

g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



from the Lead Team

Today is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. These are words of the psalmist David.

As we look back on our past year, we have had lots of days given to us: to rejoice and be glad in it. If your reading this letter, then you've been given another day as a gift from God, our creator and sustainer.

Each day gives us another opportunity to show love, mercy and grace to ourselves, our families, coworkers and others we run into and to bring glory to God.

How are we going to use each day as a gift? How will we bless and impact others?

It's so easy to take each day and the people around us for granted.

Life is fragile and I was reminded of that this past week.

Paul reminds us that we are destined for another reality as he states in 2 Cor 4:16 that though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal weight of glory"

How do we respond?

Psalm 90:12- gives us good insight. "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Each day is a gift. May we enjoy it and make the most of our time here on earth.

- Pastor Tim

mark your calendars

Here are some things to note:

Christmas Eve

- Offices will close at noon
- Service begins at 6:00 pm
 - Time of Fellowship after the service

Christmas Day

- Offices will be closed
- No service

Boxing Day

- Offices will be closed

Potluck Lunch & Sharing

- Sunday, January 4th following the service
- Everyone bring a hot dish
- Last names A-M
 - Bring a dessert
 - Help clean up after the meal
- Last names N-Z
 - Bring a salad
 - Help set up before the service (10 am)
- Grace Church celebrates 65 years in 2026! We'll have a time of sharing what Grace means to you.



cookies for Christmas

After the Christmas Eve service we will have a time of fellowship and snacks. We need a few people willing to bring cookies. If you'd like to contribute, please contact Wendy.



grace youth

Christmas Parties

What a fantastic way to end 2025! We had so much fun at our Christmas parties, thank you to all who came and dressed up, there were SO many incredible costumes!

The Next 2 Weeks

There will be no youth for the next two weeks.

Next Youth Nights:

- Jr. Youth - Jan. 5th
- Sr. Youth - Jan. 7th

Upcoming / Youth Retreat Dates

Jr. Youth

Jan. 5 - Regular Youth Night

Jan. 12 - Regular Youth Night

Feb. 13-15 - Jr. Youth Retreat - Winkler Bible Camp

Sr. Youth

Jan. 7 - Regular Youth Night

Jan. 12 - Regular Youth Night

Jan. 30-Feb.1 - Sr. Youth Retreat - Camp Cedarwood

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

Blessings,
Pastor Brad

coffee fellowship

We are looking for a couple more people to help out with our Sunday morning coffee fellowship.



Responsibilities include coming early to make coffee, providing snacks, and cleaning up. Frequency is about once every 4-5 weeks. If you are interested, please talk to Wendy

year end giving

All donations must be received by noon on December 31st to be included on your 2025 donation receipt.

Receipts will be issued in January to your email.

usher needed

We need an usher to help out on one of our usher teams. If you'd like to serve as an usher or have questions, please talk to Loni Derksen or Wendy.

sunday school

A special thank you to each child who participated in the Sunday School Christmas program! What a blessing it was to be able to minister to our church family in this way.

Just a reminder that there is no Sunday School on December 21st or the 28th. We will see you in New Year as we start up again on January 4th!



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
- Dennis Wiebe
- Marie Brown
- Marilyn Hildebrand
- Alexander Sauer
- Allan Derksen
- Leo Braun

Notre Dame: Irene Hildebrand

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

In Palliative Care: Tom Hesom

Witness Update

Update for the Last of the Surplus

Before I, (Renee), share the details for the surplus, I want to say thank you to all of you who faithfully give so that we, as a church, can bless others.

- Pembina Valley Bible Camp - \$8 000 - towards barn project or utility vehicle
- Winkler Bible Camp - \$8 000 - paying off the new bathrooms
- Medical Ambassador - \$3 000 - this is towards the needs of Gordon's trainers
- Central Station - \$2 000 - on-going ministry
- The Bunker - \$3 000 - replacement of games & electronics
- Children of Hope - \$3 000 - building materials for the February team
- Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Center - \$2,000 - help for year end
- Gifts to our missionaries - \$2 082

UGM Sandwich Ministry received the remaining amount of \$1 261. With this money Grace Church will purchase 10 turkeys needed for their Christmas Banquet for the homeless. The leftover amount will be add to the regular operating account for the purchase of meat and filling for next year's sandwiches.

Thank you again for your faithful giving!



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