation is amazing. The way we allow young or new musicians to 'try out their wings' is also something truly unique and special within our church family.

It's a privilege now to serve on the Lead Team and work with such a faithful group of leaders. If I added all the church ministries that have impacted me to this list, it would be a much longer article. Thanks be to God for His countless blessings and thank you Grace Church for all you have poured into my life over the years!

- Dave Hildebrand



The New year is starting off with a bang. My hope this year is to include a monthly item to pray about in the newsletter. For February let's pray for our **Government (Local, Provincial and Federal) and political leaders around the world.**

Here are some ideas on what to include: **Wisdom, integrity, compassion, surrender to God and his ways, God's will be done, guidance, promote justice, peace, and look out for the common good, strength to serve with humility and courage.**

**Here is a link for more details on how to pray for them.**

<https://finds.life.church/prayers-for-world-leaders-local-government/>.

Pastor Tim

# grace youth

## This week

### Jr. Youth

- Feb 2 - NO youth this week - P.D. Day

### Sr. Youth

- Feb 4 - Regular Youth Night
- Bring your Bibles

## Upcoming / Youth Retreat Dates

### Jr. Youth

- Feb. 9 - Regular Youth Night
- Feb. 13-15 - Jr. Youth Retreat - Winkler Bible Camp

### Sr. Youth

- Feb. 11 - Regular Youth Night

Pray for the Sr. Youth and leaders as they are at Camp Cedarwood this weekend for their annual retreat.

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

Blessings,  
Pastor Brad



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - 5:00 - 9:00 PM

- Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends.
- Sign up at the Welcome Desk if you plan to bring your award-winning chili. Not a fan of chili? Bring Sloppy Joes.
- We also need dessert (brownies or cookies), and chips or other sides.
- We'll provide buns and beverages
- Bring your favourite table game for an evening of fun!

# sunday school

We will be sending home invitations to the annual Sunday School birthday party, which will take place on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please let us know if your child can make it!

We also just finished up our giving towards Esperanza Orphanage. We are thankful that we could pass along \$445 to help wherever is needed! We will start collecting for Winkler Bible Camp this Sunday.

Sunday School Superintendents,  
Ashley Fehr  
Jodi Wiebe

## Pastor Sean's resources of the month

January 2026

Video Series: [Everyday Revolutionary - JD Greer - RightNow Media](#)

An inspirational series on transcending the culture and transforming the world. The staff went through this series recently and found it very good.

Book: [How to Teach Kids Theology: Deep Truths for Growing Faith](#)

Great for all ages, to help us all understand better. Especially helpful for Sunday School teachers and parents to teach foundational truths in an age-appropriate way. We often say, "the best way to learn scripture is to study it in order to teach it".

## Pastor Sean's Q & A

Starting this spring, I'll be hosting evening Q&A nights where you can ask questions about the Bible, theology, and faith-related issues. This isn't about church policies or procedures, but about digging deeper into Scripture and belief.

Our first night is **Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m.** Please submit your questions ahead of time by paper, text, or email so I can prepare. Everyone is welcome to attend—even if you don't have a question. Bring your own coffee or snacks if you'd like.

That's **February 19 at 7:00 p.m.**—start sending in your questions now.

## Prayer and Praise

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

At Home:

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

Notre Dame: Irene Hildebrand

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

## Missions Night

Thursday, February 5 @ 7pm

10 Things that I didn't Understand about North Africa and the Work our Friends do there!

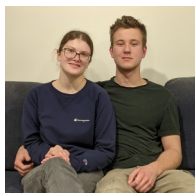


As many of you know, James & Renee Klassen made a trip to North Africa in September to connect with our friends that work there and our supported by Grace Church. Even though Renee serves on the Missions

Team there were many things that were different than she expected. Come and hear what she learned from this trip! The evening will include pictures, information, and hopefully a better understanding of how we can support our friends in the work they do there.

Coffee & Snacks will be served.

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to Austin & Jayna Schmidt who were married on January 10<sup>th</sup>. We wish you many wonderful years together.



## Salem Home



The Governing Board of Salem Home invites interested church members to an Ownership Meeting of the Salem Home

Corporation for an evening of information and discussion.

- Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 7:00 PM
- Salem Home in the Multi-Purpose Room

Discussion topic: Spiritual Care, Pastoral Care Report, Hiring Process, Residents' Activity Program and Salem Home's Future Plans

Please contact Ross White or the church office if you would like to attend as a delegate of Grace Church.



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## ICE SKATING *Party*

*Enjoy a free evening of skating and fun. Bring snacks to share and board games if you don't want to skate.*



**MARCH 1, 2025 | 6:00-8:00 PM**



**ROLAND ARENA**





# community events



**Winkler Bible Camp** invites you to our Winter Carnival on February 16<sup>th</sup> from 12-5 p.m. For just \$5/person, you can come and enjoy our winter activities, good food and so much fun with family and friends. Plus, every guest receives a free hotdog! Check out [winklerbiblecamp.com](http://winklerbiblecamp.com) for more information!

