

# *g* GRACE CHURCH

## Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



### from the Lead Team

A few years ago, a rare collection of Shakespeare's work went on sale for \$14.6 million. Prior to the sale, the owner of the works claimed, "it's the most desirable book in the English language." As popular as Shakespeare's works are, according to Guinness World Records, the most read and best-selling book of all time is the Christian Bible, with an estimated historical distribution of 5-7 billion. Interestingly, since the formation of Bible Societies in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, the majority of Bibles printed have been given away for free as part of Christian missions. As believers, we know that the Bible is God's gift to mankind, through which we may truly know the Word made flesh—Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world!

I've been reflecting lately on how blessed we are as a church to have pastors who are ready and eager to guide us into a deeper understanding of God's Word—and also help us live it! In Luke 11:28, Jesus points out that the truly blessed "are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" I'm so thankful for our pastors, our staff, and all of our ministry leaders who work faithfully each week to help us put God's Word into our hearts (Psalm 40:8).

Last Sunday, Pastor Sean shared how God called him to a pastoral ministry with a clear purpose: to hold the Bible up again at the centre of the church. We're seeing God's blessings in how Sean's commitment to lifting up the Bible is taking root and spreading in our church family. For example, we now have new women's and men's and young adult ministries gathering for regular in-depth Bible studies.

In the weeks ahead, I'm looking forward to hearing more about how the God who has loved us with an everlasting love continues to be faithful (Jeremiah 31:3), and as Sean says, continues to renovate the "spiritual tents we live in."

- Dave Hildebrand



Also, if your last name begins A-M, please help with clean up; N-Z, please help with set up.

Talk to Wendy if you have questions.

# grace youth

Hey Grace Family!

What a start to the year! After our Activate and APEX kickoffs, our small groups got going with kickoff nights full of crafts, games, campfires, a golf simulator night and a paint night. It's been such a joy to watch youth and leaders start building the relationships that carry us through the year.

This week our high schoolers came together with youth from across Winkler for the What If We Prayed training night, and both Jr. and Sr. Youth joined the Winkler Wide Food Drive. What a show of unity between the youth groups, as we had around 400 people attend. We collected 20,724 lbs of food and \$5,326!! Please keep praying for our youth as they learn to love God, love others and make disciples in their schools!

This Coming Week!

- \* Jr. Youth - Oct. 12 - NO YOUTH - Thanksgiving
- \* Sr. Youth - Oct. 14 - First Regular Youth Night
  - \* St. Croix Missions Trip Parent & Youth Information Night, 6:30-7:15 pm (before youth)

Upcoming

- \* Jr. Youth
  - \* Oct. 19 - First Regular Youth Night
  - \* Oct. 26 - Regular Youth Night
  - \* Nov. 2 - Regular Youth Night
- \* Sr. Youth
  - \* Oct. 21 - Regular Youth Night
  - \* Oct. 28 - Regular Youth Night
  - \* Nov. 4 - Worship Night

Missions Trip - St. Croix, USA (July 2027)

- For Gr. 11-12 youth
- Oct. 14 - Parent & Youth Information Night, 6:30-7:15 pm
- Oct. 28 - Sign-up deadline
- If you have questions about the trip, please come talk to me!

Parents - Thursday, Nov. 5 - Winkler Wide Parent Night with Ebony Davis from YWC (Youth Worker Community) speaking! More details to come.

New Youth Parents - If you'd like weekly updates about what's happening in youth, please email me to get set up: [youth@gracechurchwinkler.com](mailto:youth@gracechurchwinkler.com)

If you have any questions, please ask!

Brad

# sunday school

It was so special to be able to give our Grade 2 students Bibles this past week! Remember to bring them this week so you can use them for sword drills.

We are continuing to collect for the UGM Sandwich Ministry, and we have been encouraged to see so many of the students learning verses. If you still need a sheet for memorizing verses, please connect with us!

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Jodi - [Jodimwiebe@gmail.com](mailto:Jodimwiebe@gmail.com)

## lead team update

The Lead Team welcomes your prayers as we consider and work through various items in the life of our church. Items to pray for include:

- Guidance and renewal as the Lead Team and staff meet for their fall retreat this weekend.
- Wisdom as we consider ministry opportunities inside and outside our church.
- Spiritual strength and wisdom for each of our Pastors, Lead Team members, and ministry leaders.
- Wisdom as we prepare for our Fall Covenant Community Meeting in November.

