



Grace Mennonite Church

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service
 Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner
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Lent

After Jesus entered Jerusalem, He was anointed by a Woman.

Open the eyes of my heart

Welcome & Life of the Congregation
 Call to worship

For God so loved us HWB# 167

Matthew 26: 1-13

Fast On / Feast On

Here in this place HWB# 6

Children's Time / Coins Count

Psalms 63:1-8; Isaiah 55:1-9

Creating space for God's voice

Prayer of Confession

Fill us with your feast

Communion

Congregational Prayer & Offering

Agnus Dei

Benediction

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

Participants in today's Worship Service:

Worship Speaker:	Elisa Barkman
Worship Leader:	Ed Neufeld
Song Leaders:	David Graham, Jennifer Rogalsky, Shara Dueck
Accompanist:	Darren Reimer
Children's Time:	Mel Letkeman
Coffee Servers:	John & Eileen Toews
Ushers:	Mary Doerksen, Bob Schmor, Cam Barkman
Sound Tec:	Bruce Blatz
Computer Tec:	Tim Schmitt

Looking ahead to Sunday, March 31

Lent

II Chronicles 7:1-10; Acts 2:1-4

'Has the Spirit come upon our Church?'

With Mel Letkeman

Building dedication will be part of the worship service next week.

Kyle Penner is on vacation this week.

Sunday's at Grace

Children's Church is cancelled for today.

Coins Count for MCC from March 10 – April 21

During Lent, we're collecting coins for **MCC Grow Hope** again.
So bring your coins, because the kids are going to be collecting them!

Formation, 11:15 am

Sisters of Grace

We invite all women for a time of sharing and prayer.
We will meet in the lounge located in the lower level.

Aging Well Formation Series at Grace

A four-part series will be held April 7 – April 28

'Getting older in Steinbach – What's great about that & What I need to know.'

'Mental health & aging'

'This aging Temple'

'Can we talk about the elephant in the room'

'The (not-so) visible signs of aging'

We Pray

Our Congregation

We pray that **Nancy Pauls** will be comfortable as she lives in Resthaven.
Pray for **Gavin Barkman, (Gary & Sylvia's son)** as he
is hospitalized with a serious medical condition.

Our Community

Pray that the hosts and guests of Today house will have good relationships.

Our World

We pray for dislocated people in Southern Africa, and those who are
providing aid in the area.

Prayer for this week

Pray that God will slow you down so that you can hear God's voice.

Question for the foyer

What takes most of your time?

Events and Opportunities at Grace

Please see the bulletin board for various Church,
Conference and Community Events

This Tuesday! Manitobans for Bill C-262; Supporting Indigenous Human Rights

Come show your support for Bill C-262; an act to ensure that Canada's laws are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Join host Steve Bell, Member of Parliament Romeo Saganash, musicians Fred Penner and Ray "Coco" Stevenson and a great group of panelists on March 26th from 7-9 pm @ Marpeck Commons, Canadian Mennonite University. Please contact Mel for more information.

Singing at Bethesda Place - Wednesday, March 27 2:30 pm

You are invited to join Singers from Grace as we sing to brighten the lives of folks who live in Bethesda Place on Wednesday, March 27 at 2:30 pm. We begin by serving coffee and raisin buns to the residents. Then we sing for about 30 minutes. After singing you are invited to join us in the staff lounge for coffee and a time of fellowship.

Blanket Making Day, Monday April 1, 9 am

All are welcome to help with making blankets for MCC. For more information, contact Thelma Guenther.

Celebrate Spring Ladies Event: Thursday, April 11, 7 pm in the church foyer. Please bring a small appetizer or dessert plate, and a book or book recommendation to share with others. All ladies welcome. *Sign up on the sheet provided at the ushers table, (you do not have to sign up to attend, but it gives us an idea of numbers).*

"Spring Community Pick Up and Walk" May 4th, 2019 at 9 am, meet at the TG Smith Arena. Details to follow.

Save the date:

- April 5-7: **Family Camp** (open for everyone!) is at Camp Arnes. Please email Shara Dueck at (shara_dueck@live.com) if you can attend!
- Sunday April 28: **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?**

This week at Grace:

Monday: Red River English classes cancelled this week due to Spring Break.
Sandwich preparation for HSD students, cancelled due to Spring Break.

Tuesday: Soup's On, 5:00 pm
Private rental, 7-9:30 pm

Wednesday: Worship at Bethesda Place, 2:45 pm
Lent Book Club, 7:00 pm

Friday: Soup's On, 5:00 pm

Grace contacts:

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Bulletin submissions are due Thursday at 9:00am



A Journey Through Lent

Grace Lenten Practice

Wednesday's at 7:00 pm

March 13 – April 17, 2019

A five-week Lenten Spiritual and Prayer Practice.

We will be reading Richard Foster's book,

Prayer Finding the Heart's True Home

a book which examines different kinds of Prayer
as Journeys Inward, Upward and Outward

Palm Sunday

April 14, 10 am

Join us for a service of preparation for Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday Worship and Supper Together

Thursday, April 18, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Join us for a 'Last Supper' of worship and food.

Sign up lists will be available closer to the date.

Good Friday Service

April 19, 10 am

Steinbach Mennonite Church

All are welcome to SMC for Good Friday worship service.

Communion will be served.

Easter Sunrise Service

April 21, 7:00 am

Eastman Choral Society with conductor Nathaniel De Avila
accompanied by Kim Sidorchuk, Piano; Lin Wiebe, Organ and
Winnipeg Brass Quartet.

Easter Morning Service

April 21, 10 am

Our Easter Sunday morning worship service.

We look forward to paska and coffee following the service.

Encountering God during Lent

Lent is the period of 40 days leading up to Good Friday and Easter.

It began as we imposed Ashes on our foreheads at the Ash Wednesday service this past week. It is a time to reflect on the pain of Christ's Sufferings and our own, leading to the hope of new life found in Easter Resurrection. We can facilitate this reflection through self denial, repentance, prayer, works of love and meditating on Scripture.

A Goal for Lent

Remove from, or add to, your life something which you have been hoping to change even if it is difficult. Lent can be a time when, practically, needed transformation can begin or continue. A time when, symbolically, we can enter the suffering of Jesus and learn that the beauty of the Kingdom of God, and change in our own lives as it takes hold, includes suffering in some form.

A Fast that leads to a Feast.

Fast On and Feast On

Fast from judging others...

Feast on Christ dwelling in them

Fast from apparent darkness...

Feast on the reality of light

Fast from pessimism...

Feast on optimism

Fast from thoughts of illness...

Feast on the healing power of God

Fast from words that pollute...

Feast on phrases that purify

Fast from anger...

Feast on patience

Fast from worry...

Feast on unceasing prayer

Fast from complaining...

Feast on appreciation

Fast from hostility...

Feast on non-resistance

Fast from bitterness...

Feast on forgiveness

Fast from anxiety...

Feast on hope

Fast from yourself...

Feast on a silent heart.

