

g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



From the Lead Team

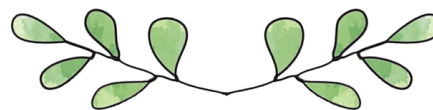
How do we find true peace right now in this modern world? We are overwhelmed with technology, constantly scrolling through our emails and instant messages. We work constantly, eyes glued to our phones expecting immediate action and responses. I believe technology has played a significant role in distracting us from attaining the peace that God has for us. The instantaneous communication that technology gives us seems to drive an expectation of urgency by everyone around us and the expectations we put on ourselves. While I feel called to be involved in many things this kind of urgency seems to create the expectation that I can always add just one more "little" thing. Constantly trying to satisfy or please others in their urgent needs and requests sacrificing time in areas of my life. I feel stretched thinner and thinner while peace seems to move further and further away.

In looking at Jesus example I believe the way I am going to get back to that peace is to find the right boundaries. In Mark 1:35-39 Simon, who went out to find Jesus said, "everyone is looking for you." and instead of coming back to heal the blind and the cripple He said, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out."

In order to find those right boundaries, I need to listen to God. Jesus knew exactly what he was about because he prioritized time alone to pray and listen to the Father, which was a habit and rhythm of his life. If Jesus filled his time with all of the urgencies like healing people, he would have not been able to fulfill the most important

ministry in the world. Too many of us I believe, have created a rhythm around our technology which drives us to the urgencies of filling our time with busy work instead of prioritizing time with Him and finding the peace in our own calling that will energize us and allow us to serve Him in the way that He desires.

- Derek Hiebert



Greeters Needed

We are currently looking for a few more individuals or couples to be part of our Welcome Team. The commitment is only once every 6-8 weeks. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Wendy or Pastor Tim.

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Youth



Spring is upon us and we are so excited about what is coming up! There are a number of things that are in the works for his spring and we can't wait to share them all with you!

If you have Youth and would like to receive more details on what is happening with Youth, email youth@gracechurchwinkler.com and we'll get you on the email chain of what is happening in more detail!

Up-coming 3 weeks:

Jr. Youth

April 17 - Final Testimony Night

April 24 - Town Clean Up

May 1 - Small Group Night

Sr. Youth

April 19 - Worship Night

April 26 - Town Clean Up

May 3 - Small Group Night

Sunday School

We are excited for our next tithing project! We are going to be collecting money for Winkler Bible Camp to buy some new equipment. Have you ever heard of a corcl?? Take a look at the picture below. Looks like a fun way to enjoy some time on the lake! A number of our students attend there in the summer, so we are thankful we can support this ministry!



Prayer and Praise

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

- Marie Klassen
- Katherine Krahn
- Marie Brown
- Anne Enns
- Marilyn Hildebrand
- Abe Hildebrand
- Helen Gerbrand
- Marian Harder
- Agnes Giesbrecht
- Guenter Strempler
- Henry Hiebert
- Margaret Ayala
- Linda Jenkins
- Dennis Wiebe
- Irene Hildebrand

Pray for Bev Hiebert and her family.

Condolences

We express our sincere condolences to Harv & Helene Thiessen and their family on the passing of Helene's brother, John Zacharias.

We also extend our deepest sympathies to Ed & Barb Rempel and their family on the passing of Barb's brother, Fred Friesen.

May the peace of God comfort you all in this time of loss.



Congratulations to Chris & Rachael Hildebrandt on the birth of their son, Jeremiah Thomas, on March 31st, weighing 7lb 14oz. Rachael will be taking a leave from her ministry at Circle Square Ranch. May God bless you and your family.



Refugee Sponsorship Update

It would be great to share some progress on our refugee sponsorship process, but we remain in a period of complete silence. In mid-February we became aware that the Mulamba family's rental home was sold, and they needed to find another place to live. Unlike Canada, in Uganda three months rent is required in advance. This was an impossibility for the family but through your generosity the money was made available. (Attached is a picture of them standing in front of their new home.)

