



From the Lead Team

Good day Grace Church,

Who is ready for a kickoff? Food, bouncy castles, and great people; do I need to say more? I hope you can make it for Sunday school, coffee hour and worship to our amazing God together followed by enjoying food & fellowship on the grass this Sunday, September 15th!

Personally, I want to take a moment and share, again, how meaningful and powerful it was to know that our Church body was praying for our youth, leaders & the children at Esperanza. It is simply amazing when the power of prayer is over you and the Spirit is at work. Looking back in Mexico, our group had a playbook in hand as follows: Morning devotions, Time in Word, Prayer Time, Workday, Prayer & Eat, Evening time with Kids, Sharing Time, Prayer Time, Bed.

As I review that playbook and came back to Winkler, I started thinking "man I really loved devotion time..." but my bed is really comfy for 20 more mins... so should I jump out of bed and start devotions? Or go back to my car ride connection time in The Word? Should I get out my Bible like in Mexico or open the Bible app up and listen to Scripture and follow along on a phone? Come food time, I'm so thankful for food Lord, but my pantry is overflowing and you have blessed me so much with selections galore, sadly I even throw away excess... somehow feeling "what level of Thankfulness do I have?" Please teach me.

Hope it's ok to share a little personal journey and thoughts with you openly. I humbly ask for prayer as we return; for our Youth back home, getting back into those routines they had prior or for

support for the new playbook to be alive and well for them at home. What has really helped me not put this trip on the shelf, is people at work and customers on the phone asking, "why were you gone 10 days?" and I love sharing this experience! At the hockey rink people ask, "how was your summer?" Well here it is, another opportunity to share this very meaningful moment. I know I am outgoing and talk too much, so I take those opportunities. For some of our Youth they may need you to reach out to start sharing. If you are led, please ask them about their time in Mexico, and even now their time returning and the impacts this has made for them.

Lastly I would like to pray for you, church. I get an opportunity to look at the church directory but often no specific prayer list – if you want to share please do : mattyneuf07@hotmail.com

It's all about Jesus,

Love ya

Matteo

A colorful graphic for 'Fall KickOff Sunday!!'. It features a white van with a red and white striped awning, a train, and a bouncy castle. The text is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background is a green field with a blue sky and white clouds.

Fall KickOff Sunday!!

9:30am- Sunday School for all ages
- Coffee Fellowship
Lunch - Catered by The Bunker!
Afternoon- Inflatables,
Barrel Train

Everyone is welcome!

GRACE YOUTH

We had a great first week of youth at our soft kick-offs! It was so good to welcome in the new youth and see each other again!

This Week: Kick Off Events:

- Jr. Youth:
 - Sept 16 - Activate. Meet at the church at 4:30 pm. Check or youth email or with Pastor Brad for more details
- Sr. Youth
 - Sept 18 - Flying Squirrel. Meet at the church at 4:30 pm. Check or youth email or with Pastor Brad for more details

If you have a child in youth and have not received youth emails, please contact Pastor Brad at youth@gracechurchwinkler.com. He sends out weekly emails throughout the year highlighting what they've been doing and what they will be doing with updated information.

As always, if you have any questions, please ask :)

Blessings,
Pastor Brad

Childcare Coordinator

We would like to offer childcare during Sunday morning services to families with young children. We are in need of someone willing to coordinate the scheduling for volunteers. If you are willing to serve in this way please contact the church office.

Women's Bible Study

There have been some inquiries whether we will be starting a women's Bible study this fall, but we do not have someone to facilitate at this time. If you would be interested in hosting a study, contact Wendy or Pastor Tim for more information or to set up the dates.

Sunday School

Sunday School starts this Sunday! We are so excited to see everyone again, and look forward to learning together. If you haven't registered, no problem. We will have some forms available Sunday morning. We ask everyone to come through the north door of the Genesis room for attendance purposes.

For this Sunday, we ask all Sunday School aged kids to meet in the Genesis Room for welcome and announcements.

Start Time: 9:30am

End Time: 10:30am

See you Sunday!

Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship



Resuming Sept 15, every Sunday we provide coffee, tea and snacks from 9:30-10:30 in our Fellowship Hall. We are looking for a few more people to join our team to provide the snacks, set up and clean up. If this is something that might interest you, please contact Wendy for more information.

