



## From the Pastor

Sometimes the constant bombardment of the chaos happening in our world can produce anxiety. We are surrounded by negative input, from our news feeds and conversations centered around politics to AI, to natural disasters happening around the globe and our own health and family crises.

This past week, I was really feeling anxious of all that was happening in the world. I asked the Lord, what was the best way to respond!

As I turned to the psalms, the verses in Psalm 37 captured my attention. "Do not fret because of evil men". He continues in this psalm with, "be still before the Lord and wait patiently before him. The day of the blameless are known by the Lord. In times of disaster, they (God's children) will not wither, in days of famine, they will enjoy plenty. The wicked lie in wait for the righteous, intent on putting them to death; but the LORD will not leave them in the power of the wicked or let them be condemned when brought to trial."

I've also been reading through the gospel of Matthew this summer. Matthew 14 resonates with Psalm 37. Jesus after having taught the crowd, goes away to pray and Jesus insisted his disciples take their boat to the other side of the lake without him. The text mentions that while Jesus was praying, the boat was being buffeted by the wind and waves. Did Jesus join the disciples as the boat was being buffeted? No, he could see them struggling, but didn't go to them right away. Instead Jesus actually waits till almost morning to join them and extends an invitation to Peter to join him in walking on the rough water.

Both the writer of the psalms and Matthew call us to live with an active trust in God and not our circumstances. Jesus told his disciples, "take courage, it is I, don't be afraid."

In our present circumstances my prayer is that we can actively lean on him instead of fretting and take courage to face our present challenges remembering that God sees us and wont forsake us.

Pastor Tim



### **Custodial Help**

Natalia, our custodian, is going on vacation for 2 weeks at the beginning of September. We need someone to help out with her duties. If you're interested please contact Wendy.

# **Sunday School**

We hope everyone has a great summer and look forward to seeing you on September 14<sup>th</sup>!

Thank you to those who have reached out to us about helping out with Sunday School for fall. We are still in need of a couple teachers/volunteers.

- 1-2 volunteers for pre school/kindergarten
- 1 teacher for Grade 3
- 2 teachers for high school

If this interests you please reach out to Ashley or Jodi.

Ashley- <u>ashleyfehr89@gmail.com</u> Jodi- <u>jodimwiebe@gmail.com</u>

# **Prayer and Praise**

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

At Home:

- Marie Klassen
- Katherine Krahn
- Anne Enns
- Margaret Ayala
- Linda Jenkins
- Linda Hiebert
- Gladys Wiebe

- · Dennis Wiebe
- Marie Brown
- · Marilyn Hildebrand
- · Alexander Sauer
- · Allan Derksen
- · Helene Kuhl

Notre Dame: Irene Hildebrand

In Salem Home: Helen Loeppky

Elva Hildebrand Agnes Giesbrecht

### Condolences

With sadness we announce that Marion Harder passed away on August 4th. A private service was held. We express our deepest sympathies to Ken & Margaret Wiebe and their family, and pray for God's peace during this time of loss.

## Mission Focus

#### SAVE THE DATE

Gordon C will be visiting from September 22-26. Missions is planning to have an evening of sharing on Thursday, September 25 @ 7 in the fellowship hall.

We are also looking for individuals/families willing to host Gordon for a meal. Gordon loves to meet new people especially young families so even if you have never met Gordon before, he would love to get to know you. Please feel free to contact Renee Klassen or Melody Hamm if you are interested.

#### APPLICATION DEADLINES

If you have worked at camp and are applying for the camp worker financial top-up please have your application in to church office OR missions mailbox by no later than September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Post secondary/Bible school bursary applications, please have these in by September 14<sup>th</sup> as missions will be meeting the following day regarding all support applications.

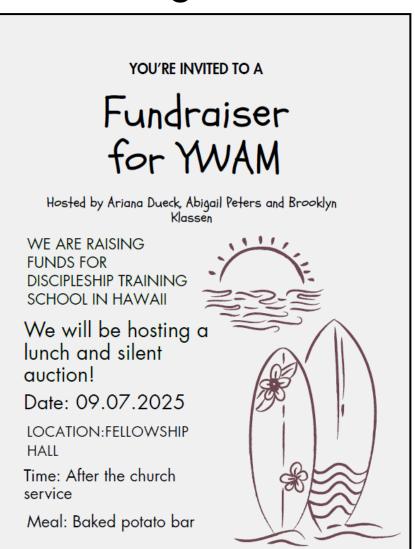


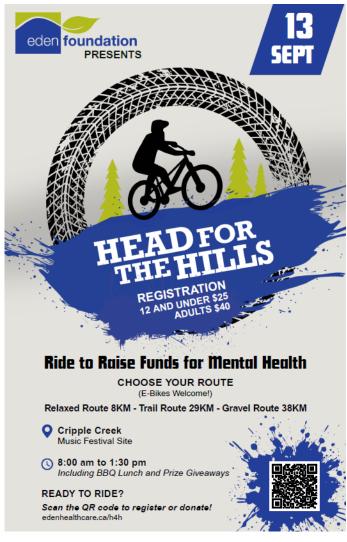
Congratulations to Kyle & Kaylee Bergen on the birth of the baby boy, Adam Hayes, on July 24th weighing 8lb 6oz.

Congratulations to proud grandparents, Gordon & Judy Friesen.



# **Fundraising and Community Events**







AIMM Executive Coordinator John Fumana from Kinshasa, DRC, is travelling to visit AIMM friends and supports and will share about AIMM ministries at Grace Mennonite Church at 7pm on Thursday, Sept 4th. He will report on the situation of Anabaptist churches in the war zone of Eastern Congo as well as ministries with Christ Salvation Mennonite Church in Sierra Leone. Come to hear about what God is doing among African brothers and sisters!