DRIVE AWAY HUNGER 2026

**THANK YOU,  
WINKLER!**



**20,742** LBS

of food collected door to door

AND

**\$5,326**

donated

Every bag and every dollar stays local, helping feed families through the **Winkler & District Food Cupboard**. Thank you to everyone who gave, and to all the youth and leaders who went door to door!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Matthew 25:35

WINKLER-WIDE YOUTH

## prayer and praise

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

At Home:

- Linda Hiebert • Diane Falk
- Abdul Tunu • Melissa (Friesen) Tunu
- Dennis Wiebe • Pete Sawatzky
- Kathy Klassen • Katy Dyck

In Altona Hospital: Marie Brown

Tabor Home: Irene Hildebrand

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



As we think about how busy fall gets to be in the ministry calendar, I would encourage us to pray for our Pastors, Ministry leaders, Lead team members and staff.

This is what our prayer might look like:

Heavenly Father, we ask that You give our leaders refreshment for their souls as they enter into a busy season again. Fill them with Your wisdom, clarity, patience and discernment for every decision they face, every situation that needs love and care. Pray that they will desire to feed on the living Word of God and find much delight at his feet and in His presence. God, protect them, their families, and their health from burnout and discouragement. Guard their hearts and minds against criticism, apathy and temptation, and grant them the courage to lead with boldness and humility.

Thanks for praying.

Pastor Tim

## mark your calendar

Here are a few events coming up you won't want to miss:

### Adult Bible Study

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays
- Starting on October 13<sup>th</sup>
- "The Book of Daniel" by Jarrett Stephens

### Seniors Games Mornings

- Every Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- Bring your favorite board or card game

### Senior's Supper

- October 20<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) at 5:00 pm
- All Seniors (55+) welcome
- Speaker: Dale Friesen, Canadian Foodgrains Bank

### Workshop: Spiritual Warfare

- October 22<sup>nd</sup> (Thursday) at 7:00 pm
- In this workshop we will examine the ancient story behind biblical spiritual warfare, all the way back to the Garden of Eden. We will come at it from the understanding of the ancient Jewish people.
- We hope to cover the corruption that led to the flood, the "Seed War", demons, Jesus' victory, and what spiritual warfare looks like for us today.

### Fall Covenant Community Meeting

- November 12<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) at 7:00 pm

### Women's Fall Retreat

- November 14<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

### Annual Curling Bonspiel

- November 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday) at 7:00 pm

### Annual Church Christmas Banquet

- November 29<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) at 5:00 pm

# community events & fundraisers



Youth For Christ, Morden is having its Annual Charcuterie Fundraising Banquet on November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm. If you're interested in hearing about how young people's lives are being turned towards God, and wanting to support this ministry, contact Larry Schroeder @ [204.312.8889](tel:204.312.8889) to reserve a seat.

**Winkler Berghaler Mennonite Church**  
252 6th Street, Winkler

## Missions Fall Supper

**Date: Tuesday, October 20**  
5:00 to 7:00 pm

**Menu:** Sweet & sour sausage, baked potato, & cream pie

**Proceeds to:**  
Global Aid Network (GAIN) Canada  
Wells for Africa  
Zambia Community—Emmanuel Mainza  
Nation to Nation  
Southman Gleaners  
Hands Canada

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## END OF LIFE COMPANION

A Ministry of Presence

Salem Home is looking to add to our current group of End of Life Companion Volunteers.

Volunteers provide compassionate companionship and a comforting presence to residents during their final days, while also giving families an opportunity to rest and recharge.

This is a meaningful opportunity to offer your time, compassion, and presence to someone who may need it most.

Training and ongoing support are provided.

Interested in learning more?  
Contact: Alana Thiessen  
Director of Community Engagement, Salem Home  
204-325-4316 ext. 246  
[alathiessen@salemhome.ca](mailto:alathiessen@salemhome.ca)

**Sometimes the greatest gift is simply your presence.**

Salem Foundation presents fellowship and song

## CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

with the Zion Choir

**Sunday, November 8, 2026**  
Bergthaler Church, 262 6th Street, Winkler

**ZION CHOIR 3:00 PM**  
REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW  
Free Will Offering

**DINNER 5:00 PM**  
BY ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE ONLY

SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKET

SALEM FOUNDATION INC. WITH YOUR HELP making a difference in a resident's life and in the community

## Grounds for Giving

OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> | 7:00PM  
Winkler Bible Camp: 16037 MB-3, Winkler

Coffee House Fundraiser: Brewing hope & healing in our community one cup at a time. Join us for an evening of music, coffee, and dessert.

PERFORMANCES BY:

Kim Thiessen, Darryl Neustadter, Barry, & Jon Guenther  
Grace & Orlando  
Joel Klassen

Supported By: REMCO, Nelly's Bakeshop, Nelly's Bakeshop

Coffee Provided By: OTHER BROTHER ROASTERS, Nelly's BAKESHOP

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