

# g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



## From the Lead Team

In our last Grace newsletter, Derek did a great job of inviting us to consider our identities and our daily work as a form of worship. We were reminded to use each moment given to us as an opportunity to honour and worship our Lord. It got me wondering about how many such opportunities I've missed along the way. It also got me thinking about how many 'moments' in our lives begin with a welcome.

In Matthew 25, we get a glimpse into what it looks like to serve Jesus well in our lifetime. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me (v. 35). Along with providing for those in need, Jesus, who one day will return in glory as King, tells us that welcoming others is very important to Him. Jesus goes on to emphasize that when we're welcoming "the least of these my brothers," we're actually welcoming Him (v. 40) and the Heavenly Father who sent Him. (Matthew 10:40)

Everyone has a longing to belong. I can remember moments in my life when I did not feel welcomed, and more sadly, when I didn't welcome others. The Apostle Paul tells us that accepting one another, as Christ has accepted us, is a way of praising God. (Romans 15:7) By extending a welcome to others, we're honouring and worshipping our Lord! The invitation to Kingdom living begins with a "welcome here," which is why our Sunday morning welcome teams play such a vital role in our church. Lately, I feel newly challenged to show more kindness and to heed Jesus' words about welcoming the strangers in our midst. (Hebrews 13:2)

We can use our moments each day to welcome

others, until one day, when Jesus will welcome us into His Kingdom, our true and final home. (Matthew 25:34)

- Dave Hildebrand

## 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:

- Preparations for our upcoming AGM on March 6.
- God has been blessing us--prayers for discernment and vision as we seek God's will in how to use our financial blessings to further God's work in our church and beyond.
- Guidance as we seek to fill positions on our Lead Team, as Lead Team members complete their time of service.
- Spiritual strength and wisdom for Pastor Tim and Pastor Brad, as they encourage and walk alongside our families and those facing serious challenges and health concerns.
- Pastor Sean, as he takes time for family, study, and renewal.

## Office Holiday Coverage

Wendy is looking for someone willing to take care of the office duties when she is on holidays. Some administrative experience would be helpful, but she's willing to train. If you are interested or want more information talk to Wendy.

# GRACE YOUTH

## Youth Update:

Jr. Youth Started a book series, going through the book of Colossians! Looking at some of the context and Chapters 1&2. What an amazing time seeing Jesus' supremacy, how He is the image of the invisible God and the creator and sustainer of all things. We also were encouraged to remain grounded in our faith at all times!

Sr. Youth, We are going through the book of Ruth! We have been seeing how God loves the poor, widowed, and foreigners. How He made built-in systems to look after them in the OT law. How Ruth and Naomi benefited from this system because of Boaz's character. Boaz not only follows the law but understands the spirit of it, then goes above and beyond to bless Ruth and Naomi, how this is a reflection of Jesus's love for us, going above and beyond in His love for us.

Sr. Winter Retreat this weekend!

We are going to Camp Cedarwood, where Randy Krahn from SBC will be speaking to us about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus! Please pray for us as we take intentional time with God that we will have eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to understand.

## Upcoming

### Jr. Youth

Feb. 3 - No Youth - P.D. Day  
Feb. 10 - Regular Youth Night  
Feb. 17 - No Youth - Louis Riel Day

### Sr. Youth

Feb. 5 - Regular Youth Night | Leadership Essentials  
Feb. 12 - Regular Youth Night  
Feb. 19 - To Be Determined | Leadership Essentials

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

## Sunday School

It feels so good to be reconnecting as a Sunday School again after Christmas. It's hard to believe January is over! Last Sunday we ended our giving project towards Esperanza Orphanage in Mexico. We were able to collect \$878.15 and pray that this will be able to bless them in some way! Our collection will now go towards Winkler Bible Camp.

The Sunday School Team

Ashley Fehr- [ashleyfehr89@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyfehr89@gmail.com)

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

## Young Adults Bible Study

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm - James & Renee's.**

We will be starting a study on Jonah, so read chapter 1 beforehand, write down any questions or thoughts that come to mind.

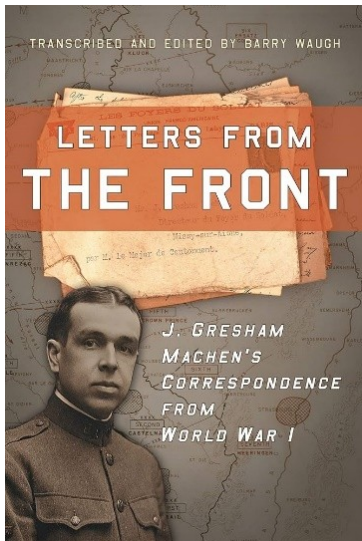
To be part of the WhatsApp chat that keeps you informed of upcoming events, contact Mel Friesen.

