

# g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter



## From the Lead Team

"God? Please make them aware of your presence." It's something often asked on behalf of others. It's something I ask when I don't want to presume that I know what they need. I could say, "bring healing to their heart and body and mind". I could say, and sometimes do, "provide a job" or "provide a car", or "show a path". But I know that what I see as a need may not be the deepest need. And I assume that God is always present, because Jesus said "I am with you always". And I think that when we become aware of that presence, that very awareness is like looking up and realizing that someone is sitting in the chair by our bed. In that moment we may find courage or hope, peace or humility. We may ask for answers or forgiveness. But that awareness of His presence helps. So, that's what I ask.

But, what if the answer to the request, "God? Please make them aware of your presence" may be my presence. I may be the hands. I may be the voice.

For me, that is not nearly always a comfortable realization. I want their awareness of God to be more than me. More competent, more real, more powerful.

So, maybe I need to change my request. "God? Please make them aware of your presence. And if I'm part of that presence, let me be aware, too."

- Isaac Froese

## *WFC* DRIVE AWAY HUNGER **FOOD DRIVE**

**Wednesday | October 2, 2024**  
**6:30 - 8:30 PM**

**Community youth will be going door-to-door collecting non-perishable food items for the local Food Cupboard.**

**Please Give Generously**  
**(check expiry dates)**



Winkler & District Food Cupboard Most Wanted List:

- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Corn
- Canned Peas
- Rice
- Oatmeal
- Cooking Oil
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Lunch Meat & Fish

Donations can be left on your front step, or, if you're not home, drop them off at the church by Wednesday afternoon.

# GRACE YOUTH

Everyone had a great time this past week at the first small group night of this year.

This week, there's no jr youth on Monday, but everyone is getting together with other area youth groups for our annual Drive Away Hunger food drive. Come to the MB Church (120 Pineview Dr) at 6pm. We'll head out at 6:30 then come back to sort and have snacks. Looks like it will be a beautiful evening, but come dressed for the weather.

Next week will be a regular night for both jr and sr youth.

As always, if you have any questions, please ask.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brad

## Coffee Fellowship



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/or clean up. Even helping with one of these tasks would be helpful. If this is something that might interest you, please contact Wendy for more information.

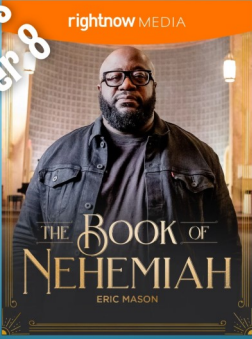
## Fall Kick- Off

We had a great day at our fall kick-off. The weather was perfect, food was amazing and everyone had a great time!

**Adult Bible Study**  
2nd & 4th Tuesday  
7 pm

Resumes  
October 8

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**All are welcome!**



## Sunday School

We have had a great start to our Sunday School year! On Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> we look forward to presenting our Gr. 2 students with Bible's. We also want to remind you that our offering will be going towards the UGM sandwich ministry for the next number of weeks.



# 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
- Isaac Hiebert
- Agnes Giesbrecht
- Guenter Strempler
- Helen Loeppy
- Margaret Ayala
- Linda Jenkins
- Irene Hildebrand
- Gladys Wiebe
- Dennis Wiebe
- Alexander Sauer

In Swan Lake: Elva Hildebrand

At Salem Home: Mary Friesen

# Condolences

We express our deepest sympathies to Walter & Anna Enns on the passing of Walter's father this past week. Please pray for them as they travel to Germany for the funeral and to spend some time with family. Pray for God's comfort and peace in this time of loss.

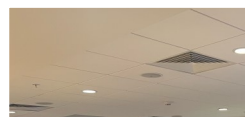
# Mark Your Calendar

Here are some events you won't want to miss:

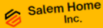
- Oct 8 - Adult Bible Study resumes
- Oct 15 - Senior's Supper
- Oct 17 - Round Table Discussion
- Oct 24 - Mom's Night Out
- Oct 27 - Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch
- Nov 15 - Grace Curling & Games Night

*More details to come as events draw near.*

# Highlights from the Men's Trip to Minneapolis



# Community Events



## Public Forum


for Winkler Community members and surrounding areas  
**Having a voice** in your **future** for Personal Care Homes.

Thursday, October 10, 2024  
 7:00 PM  
 Central Station Community Centre  
 555 Main Street, Winkler, MB

**Speaker:**  
 Karin Oliveira,  
 CEO of Salem Home

For more information:

Call Our Number +204-325-4316 | Email address for questions chuber@salemhome.ca




You are invited to an informal gathering to talk and support one another in whatever you are going through.


Place: Buhler Active Living Centre  
 Private Dining Room  
 Date: Thursday Oct. 10th 2024  
 Time: 2pm-3pm

**All are Welcome!**

## Journey TO US™

MARRIAGE CONFERENCES & RETREATS

Your path to a *stronger* marriage



**November 2, 2024 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**  
 Winkler EMMC – Winkler, MB  
 Early bird pricing ends October 2

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# Grace Events

## Round Table Discussion



Join us for a discussion regarding our membership policies

**Thursday, October 17  
 7pm**

## Grace Family Thanksgiving Lunch

Sunday, October 27

Potluck Lunch.  
 More Details Coming Soon!



## Curling Night and games

**Friday, November 15th**

Please bring a snack to share

Fellowship, Food and Fun!

Not curling?  
 Bring a board game

**More Details Coming Soon!**

