

g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



from the Lead Team

Over the last month I have spent much of my time away from home, traveling for work and then spending the later part of the month taking in some vacation time with Cynthia. I love traveling and seeing new places, meeting new people and experiencing cultures that are unique to me. Often while on vacation we meet new people. My wife has this ability to attract people and engage with them, then before you know it, we are getting into intimate details about their families and histories, struggles, and challenges which shocks me every time it happens. These are basically strangers seeking advise for their lives from us. Having had this experience on several occasions it is obvious to me that God is putting people into our lives for a reason, but who are we? Why us? While many of these vacation encounters are "one and done", we have also stayed in contact with a few of these folks over the years watching their families grow and, hopefully through our interactions, impacting them positively through our example.

We are the "hands and feet of Jesus" and I believe that one of the most impactful ways we do this is through intentional relationships specifically through mentorship. Many people are often reluctant to take on any kind of leadership or mentorship role because they believe they have very little to share or that others are likely better at it. It has been my experience though that God puts people or opportunities into your life specifically so that we can share our knowledge and experience, whatever that is. God is blessing us with an opportunity to model what Loving God and Loving Others looks like, and it is up to us to be bold and embrace those opportunities when they present themselves.

Who should you mentor – well chances are these people are likely already in your life. You may not see it as mentorship relationship, but they are already listening and now it is just up to us to be more intentional about modeling our faith to them and

talking about more than just the weather. It may be a "chance" encounter while on vacation or maybe a co-worker. It could be a neighbor or someone in our church. It may even be a nudging to explore a leadership role within our church.

I am too young or inexperienced to mentor anyone - there are no restrictions on intentional mentoring relationships. It is true that scripture does speak to the old teaching the young however I don't believe God only calls a certain demographic to engage in mentoring relationships. No matter our age I think we are called to both mentor someone and be mentored by someone learning and growing with each other in community which is a very foundational purpose of our church community/family.

It is not difficult to look around at our world now and see how easily people are influenced by desires and as a result are held captive by Satan, searching for purpose and belonging. We are called not to be conformed by the world, instead we are called to be faithful witnesses and proclaim the gospel. We all have the ability to model Christian love and provide a different type of influence. All of us have been gifted by the Holy Spirit to serve and lead in different capacities. True mentorship or leadership like a "servants' heart" leading with humility and sincerity just as Jesus did. Who is in your life that you could be more intentional about mentoring and modeling God's Love?

Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

- Derek Hiebert

For the comfort of all who attend,
please remember that Grace is
a **fragrance-free** facility



grace youth

As we head into the Easter season, we've been working through a series called *Jesus On Trial* — examining the charges brought against Jesus at His trial that ultimately led to His crucifixion and resurrection.

We began by looking at the charge the Jewish leaders had against Him: that Jesus claimed to be God. This past week, we turned our attention to Jesus as King. Because the Jewish leaders couldn't convince Pilate to crucify someone simply for a religious claim, they reframed the charge — presenting Jesus before Pilate as someone who sought to be King of the Jews, making it a political threat rather than a religious one.

This Coming Week!

- Jr. Youth - March 16 - Regular Youth Night
 - Topic - Jesus on Trial Pt3
 - Bring Your Bibles
- Sr. Youth March 18 - Regular Youth Night
 - Topic - Jesus on Trial Pt3
 - Bring Your Bibles

Upcoming

- Jr. Youth
 - March 23 - Small Group Night
 - March 30 - NO YOUTH - Spring Break
 - April 6 - Regular Youth Night
- Sr. Youth
 - March 25 - Small Groups Night
 - April 1 - NO YOUTH - Spring Break
 - April 8 - Regular Youth Night

If you have any questions, please ask!

- Pastor Brad

sunday school

Mark your calendars:

There will be no Sunday School on March 29th and April 5th (Spring Break).

Sunday School Superintendents,
Ashley Fehr & Jodi Wiebe

partnership Focus

Mission Night with Jason Friesen Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 pm



This is a special evening where Jason will be sharing an in-depth overview of the work he does with *D'Friesens Music & More*. He will go over things like who they minister to, why Low German is such a needed ministry field, what a typical day looks like at work, what a missions trip is like, and sharing some stories and photos. He is most looking forward to singing several songs from his upcoming Low German album! (Don't worry, he has translated one of them into English too). There will also be a Q&A time for anything else you are curious about; **coffee and snacks** will be provided.

Several people have asked what Low German ministry looks like - especially since Mennonites come from deeply faith based roots. So he's really excited to share about his experiences over the years, specifically with *Colony Mennonites*, and hopefully clarify how much these people need the Gospel in a language they can truly understand.



Everyone is invited to come to a special coffee fellowship Easter morning.

If you'd like to help out by providing muffins or paska, please sign up at the Welcome Desk or talk to Wendy.

Prayer and Praise

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

At Home:

- Linda Hiebert
- Gladys Wiebe
- Marilyn Hildebrand
- Helene Kuhl
- Linda Jenkins
- Florence Dyck
- Melissa (Friesen) Tunu
- Dennis Wiebe
- Marie Brown
- Alexander Sauer
- Allan Derksen
- Leo Braun
- Abdul Tunu

Notre Dame: Irene Hildebrand

In Boundary Trails: Rosanna Krahn

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

Pride Event Response

The Lead Team has been fielding questions about how we are going to respond to the coming Pride event in June. We have made a pastoral statement to the congregation that you can access on the secure members area of our website where the Directory is found. You can contact Wendy for the password if needed.

Prayer & Hymn Night

Thursday, March 26th
 7:30 pm

Everyone is welcome to come out for an evening of prayer and hymn sing



community events

Friday, March 20

Lunch @ 11:30-1:00 Pre order is required

Supper @ 4:30-6:30 Pre order is strongly suggested

PREORDER:
 204.325.7900
 registerforthisevent@gmail.com

Pembina Threshermens Museum

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Easter Service & Meal

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH:
 PRAYER
 SETUP AND CLEAN UP
 SERVE FOOD
 CONNECT WITH GUESTS

320 PRINCESS ST
SATURDAY, APRIL 4
 Contact Munya to sign up
 volunteer@gospelmission.ca
 204-943-9904 EXT. 224

You're invited to a free concert with The Fehr Family Band!

A family of thirteen is touring Canada with harmonies celebrating the joy of knowing Jesus.

Friday, March 27th at 7pm Emmanuel Mennonite Church - 750 Fifteenth Street, Winkler
 or come join us for supper at our banquet in Winnipeg on Saturday, March 28th at 6pm
 (RSVP by March 16 - <https://www.genrising.org/events>)

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