



g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter

From the Lead Team

As Christians, allowing God to work through us is essential for living a life of purpose and impact. Too often, I fall into the trap of relying solely on my own strength, skills, and understanding. While our efforts are important, true transformation and meaningful work come from partnering with God. By surrendering our plans and ambitions, we open ourselves up to His guidance, wisdom, and power.

In John 15:5, Jesus says, "Apart from me, you can do nothing." This calls us to recognize our dependence on Him. When we allow God to work through us, we become vessels of His love and grace, reflecting His character in our actions and relationships. This shift in perspective encourages us to pray, seek His will, and listen for His voice in every decision we make.

God's work through us often happens in the everyday moments of life—at home, in our communities, and at work. When we trust in His strength, we can tackle challenges with a renewed sense of hope and purpose. Whether it's serving others, sharing our faith, or simply showing kindness, we can make a difference when we allow God to lead.

Also, this reliance on God fosters deeper faith and a stronger relationship with Him. As we witness His work in our lives, our trust grows, and we become more attuned to His Spirit. In this partnership, we find joy and fulfillment that surpasses our own abilities. Ultimately, allowing God to work through us transforms not only our lives but also the lives of those around us, creating a ripple effect of His love and grace in the world.

- Jeremy Klassen

Round Table Discussion



Join us for a discussion regarding our membership policies

**Thursday, October 17
7pm**

All attenders of Grace Church are welcome to attend a meeting to discuss our membership policies. An email was sent out last week with details of the topic and printed copies are available at the Welcome Desk.



Details: We would like everyone to bring a main dish; please have your meal already cooked, we will keep it warm for you. Also, people with the last names beginning with A-M bring a salad and N-Z bring a dessert.

We would like to ask for help in cleaning up after the meal, from the people whose last names begin with A-M. If you are able to help it would be greatly appreciated.

Everyone is welcome!

GRACE YOUTH

Food Drive Recap

Last week we had the privilege to have the Jr. and Sr. Youth join forces with 10 other youth groups in Winkler to help with this year's food drive! It was great to see the unity of the churches and for all of us to work towards a common goal of helping those in need. FCC coordinated and run this event in Winkler, Morden, and Altona on Wednesday!

It's absolutely incredible the amount of food that was donated here in Winkler: 19,600lbs! That is 5,600lbs more than last year!

This Weeks Recap

This week we had a great time being back at the church for regular youth nights, taking some time to talk about the different places where we find our identity. I shared a portion of my testimony and how it has often been a struggle only to find my identity in Jesus.

Next Week

Jr. Youth - NO YOUTH (Oct. 14th) - Thanksgiving

Sr. Youth - 7:30-9:30 (Oct. 16th)

- Regular Youth Night at Church

- Topic - Finding our Identity in Jesus

Upcoming

Jr.

Oct. 21 - Regular Youth Night

Oct. 28 - Small Group Night

Sr.

Oct. 23 - Regular Youth Night

Oct. 30 - Small Group Night

As always, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

- Pastor Brad



Mulume House Nearing Completion!

We are very excited to that the Mulume's will be receiving their keys to their new home at the end of this month. One final project needs to be completed next week. We need a few volunteers to help put up the fence. If you are available to help between Oct 14-19 please text George Olfert at 204-325-5544.

Sunday School

Hello Sunday School Families,

We have a couple dates that we would like you to remember:

- December 22- Christmas Concert during the Sunday morning service
- December 29 & January 5- No Sunday School

We continue to learn how God was faithful to the Israelites and how he will continue to be faithful for a thousand generations.

"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

- Deuteronomy 7:9

Senior's Supper

All Seniors are invited to the first Seniors Supper of the season. It is being held on Tuesday, October 15th, 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our musical guests will be the group 'Inspire'.

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 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 the last 18 years, Grace Church has been making sandwiches each week and taking them to Union Gospel Mission in Winnipeg. UGM uses these sandwiches to provide a quick response to those who show up at the door hungry, as well as giving them to those attending chapel and meal programs. The goal has been to provide a nice looking sandwich with at least 2g of protein with the hope that those receiving the sandwiches would know someone cares for them. Short Bible verses and/or picture stickers are added to the wrapping as a reminder to the recipient that they matter to God. We are grateful that John & Helen Friesen stepped in to take over sandwich prep this year.

In 2022 a 4kg chub of bologna cost \$31. This year we have paid as much as \$43 for the same amount. As the cost of making these sandwiches increases, we would like to give the Covenant Community an opportunity to provide funds for keeping this ministry going.

Sunday, October 27, will be a morning to highlight the impact of UGM.

- 9:30 am (Sunday School hour) - Pastor Martin from UGM will be sharing in the Genesis Room. Everyone is welcome
- 10:45 am (service) - Moment for Missions
- Grace will celebrate Thanksgiving with a potluck meal together after the service. There will be an opportunity to give to the sandwich ministry by cash donation, cheque, or e-transfer.

Grace Events

MOM's Night
October 24 - 7 pm
An evening of fellowship for young mom's.

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!

Community Events



**What is happening to our kids?:
The current crisis of wellbeing**

Dr. Gordon Neufeld
Developmental Psychologist
Neufeld Institute |
Developmental Science in Practice

Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 pm
Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain
340 Provencher Boulevard | Winnipeg

Presented by:
edison health care services *recovery of hope*



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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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Salem Foundation Presents

Faspa, Fellowship & Song

October 27, 2024 at 3:00 PM
Bergthaler Church, 252 6th Street, Winkler

Free Will Offering
Funds go toward development of Salem Park for Residents

Spending of funds is confined to Board approved programs and purchases. Each gift designated toward an approved program will be used as designated with the understanding that when a given need has been met, or where projects cannot be carried out for any reason, gifts will be used where needed most.

Featuring music by:
Baker Hutterite Choir




SHARING HOPE IN CRISIS
ONE-DAY SEMINAR

**WHEN THEIR LIVES FALL APART,
HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?**

What should you say – or not say - when tragedy strikes someone you know? The Billy Graham Rapid Response Team offers a one-day seminar to help you share the love of Christ with your neighbors, co-workers, and friends in crisis.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
Psalms 46:1, NKJV

DATE: **Saturday, October 19, 2024**
TIME: **8:30 am – 3:30pm**
LOCATION: **Cornerstone Vineyard Christian Church
287 4th Street
Winkler, MB
No Charge**
REGISTER: **BillyGraham.ca/RRtraining**

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