

God of the Working World: A Prayer for Labour Day

God of the working world:
thank you for meaningful work that fills us with satisfaction,
the way challenges can spur us on to greater efforts
that pay off with a job well done.

But that's not always the case.
Sometimes the work we do isn't productive, or it isn't
recognized.

We spend the whole day working and nothing gets done,
the machine breaks down just after we fixed it,
the house gets messy just when it was clean,
more tasks are assigned to us when we are already
overwhelmed.

Some of us hate our work.

It's too hard for us, our bodies can't take it.

The working environment is depressing,
or the people we work with drag us down.
Sometimes we aren't making enough money to make ends meet.

And some of us can't find work.

We sit at home, longing to be productive, but there are no
jobs.

In a world that values financial success,
and in a world where bills pile up,
not bringing home a paycheque can make us feel like outcasts.

You are the great Employer.

There are jobs in your kingdom for each one;
challenging, meaningful, significant.

You provide us with the tools for the job;
strength, courage, determination and insight.

Open our eyes to your great work, and our place within it.

We are your work, the work of your hands,
we do the work of your hands.

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September 1, 2019

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner
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Service of Communion & Anointing

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty HWB# 37

Welcome & Life of the Congregation
Call to Worship

To God be the glory HWB# 102

Soon and very soon HWB# 611

Time with Children – *Blessing of the backpacks*

Congregational Prayer & Offering
Labour Day Prayer

Seed, scattered and sown HWB# 454

Hebrews 13:1-6

Kindergarten Teachers, St. Ignatius, & Greg

Communion & Anointing

Sent forth by God's blessing HWB# 478

Benediction

Participants in today's Worship Service:

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| Worship Speaker: | Kyle Penner |
| Worship Leader: | James Barkman |
| Song Leaders: | Barb & Harv Lane |
| Accompanist: | Roxanne Klassen, Ernie Klassen, Harv Lane |
| Children's Time: | Kyle Penner |
| Ushers: | Garry Barkman, Shannon Gerbrandt |
| Sound Tec: | Bruce Blatz |
| Computer Tec: | Joe Dueck |

Fall Worship at Grace

Sunday, September 8

Fall Fellowship Sunday

All are welcome for a "Finger Food Potluck" lunch.

Please bring one plate of finger food (sandwiches, veggies, cookies or cakes). Beverages will be provided. If you are able to help Joy out with set-up/serving or cleanup, please contact her at soupsnjoy@hotmail.com.

Children's Church will resume September 8.

Please see the table located at the back of the sanctuary for quiet bags for you children to use during the worship service.

We Gather and Pray

Prayer this Week

We pray for all the students, teachers and admin staff who are heading back to school this week. Help them all to be brave, kind, patient and loving.

Our Congregation

As some of our programming restarts in the fall, help all that we do help us to love God and love our neighbours as ourselves.

Pray for **Sjoerd Huese** as he recovers for the next while from back surgery, which he had this past week.

Pray that **Linda Martens** will continue to enjoy the company of those that she visits with at Bethesda Place.

Pray that **Daniel & Damaris Loewen Rudgers**, and their children **Joshua and Aliza** will enjoy good family time together.

Our Community

Pray for the safety of women and children who need Agape House

Our World

From forest fires to hurricanes, we pray for everyone affected by natural disasters around the world.



Our Condolences go out to **Elsie & Doug Kathler** on the sudden passing of Elsie's brother, **Jarvis Chubey**, August 26, 2019. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, September 3 in Steinbach.

Opportunities at Grace

Please see the bulletin board for MDS, Conference and Community events.

Children's Church has an opportunity for **several teachers**, to accommodate the growing population of our children at Grace. If you're interested in teaching, please contact Ange at angeneufeld@hotmail.com or 204-791-7442. Teaching commitment is approximately once a month and dates are flexible.

If you'd like to join the list of people who put on "**Finn the Dragon**" for the children, please let Kyle know. You can commit to as many or as few Sundays as you want. Scripts and puppets and puns are provided.

Family Wiener Roast: Sunday September 15. Wiener Roast at the A-Maze-in-Corn! Please meet there at 4 pm. Bring a salad or dessert. We'll provide drinks and hot dogs. All families with children are welcome! Please RSVP to Kyle @ kyle@gracesteinbach.ca.

Grace Youth: You're invited to Kyle's house for a bonfire

High School: Grades 9-12 Thursday, September 12, 8- 9:30 pm

Middle School: Grades 5-8 Thursday, September 19, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

If you're looking for more information or resources on healthy boundaries and/or abuse in the work place, please contact Jaymie Friesen, MCC's Abuse Response and Prevention Coordinator. You can reach her at www.mcc.mb.ca/abuse, 204-925-1917 or jaymiefriesen@mccmb.ca.

This week at Grace:

- Monday: Red River English Fall Classes and Childcare (Mon.-Thur.)
- Tuesday: Soup's On, 5:00 pm
Grace Garden Group, 7:00 pm
- Thursday: Spiritual Guidance meeting, 1:00 pm
- Friday: Soup's On, 5:00 pm
- Sunday: Fall Fellowship Sunday and lunch.

Grace contacts:

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You are welcome to join us for a cup of coffee throughout the week, this summer