Volunteers Needed to Sort Books

Dave & Margaret Penner are still connected with MCC Mexico. They recently received a request for 3,000 books for a school requirement to obtain MX registration status. 3,000 books were donated by Forest Books but need to be sorted. If you can help, please join them at Gateway Resources this Thursday, Sept 19, 6:30 pm, enter door #2, to sort & categorize books & pack them into boxes.

Please text Margaret at 204 362 2552 if you have any questions.

Prayer and Praise

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

At Home:

- Marie Klassen
- Katherine Krahn
- Marie Brown
- Anne Enns
- Marilyn Hildebrand
- Marian Harder
- Allan Derksen
- Helene Kuhl
- Walter Siemens
- Agnes Giesbrecht
- Guenter Strempler
- Helen Loeppky
- Margaret Ayala
- Linda Jenkins
- Irene Hildebrand
- Gladys Wiebe
- Dennis Wiebe
- Alexander Sauer

In Swan Lake: Elva Hildebrand

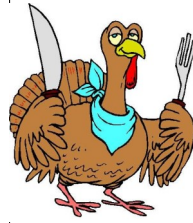
At Salem Home: Mary Friesen

Mission Focus

For those of you that have been asking how best to pray for the Missions Team here are a list of items we will be working on this fall.

- Handing out support funds for students who volunteered at camp this summer and support for those attending Bible school this fall (September)
- Planning and discernment for sandwich ministry - fundraising opportunities for the Covenant Community & Updates from UGM (October)
- Connecting with the many partnerships Grace has to discern which one may need financial aid this calendar year
- Continued contact with missionaries to encourage and be aware of current events in their lives
- Finish the last form updates
- Review Budget for 2025

UGM Needs Thanksgiving Turkeys



Turkeys are needed for their annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. If you are able to donate a few, or even just one, please drop them off at the church no later than September 30.

BTHC Palliative Care Program

Boundary Trails Health Centre Palliative Care Program is looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in their community. Volunteer Education Sessions will be Monday Oct 7th 9am-3pm and Monday Oct 21st 9am-3pm at Christian Life Centre. Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 27th.

For more information & to register for this volunteer opportunity please contact: Jerri-Ann Froese at jefroese@southernhealth.ca or (204)331-8815.



Save the date! On Saturday, November 2nd, 2024, join us for the one-day Journey to Us Conference with Focus on the Family! It's designed for couples who are seeking to strengthen their marriage, with proven principles and practical tools they can easily incorporate into their everyday lives.

It takes place from 9am-4:30pm at the Winkler EMMC with coffee breaks and lunch provided. Early bird tickets (purchased before Oct 2) at \$80/couple with the regular rate \$100/couple. **Please only purchase one (1) ticket per couple attending.** Ticket link available at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/focusonthefamilycanada1/1277003>

Community Events

A PEMBINA VALLEY BIBLE CAMP FUNDRAISER

PIES AND FRIES AT PVBC



**SEPTEMBER 21-22 & 28-29
2-6PM**

Come get some pie, fries and a drink at PVBC!
Payment by donation.
All proceeds support a great cause: adding bathrooms to our horse facilities!



PVBC

FUEL GOOD DAY

SEPTEMBER 17

5¢ FROM EVERY LITRE SOLD AT OUR GAS BARS WILL BE DONATED TO:



CO-OP


WINKLER BIBLE CAMP / Fundraising Event

Dine-In & Drive-Thru Available

FALL SUPPER

SEPTEMBER 17 4:30PM-6:00PM

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CRUISE FOR HOPE

IN SUPPORT OF PEMBINA COUNSELLING CENTRE

START: ALTONA | PIT STOP: WINKLER | FINISH: STARDUST DRIVE-IN THEATRE IN MORDEN

SEPTEMBER 21ST

SCAN FOR DETAILS

Pembina Counselling Centre

celebrating 30 years 1994-2024

FAITH MISSION
FriedensBote Inc

Fundraiser Soup & Pie Supper

Friday, September 27, 2024
from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

at the **Bethel Bergthaler Church**
4130 MB-32, Hochfeld, MB
Call: 204-325-4086 for more information

Freewill Offering
All Proceeds going toward the ministry of Faith Mission
Everyone Welcome!

Katie Cares 11th Annual

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FASHION SHOW

September 28, 2024 @6:30pm
Meridian Exhibition Centre
1045 Grandeur Ave, Winkler

\$75 per ticket \$50 tax receipt
\$600 per table \$400 tax receipt

Tickets on sale August 15 @9am in person at Katie's Cottage or call 204-312-8445 or 204-362-1173

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