

Grace Mennonite Church

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner

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Lent Between Me and You

God of the Bible STJ# 27

Welcome & Announcements

Let God, who called the worlds HWB# 138

Call to Worship

Teach me, O Lord HWB# 487

Exodus 17:1-7

Time with children / Our coins count

Children's Church for age 3 through grade 8 will meet in the foyer

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, help us live in peace STJ# 52

John 18:1-27

Trying to Save Jesus... To Save Ourselves?

O power of love HWB# 593

Congregational Prayer and Offering

Rain down STJ# 49

Benediction

All are welcome to join us for coffee in the foyer, following the worship service.

Participants in today's worship service:

Worship Speaker:	Mel Letkeman
Worship Leader:	Trudi Graham
Song Leaders:	Andrea Dick, Monica Martens
Accompanists:	Roxanne Klassen, Harv Lane
Children's Time:	Mel Letkeman
Sound Tec:	Matt Boese
Computer Tec:	Jessica Boese
Children's Church:	Jackie Koop, Sarah Dyck, Amanda Dupont, Joy Neufeld
Ushers:	Monica Klassen, Brenda Enns, Bill Sawatsky
Coffee Servers:	Mel & Enid Letkeman

Looking ahead to next Sunday's Worship Service:
Please read John 18:28-40.

Jesus says
"My kingdom is not of this world. It's from another place."
What do you think that means?
with Kyle Penner

Coins Count for MCC - February 18 to April 1
During Lent, we're collecting coins for *MCC Grow Hope* again.
So bring your coins, because the kids are going to be collecting them!

Children's Church
Children's Church for ages 3 to Grade 8 is held during the worship service.
You may pick up your children following the worship service,
in the upper level, classrooms 10,11,12 & 14.

Lenten Formation - March 4 – 25
11:15 am

You are all invited to 4 weeks of Lenten Formation. We will be going through a few chapters of '**We Make the Road by Walking**'. Many of you have the book and can read ahead in preparation. For those who don't, we will be reading the chapters 'out loud' as our way to begin, so come anyways.

**We will be looking at Chapter 29, followed by Chapters 40, 32B and 32C
as we approach Passion Week.**

So, grab a coffee and join us for good time of conversation together.

Prayer Requests this week at Grace:

We thank God that **Virginia Fast** can go home from the hospital.
Please pray for her as she continues her treatments.

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We pray for those that serve Internationally :
Mike & Cheryl Nimz in the UK
Daniel and Damaris Loewen-Rudgers and their family
serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Kenya.
John & Karen Friesen serving with MCC in Egypt.
Mark Reimer serving with MCC in Honduras.

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A prayer for this week:
Thank God for Jesus willingness to lay down his life
and pray that we will see concrete places
where we can 'lay down our lives' in Jesus name,
for others around us.

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Leo Sebastian Harder was born on February 23.

Grace Opportunities:

Stories with Seniors:

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Grace Women's Retreat:

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Little Bits of Grace Coffee: Wednesday, March 4, 9:30 -11:30

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A note from the Grace Library:

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Thank you for your continuing support.

Patti Penner & Vi Brown

A note from Church Council:

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Melvin Toews

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May he bring you home rejoicing: once again into our doors. Celtic Blessing

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