# From the Library

We have purchased several new fiction and non-fiction books for all ages!

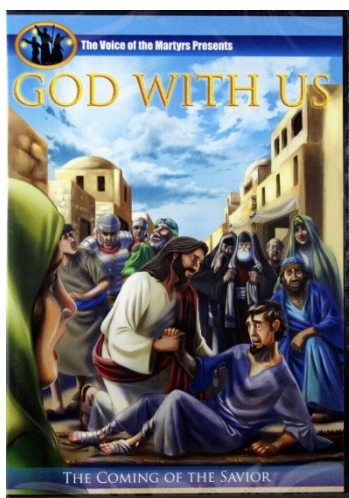
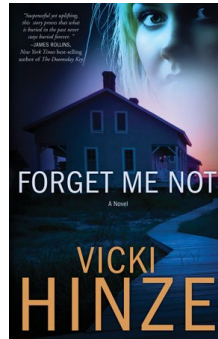
Come check them out!

## Some of our new purchases:

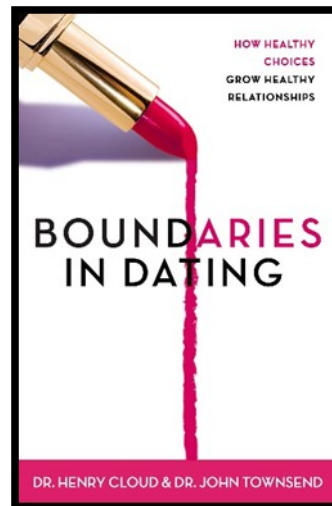


Never before published, here is a glimpse into the formative years of a great campaigner for the faith . . . and a stirring example of how the faith of a seminary professor was refined and strengthened through the trials of war.

### CROSSROADS CRISIS CENTER SERIES



The Voice of the Martyrs DVDs  
The dramatic retelling of the life of Jesus Christ as seen through the eyes of the last surviving apostle, John.



Helping you bridge the pitfalls of dating, Drs. Cloud and Townsend share their practical advice for adding healthy boundaries to your dating life.

The library is open every Sunday from 10:15-10:45.  
A sign-out sheet is available if you come after hours.





# Witness Ministries



Ownership Meeting for Information & Discussion  
February 20 - 7:00pm

Discussion Topic: admission process after elevator renovation and hiring process

As an owner church, we are encouraged to have representatives at this meeting. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office to register as a delegate by February 12.

# Grace Events

**February 9 - Communion Service**

**February 9 - Potluck Lunch following the service**

What to bring:

- Everyone bring a hot dish
- A-M (last name) bring a salad
- N-Z bring a dessert

We're asking those in group N-Z to help with clean-up after the meal.

# Community Events

A PVBC Fundraising Event

## Valley-Tines Date Night

with guest speaker Terry Duck

Thursday, February 13th & Friday, February 14th  
at Pembina Valley Bible Camp

DOORS OPEN @ 6:00PM DINNER & PROGRAM 6:30-9:00PM

Tickets \$25 - Free will offering will be taken

For tickets, please contact our office @ 204-246-2008 or purchase at Winkler or Morden Co-op food stores.

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

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 life's 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.

Ph: 204-325-7900 | pregnancycare@pvcpc.com  
E: stepsinhope@gmail.com | PVPregnancy Care Centre

PregnancyCare Centre presents

## Reel Life

An informal night of snacks, films & short presentations

FEB 23 Christian Life Centre Morden @ 7pm  
MAR 9 Harvest Christian Fellowship Plum Coulee @ 7pm  
MAR 23 Cornerstone Church Winkler @ 7pm

FILM TOPICS INCLUDE:  
- Pregnancy  
- Bereavement  
- Tough Choices  
- Adoption  
- Loss

Due to the sensitive nature of these topics, parents should consider what is appropriate for their children.

Free Event with donation opportunities available  
office@pvcpc.com | 204-325-7900

\$25 Saturday Lunch Provided

## THE Jesus CONFERENCE

TO KNOW CHRIST AND LOVE HIM MORE.

HE BELONGS TO US,  
AND HE BELONGS TO THE FATHER,  
SO HE GAVE HIMSELF FOR US,  
SO WE COULD BELONG TO HIM.

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

with Daren Redekopp, BDV  
Speaker, Teacher and Writer - Winkler, MB

Scan the QR Code to Register or visit us online at www.SBCollege.ca/events for more information

Steinbach Bible College

The "Jesus Conference" is sponsored by SBC and several Winkler-area congregations.

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](http://www.winklerbiblecamp.com)