

g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



From the Pastor

When I was a kid, I remember going to my grandparents' house, and they had a movie called *The Lone Ranger*. If you are unfamiliar with it, it is an old western movie about how a group of Texas Rangers are ambushed, and only one Ranger survives and becomes *The Lone Ranger* who brings justice wherever he travels. If you have heard the term "they are a Lone Ranger," it comes from here. When the term is used, it often means that an individual is working alone, doesn't want any help and has a cause they are chasing after.

It seems as though this is often how we as Christians in the church behave. We feel as though we have a passion or a cause we would like to see accomplished, so we set off to see it done. After a while, we get worn out, confused or frustrated when we don't see the results we were hoping for. Despite our best efforts, we fall short and are discouraged. We begin to ask big questions: Was this passion or cause wrong? Did God not call me to this? Does this not help others? Why am I falling short? Why is no one helping me? In reality, we may have "Lone Rangered" it.

When we read scripture, we see the exact opposite. We see Jesus calling twelve very different people to come alongside Him in His mission, to help, see, learn, and then carry on. We see Paul partnering with the church in Jerusalem and being sent out from them. Going with people like Barnabas and then raising up other leaders like Timothy. Continuously building others up and calling people to live in community with one another. One thing they all recognize is that they are a part of a body of believers (1 Cor. 12:12-27). We are not to go alone; in fact, we need each other. Not just for the work that we want to see done but in our day-to-day lives. We need each

other for encouragement when we struggle, to hold each other accountable, friendship, and to push each other towards Christ.

The thing with *The Lone Ranger* was, he wasn't alone. He had a partner named Tonto and he continuously partnered with local authorities. Even the *Lone Ranger* didn't go it alone, so let's not go alone either; get plugged in and find people to go with you as you follow Christ.

- Pastor Brad Harms

SENIOR'S SUPPER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 @ 5 PM

All Seniors (55+) are welcome!

From the Administrator's Desk:

2024 Donation Receipts

- Emailed out last week. Check your spam folder if you have not received it.
- If you don't have email, your receipt will either be in your church mailbox or has been mailed.
- Contact the office if you require a printed copy or you have not received your receipt by the end of next week.

Annual Report Book

- The annual report book has been emailed
- Printed copies are available by request or at the Welcome Desk.

GRACE YOUTH

Youth Update:

This Last Week

I (Brad) have been battling a chest cold this week, so it was really cool to see different people step up and lead/speak at youth this week.

Jr. Youth

Kenna Friesen did an amazing job walking us through Colossians Ch. 3, looking at how we have been raised up with Christ, so we are to put away the things that we used to do and put on the things he has called us to!

Sr. Youth

We had Capenwray Harbor from Thetis Island come out and do a presentation about their school and the work that God is doing there. They also shared a testimony/devotional about how we are called into a relationship with God and not into religion. It is when we experience the relationship that our lives are transformed.

This Week

Jr. Youth - No Youth - Louis Riel Day (Feb. 17)

Sr. Youth - Regular Youth Night (Feb. 19)
- Book Study - Ruth 4:1-12 (Bring your Bibles!)
- Leadership Essentials - Session 4

Upcoming

Jr. Youth

Feb. 24 - Small Group Night
March 3 - Regular Youth Night
March 10 - Regular Youth Night

Sr. Youth

Feb. 26 - Small Groups
March 5 - Regular Youth Night | Leadership Essentials
- PVBC Presentation
March 12 - Regular Youth Night

Blessings,
Pastor Brad

Prayer and Praise

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

At Home:

- Marie Klassen
- Katherine Krahn
- Anne Enns
- Margaret Ayala
- Linda Jenkins
- Irene Hildebrand
- Gladys Wiebe
- Dennis Wiebe
- Alexander Sauer
- Agnes Giesbrecht
- Marie Brown
- Marilyn Hildebrand
- Marian Harder
- Allan Derksen
- Helene Kuhl
- Walter Siemens
- Bill Zacharias
- Linda Hiebert

In Swan Lake: Elva Hildebrand
Helen Loepky

Community Parent Equipping Night
March 14, 7-9pm
at Gospel Mission Church Winkler

Wise Parenting in a Digital World

Our kids are growing up in a categorically different world than the one we experienced as children. We had digital technology in our world...they live in a world of digital technology. For some of us, we remember a time before a "personal computer". Almost all of them have computers in their pockets that are becoming more and more personal. This seminar will help us think through practical ways we can parent our kids to follow Jesus in this digital world.

Guest Speaker Sid Koop from Youth Worker Community

Cost is FREE!

