

g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



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 won't 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 14th!

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- ashleyfehr89@gmail.com

Jodi- jodimwiebe@gmail.com

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 14th.

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

Prayer and Praise

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

At Home:

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| • Marie Klassen | • Dennis Wiebe |
| • Katherine Krahn | • Marie Brown |
| • Anne Enns | • Marilyn Hildebrand |
| • Margaret Ayala | • Alexander Sauer |
| • Linda Jenkins | • Allan Derksen |
| • Linda Hiebert | • Helene Kuhl |
| • Gladys Wiebe | |

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.

welcome
little one

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

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Fundraiser for YWAM

Hosted by Ariana Dueck, Abigail Peters and Brooklyn Klassen

WE ARE RAISING
FUNDS FOR
DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING
SCHOOL IN HAWAII

We will be hosting a
lunch and silent
auction!

Date: 09.07.2025

LOCATION: FELLOWSHIP
HALL

Time: After the church
service

Meal: Baked potato bar



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PRESENTS

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SEPT

A poster for the 'Head for the Hills' event. It features a silhouette of a person riding a bicycle through a stylized landscape with green trees and a large, textured archway. The text 'HEAD FOR THE HILLS' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font on a blue, brush-stroke-like background. Below this, the registration details are listed: 'REGISTRATION 12 AND UNDER \$25 ADULTS \$40'. The event title 'Ride to Raise Funds for Mental Health' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the title, it says 'CHOOSE YOUR ROUTE (E-Bikes Welcome!)' and lists three routes: 'Relaxed Route 8KM - Trail Route 29KM - Gravel Route 38KM'. The location is 'Cripple Creek Music Festival Site'. The time is '8:00 am to 1:30 pm' and includes 'Including BBQ Lunch and Prize Giveaways'. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. The text 'READY TO RIDE?' is followed by 'Scan the QR code to register or donate!' and the website 'edenhealthcare.ca/h4h'.



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Pancake BREAKFAST



• SAT, AUG 23, 2025 •

8:00-10:30 AM

Access Credit Union (parking lot) | 430 Stephen St.

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!