We've also learnt more about some of the challenges they are facing daily. Work is extremely difficult to find and there is no guarantee that they will get paid for the work they do. Food prices continue to escalate, making it more difficult to purchase basic needs.

Because more money was collected than required to secure their new place, we will now be sending \$200.00 per month to help with basic living. That will cover about half of their required monthly needs. If the family hasn't arrived by Fall, another request for support will be sent to the Grace Church community.



In the meantime, prayer for their continued protection and health is appreciated. We are hopeful that one day soon we'll get an email telling us when they will be able to relocate to Winkler. We know this is in God's hands.

Father: Jonathana Mulamba
Mother: Mulikanwa Mukamanzi
Brother: Biaise Mulamba
Brother: Jean-De-Dieu Mulamba
Aunt: Alima Matala

Coming Events

SENIOR'S SUPPER
TUESDAY, APRIL 18 @ 5 PM




Pictures and stories from trip to Egypt and Israel



How to Study the Bible Workshop

Understanding the Sun, Moon & Stars (Isaiah 13:10 and others)

Thursday, April 27
7:00 pm



GRACE CAMPING WEEKEND

JUNE 10-11
Plum Coulee Campground

- **Activities will be planned for Saturday and Sunday afternoon**
- **Church service Sunday morning**
- **Lunch provided Sunday**



Details regarding sign up for camping will be announced next week.

Partnership Focus



Hello Grace friends!
Thanks for praying for
and supporting
Pregnancy Care. We

saw over 100 people last year, and the first few months of 2023 have been busy as well. Women like "Jenna" who are struggling to make the ends meet, we have been able to help her with baby items. Or "Kayla" just found out she's pregnant and is totally overwhelmed, not sure what to do. We have the privilege of bringing encouragement, compassion and perspective to these young women. It took much courage for them to reach out. Thanks for being a part of something beautiful in their lives!

With joy,

Linda Marek for the PVPCC Team

Community Events

CENTRAL STATION IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CARING, COMPASSIONATE, PERSONABLE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE TIME DURING THE DAY TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR MUCH NEEDED SERVICES AND CENTRAL STATION PROGRAMMING, USING ONE OF OUR VANS.

☑ THERE ARE WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY OR ON-CALL SHIFTS AVAILABLE.

For more info contact Julie Nikel at

204-325-0257

or email volunteer@winklercentralstation.ca or apply through our website: winklercentralstation.ca



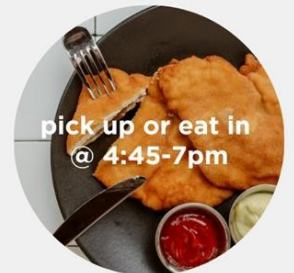
YFC Fish Fry 2023

save the date:
April 21, 2023



Christian Life Center
605 1 St, Morden

pick up or eat in
@ 4:45-7pm



Cookin' for a Cause!



Thank you to our dear friends for making this dinner possible!

Access Credit Union
Winkler Morden Co-op
Thiessen Acres
Creekside Land & Livestock
Valleyfield Acres
Kroeker Farms
Southern Meats

Drive thru Fundraiser
APRIL 27, 2023
@ the Threshermans Museum

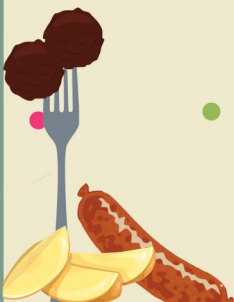
11:30 - 1pm & 4:00pm - 6:30pm

Farmer Sausage, Meatballs,
Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots
& Coleslaw with Fruit Crisp
\$20

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Text 431-775-7710

gifts above ticket prices will receive a charitable tax receipt



Bake Sale for Teya

A bake sale is planned on May 6 at the Winkler Co-op to help Teya Friesen (Derksen) pay for her medical expenses. If you'd like to help contribute baking please contact Evelyn, or drop it off at Co-op that morning. Or come out and purchase some delicious home-baked goods to support this cause.