

g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



From the Lead Team

Our Identity as Worship

I have a "Dad-Joke of the day" calendar on my desk in my office which usually produces a chuckle or a groan from my coworkers who come by my office. A recent joke was "How do you identify a dogwood tree? – By its bark!" Which I admit is likely not the best one in the batch but it did give me pause to think about who I am and how people "identify" me. **John 1:12-13:** "People are given a new identity as a child of God."

I have tried to be intentional over my working career with giving my work over to Christ as a form of worship. While I don't feel I have been called to be a Pastor, or a missionary, etc I always felt that I could honour God in my job as a form of worship. Being self aware enough to know that all of my words and actions inform people of who I am and who I choose to be. My "bark" if we call it that, needs to inform people that I am a child of God and I am choosing to follow the path that he has set for me. **Psalms 37:23:** "The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him"

Measuring my actions and my words so that they honour our Lord was the way that I could worship Him during my day. Everything I do should be done as a form of worship not just a couple hours Sunday morning. So did that conversation you had over coffee honour Him? Were you able to navigate a work situation in a way that reflects Christ's love? Did you honour him with your screen time or social media posts? Do we see every task we perform, every conversation and thought we have over the course of our day, as an act of God honouring worship? If I am honest I feel convicted as I say these words as I know I

have room for improvement and He is helping to shape me into a creation in His own image, for the purpose of good works. **Ephesians 2:10:** "People are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works."

So my challenge is to remember to use each moment as an opportunity to worship our Lord. Humbly and willingly giving those moments to Him as worship.

- Derek Hiebert



Grace Events

January 21 at 5pm - Senior's Supper

All senior's (55+) are welcome.

January 22 at 10am - Coffee with Tim

Everyone is welcome to join Pastor Tim for coffee and snacks in our fellowship hall

January 24 at 7pm - Young Adult Bible Study

at Walter & Mel's

February 2 - 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.

GRACE YOUTH

Last week was a great week!

Jr. Youth went bowling and mini-golfing at VB's, where we had a tonne of fun hanging out, laughing, and cheering each other on!

Sr. Youth had their second session of Leadership Essentials, where we looked at building out character and saw how Paul was an example to us, how we are all in need of mentors in our lives and were challenged to find people to mentor us.

We launched into a study of the book of Ruth! We started off by looking at the context in which Ruth is set and the first part of Chapter 1.

Upcoming

Jr. Youth

- Jan. 20 - Regular Youth Night
- Jan. 27 - Regular Youth Night
- Feb. 3 - No Youth - P.D. Day

Sr. Youth

- Jan. 22 - Regular Youth Night
- Jan. 29 - Regular Youth Night
- Jan. 31-Feb. 2 - Winter Retreat!**

- Where: Camp Cedarwood
- Info: At the Welcome desk at the back
- Questions: youth@gracechurchwinkler.com
- **Deadline: Jan. 22**

As always, if you have any questions, please ask :)
Email brad@gracechurchwinkler.com.

Blessings, Pastor Brad

Baby Dedication



We are planning a baby dedication service for sometime in March. If you would like to be a part of this service please contact Pastor Tim at tim@gracechurchwinkler.com.

Witness Ministries

Prayer Warriors & Mission Supporters Unite!

Here is a special invitation from Gordon & Jarna to join them for a time of prayer Wednesday January 22. Everyone is welcome!



Dear friends & partners in showing God's love to the people of South Asia. Can you free up 30 to 50 minutes, however much you can, **January 22nd**, Wed, to join us via Zoom for focused prayers for the CHE ministry servants in South Asia?

This year on our "Annual Worldwide Day of Prayer" each of us Medical Ambassadors International CHE Regional Coordinators will host a 50 minute Zoom informational and prayer session on our area.

South Asia's time is 10 am Pacific / * 12 noon Central*.

Zoom Link: (copy and paste this link in your browser, to join).

<https://zoom.us/j/98850948958?pwd=gauygzEtGQy4M9bAywkgbedrj6T3oi.1>

Or if you have a Zoom account, here are the:

Meeting ID: 988 5094 8958 / Passcode: WWDP2025

If you would like to join but have never participated in a Zoom conference call, please write and I'll try to help get you set up.

It would be wonderful to see you on the 22nd!

With our appreciation for your partnership,
Gordon & Yarna

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

In Swan Lake: Elva Hildebrand
Helen Loepky