



From the Pastor

As I sit and enjoy the view of the winter wonderland outside of my office window, I wonder how we have seen God at work in our midst, as a church, in our families, workplaces, and community.

I ponder what we have learned about ourselves, and our faith. Has our faith been stretched? How has each of these moment shaped us?

While its good to reflect back, I am also drawn to wonder what do we anticipate in the coming year? Are we looking forward to a new year? What do we hope God does for us and in us? How do we want to experience God in the present as well in the new year. I am sure we could answer these questions in various ways.

With a posture of reflection, I want to draw our attention to the words found in Deuteronomy 31:8 and John 14:16.

"It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

"And I will ask the father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever."

Israel needed a reminder that God was with them, that he walked with them and had not forsaken them. Today we are given the Holy spirit to journey with us.

Do we need a reminder of that at times? I would encourage us to consider this past year and take note of God's presence. How often did God provide faith, courage, strength, joy, boldness, perseverance, patience, love and answered prayer, etc.

May the words of God, his Spirit and presence as well as our experiences with God propel us forward to walk by faith in this Christmas season and into the new year as we anticipate what God will do in and through us.

- Pastor Tim

Christmas Schedule

Dec 22 10:45am - Sunday School Concert

Dec 24 12:00pm - Office closed
6:00pm - Christmas Eve Service

Dec 25 No services

Dec 26 Office closed

Dec 29 No Sunday School
930am - Coffee Fellowship
10:45am - Sunday Service

Dec 31 Please have donations into the office before noon to be included on your 2024 tax receipt



GRACE YOUTH

We had a great time at our Cowboy Christmas parties this week with both Jr. Youth on Monday and Sr. Youth on Wednesday. Students and leaders have the next 2 weeks off to relax and celebrate Christmas.

- Jr. Youth resumes on January 6 with a small group night.
- Sr Youth resumes on January 8 with a small group night.
- Sr. Youth retreat registration forms are available from the link in the parent email. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Have a VERY Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you in 2025!!

- Pastor Brad

Sunday School

We are excited for this coming Sunday as we get to share the message of our Lord and Saviour. We ask all the kids and teachers to be there as close to 9:30am as possible, so that we can have enough time for our dress rehearsal. Prelude will start at 10:30am with the rest of the service to follow.

The program will be live on our YouTube channel, but will be set to private Monday morning. If you have family that would like to watch, but can't watch it on Sunday, please connect with Wendy in the office to get the password to be able to view it at a later time. We have a slideshow as part of the concert, this will NOT be aired on the livestream.

Reminder:

Dec. 29 & Jan 5- No Sunday School

Jan 12- Welcome back!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

The Sunday School Team

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welcome
little one



Congratulations to Ryan & Ana Hamm on the birth of their son, Colter Ellis, on December 5th. Colter was 6lb 13oz and 20 3/4". And congratulations to Sianna on becoming a big sister!

Prayer and Praise

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

At Home:

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

In Swan Lake: Elva Hildebrand
Helen Loepky

Condolences

It with sadness that we announce the passing of our eldest member, Mary Friesen, who passed away peacefully on December 19th. Funeral services are pending. We rejoice as we know she is privileged to spend this Christmas with Jesus.