

g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



From the Lead Team

Good day Church Family,

I hope you're connecting with God's Word and His creation! I often think of creation as the scenery around us—mountains, trees, skies—but then I pause and smile, realizing His most beautiful creation: people, made in His image.

I recently had a wonderful time connecting with a friend who lives in a colony. Our time together was rich and meaningful. I left feeling both encouraged and challenged to spend more time reading and focusing on the passages that really speak to me.

One thing that stood out was his care for a widow—how he puts in extra effort at work, staying an extra hour, all to help provide for her home and food. That kind of selflessness really spoke to me and encouraged me more. 1 Timothy 5:3-4.

We also talked about retirement (which often my mind drifts to) and what that looks like in the colony. It gave him a little chuckle—there's no formal retirement. You're part of the community, so the jobs will get a bit easier and the hours fewer, but you still show up to work & mentor others. Numbers 8:23-26,

And finally, we discussed faith—whether everyone in the community is a follower of Christ. While we can't see someone's heart, we often see the fruit of their life. It made me think: if I just show up to church and sit in my usual row, does that alone make me a follower of Christ? I had to reflect on my own fruit. I asked the Lord to work on me this year in every area—but especially in peace and gentleness. Those two have been

feeling a bit lacking lately. Matthew 7:16-20, Galatians 5:22-23

Love ya,

- Matt Neufeld

Coming Events

Here are some events you won't want to miss:

Aug 10 Community Worship Service

- 10 am - Harvest Festival Main Stage
- NO services at Grace Church
- More details on page 3

Aug 14 Ladies Breakfast

- 9:00 am at Buttercup Café
- All ladies are welcome

Aug 18 Annual Grace Pool Party

- 7-9 pm at the Winkler Aquatic Center
- Free Event
- Bring your friends!

Help stacking chairs

We are getting the church floors professionally cleaned and polished next week. All chairs, tables and other furniture needs to be stacked and put away as much as possible. (Includes, Sunday school wing and fellowship hall). We would appreciate some help to make this happen. Garth will be leading volunteers Sunday after the service.

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 primary grades
- 2 teachers for high school

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

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Jodi- jodimwiebe@gmail.com

Congratulations

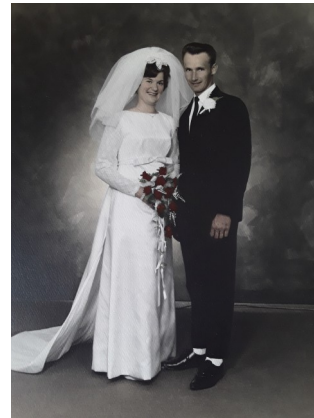
4 couples celebrated their 57 year wedding anniversaries this month! Congratulations to Abe & Hilda Froese, Peter & Mary Ann Sawatzky, Gordon & June Wiebe and Neil & Ellie Reimer.



Abe & Hilda Froese



Neil & Ellie Reimer



Peter & Mary Ann
Sawatzky



Gordon & June Wiebe

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

BTHC: Marian Harder

Notre Dame: Irene Hildebrand

In Salem Home: Helen Loeppky
Elva Hildebrand
Agnes Giesbrecht

Staff Holidays

- Pastor Tim will be out of the office until August 11 on holidays.
- Wendy will be out of the office until August 11 on holidays. She'll respond to any messages when she returns.

welcome
little one

We are thankful for the safe arrival of Bowen Jax, born to Chelsea and Rylan Price on July 21. He weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces and 22 inches long! Proud grandparents are Robert and Janice Gerbrandt.



Fundraiser Lunch

Hi Grace Church Family!

Our names are Ariana Dueck, Abigail Peters, and Brooklyn Klassen. We want to invite YOU to a lunch and silent auction fundraiser we are hosting on September 7, 2025, in the fellowship hall after the morning service, to raise funds to attend Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Kona, Hawaii.

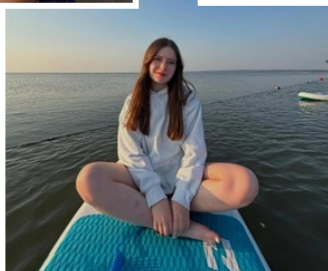
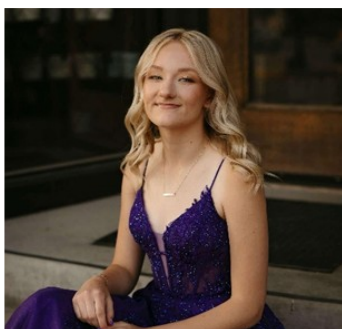
YWAM is a global, international mission movement, committed to training Christians to know God and make Him known worldwide.

We will be participating in a six-month Discipleship Training School (DTS) called Youth Movement. The Youth Movement Course will equip us to lead, serve, and impact globally. It will also allow us to grow in the leadership we previously learned through Grace Youth and Leadership Essentials.

We will develop the ability to share the Gospel effectively as well as grow in worship and relationship with Christ. We will then use this training to go out and serve through mission work in various countries.

The funds we raise, will assist in covering training costs and supporting outreach missions.

We appreciate your support and prayer for us in the time leading up to our departure. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to us!!



PEACE TREK 2025

16 August, 2025



Start: Hespeler Park, Niverville MB
End: Mennonite Heritage Village, Steinbach MB

CYCLE OR DONATE
TO SUPPORT MHV
AND LOCAL MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES

REGISTER NOW
edenhealthcare.ca/peace-trek



HARVEST FESTIVAL Community Worship



Message by
Pierre Gilbert, PhD
Apologetics Canada

**“Living the Truth
in an Age of Darkness”**
1 John 2:6

10 am, August 10
Harvest Festival Main Stage

After expenses the morning's offering will be divided between:
HANDS (Hope for All Nations Development and Sustainability)
and Pembina Counselling Center

Please bring Non-Perishable Food Items for the Winkler Food Cupboard

Make cheques payable to “Winkler EMMC”