Witness Ministries

Prayer Request

Please pray for the team going with Children of Hope to Esperanza para Ti. There are 11 individuals from Winkler including James Klassen & Sam Klassen from our church. The team left Thursday, February 13 and will arrive home on Sunday February 23rd. Please pray for their travel, good health while they are down there, safety, and that they will have a positive impact on the children at the Orphanage.

Missions Trip Opportunity

Kenny & Brittany Beacham are busy preparing for MK CAMP 2025 in Croatia. They are still looking for **two female leaders and one male leader** to serve in a **cabin/program leader** role. (must be 18+) There are 2 weeks of camp beginning June 30 - July 12 with a couple days of leadership training before camp. This camp is for English speaking students ages 11-13 & 14-16. If this is something that interests you please contact Renee Klassen at rjklass@gmail.com or 204-325-5029 for more details and contact information for the Beacham's. Please PRAY that these roles would be filled and for the camp planning in general.

Grace Events

MOM's Night

February 20 - 8 pm
at Buttercup Cafe



An evening of fellowship for young mom's.

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact Michelle Reimer so we can make the appropriate reservation.

GRACE CHURCH ANNUAL

ICE SKATING Party

Enjoy a free afternoon of skating and fun. Bring snacks to share and board games if you don't want to skate.

MARCH 2, 2025 | 1:45-3:45 PM
PLUM COULEE ARENA

Men's Breakfast

FOOD x FAITH x FELLOWSHIP

Wednesdays @ 7 am
Smitty's Lounge

GRACE MENNONITE CHURCH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Everyone is encouraged to attend

Coffee & Donuts will be served

MARCH 6, 2025
at 7:00 pm

Community Events



WINKLER BIBLE CAMP / Fundraising Event

WINTER CARNIVAL

FEBRUARY 17 12-5PM

Winter Activities!

\$5/person

- Free hotdog per person included
- Additional food available for purchase

For more information, visit www.winklerbiblecamp.com



steps in hope

Healing Our Pregnancy Experiences

Steps in HOPE is a support group for women longing to find healing and peace after miscarriage or stillbirth.

Sessions focus on sharing your experience with other women, learning to cope, cycles of grief, self care, honouring your difficult journey & creating a keepsake.

* Steps in HOPE is facilitated with a licensed therapist *

Tuesday evenings
February 11 - March 18, 2025

Contact us before February 7 to register for this free & confidential support group.

P: 204-325-7900
E: stepsinhope@gmail.com

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THE Jesus CONFERENCE

TO KNOW CHRIST AND LOVE HIM MORE.

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with **Daren Redekopp**
Speaker, Teacher and Writer
Winkler, MB

February 21-22, 2025
Winkler Bible Camp - Chapel
16037 Highway #3, Winkler, MB

Sponsored by SBC and several Winkler-area congregations.

Do you want to go deeper in your pursuit to know Jesus? The Jesus Conference is for you! From Friday, February 21 to Saturday, February 22, Daren Redekopp—writer, speaker, and Grace Church member—will be giving four sessions at Winkler Bible Camp, sponsored by Steinbach Bible College and the Winkler area churches. The cost is \$25, and includes Saturday lunch. Come and press on toward the upward call of Christ!




Pregnancy Care Centre PRESENTS

Reel Life

An informal night of snacks, films & short presentations

FEB 23	Christian Life Centre Morden @ 7pm	FILM TOPICS INCLUDE: • Pregnancy • Parenting • Tough choices • Adoption • Loss Due to the sensitive nature of these topics, parents should consider what is age-appropriate for their children.
MAR 9	Harvest Christian Fellowship Plum Coulee @ 7pm	
MAR 23	Cornerstone Church Winkler @ 7pm	

Free Event with donation opportunities available

officepvpc@gmail.com | 204-325-7900



Salem Home

Salem Ladies Auxiliary present
first ever and maybe first annual

CROKINOLE TOURNAMENT

Fundraising for Benches for Salem Park

ALL AGES WELCOME

Thursday, March 6, 2025-6:30 PM
165 15th Street, Winkler, MB R6W 1T8 204-325-4316

To Register: Drop in At Salem Home or Email:
salemfoundation@salemhome.ca

\$5/person Registration fee
DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 26
Prize for winning team
Snacks & Coffee, by Donation



SBC Dessert Night Fundraiser

Dessert - Music - Project Update

March 22, 2025
7pm - 9pm
St. Vital EMC Church
RSVP by March 1, 2025
Phone: 204-256-9480 or Email: secretary@svemc.org