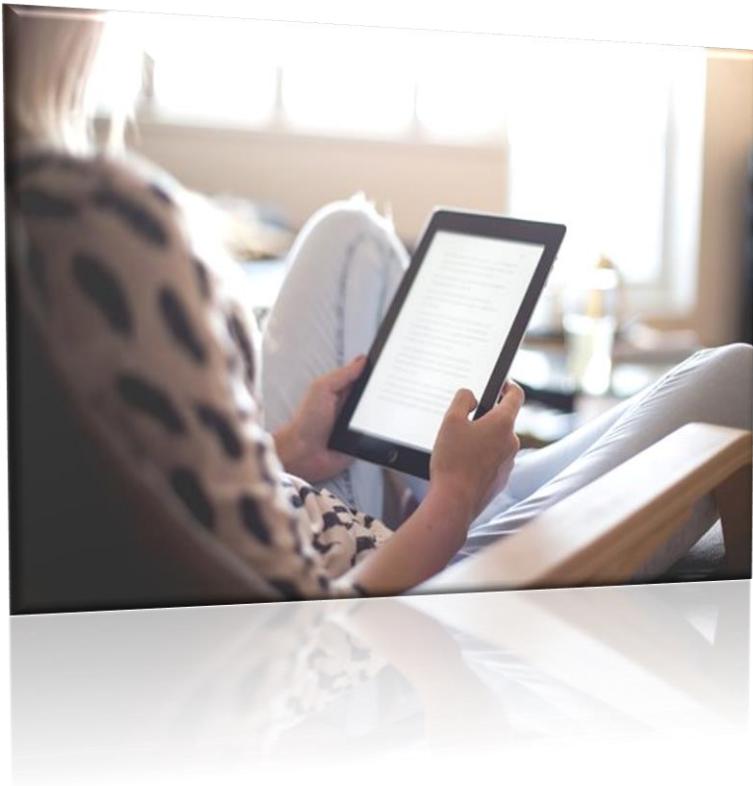


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Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship & Prayer

*** Psalm 5**

Congregational Prayer

***O Healing River** HWB# 9

Sharing with Glen Klassen

Acts 3:1-21

So, Who or What Exactly is Healed?

***In the bulb there is a flower** HWB# 614

Benediction

***Please scroll down for words to the songs**

We're offering an "Extending the Learning" session this morning, so if you want to join a conversation on Zoom at 11:00am, Kyle will be there to facilitate dialogue.

(see Sunday morning email for link)

Participants in Sunday's Worship Service:

Worship Speaker:

Mel Letkeman

Musicians:

Jennifer Rogalsky, Shara Dueck, David Graham

Scripture:

Mel Letkeman

Puppets:

Jen Rogalsky, Alexandra Nikkel

Technology Technician:

Patrick Friesen

As we Pray in our Homes

We pray for our Congregation

Florence Goertzen has been moved to the Morris Hospital. Given the current situation no one can visit her here, nor will they be able too in Morris. So pray for her and **Sharon and Orlan Reimer** as they try to encourage her at a distance.

We pray for **Detty Mugazna's brother and family** in Uvira, Democratic Republic of Congo, as they experienced devastating floods that have left thousands homeless. Pray for safety, peace and access to clean water, and that homes can be rebuilt.

The Saint Andrews Refugee Assistance Centre (Stars) in Cairo Egypt offers refugee assistance to those fleeing their countries of origin. **Karen and John Friesen**, through MCC, relate closely to them. The COVID Pandemic creates serious difficulties for refugees in Cairo where they live in crowded quarters and like others around the world, they are losing their employment opportunities. Given that they do not have access to the same Government help as citizens, this makes life very precarious. Pray for Stars, those they support and Karen and John with MCC. And, if you would like to be more informed or support this partner of MCC in Egypt you can follow this link to learn more. <http://stars-egypt.org/>.

We pray for our Community Resources

Agape House, Soup's On, Southeast Helping Hands, Today House & Steinbach Community Outreach. We pray that these organizations will have what they need to serve people at this time.

Prayer for this week

God, we ask for your healing as we suffer through this health crisis.

Prayer for the World

Mark Reimer has asked for prayer for his friends in Ecuador. Many of them are sick, and some are facing food insecurities. Pray for healing and access to resources. Connect with Mark for more information.

Looking ahead to Sunday May 3

Read Acts 17:1-9, I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Question: What do you miss about church?
What are you looking forward to in the future?

Please remember to send your "I miss church / I'm looking forward to church" video clips to Lindsey Banman by Wednesday, April 29th, either through text to

lindsey.banman@yahoo.ca

Or send them via text or WhatsApp to 1-204-392-5098

The Adult Formation Series ***Our Common Companion: Normalizing Death and Dying***, will continue this week. You can watch the videos before hand at the link provided by Dennis Hiebert in the Constant Contact email that has been sent to you. Then at 7:00pm on Tuesday, Tuesday April 28th and Tuesday May 5th you can join a Zoom discussion of the video led by Dennis. The link to that meeting will also be provided in a Constant Contact email. Hope you can join us for this conversation together.

Evening of Prayers



Wednesday

April 29

8:00 pm

An email will be sent to join others on Zoom.

All are welcome to join.

If you are not receiving emails from the church and would like to, please email office@gracesteinbach.ca to sign up.

Isolation Exercises.

With time on your hands...

1. *Think of your or your family's physical, mental and emotional health, past and present. Experienced any miracles? Praise God and give God thanks for the good gifts that have come. Any healing needed in these strange times? Pray for it in Jesus name.*
2. *Think of Grace. Are we a place of healing? Praise God and be thankful for that gift of God when we are. Might there be ways in which Grace is in need of healing in order to be a better healer? If so, pray for us in Jesus name that we will be healed.*
3. *How is your inner life? Give it some simple attention.*
 - a. *Each day, read a chapter of scripture, note one of the verses and contemplate it.*
 - b. *Read another piece of inspirational literature.*
 - c. *Then take 10 minutes to sit with God, doing or saying nothing.*



This week at Grace:

- Monday:** Soup's On lunch supplies program
Middle School meet on Zoom. 7:30-8:15 (contact Kyle for the link)
Grace Church Council Meeting, 8:15 pm
- Tuesday:** Soup's On, 5:00 pm
Virtual Formation Series on death & dying, 7 pm
- Wednesday:** Evening Prayers, 8:00 pm
- Thursday:** High School Zoom, 8:00 pm (contact Kyle for the link)
- Friday:** Soup's On, 5:00 pm

Grace Donation Options

Church Council and Treasurer want to remind you of donation options while we are no longer in worship together.

- mailing your cheque to the church
- through automatic withdrawal
- e-transfer at donate@gracesteinbach.ca
- emailing the office to arrange a time to drop off a donation

If you have any questions, please email the church office.

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Cathy Barkman cathy@gracesteinbach.ca

Administrative Assistant: *Thursday & Friday*

Audrey Frey audrey@gracesteinbach.ca

Worship Songs for April 26 worship service

Psalm 5

Give ear to my word oh Lord
Consider my meditation
Hearken unto the voice of my cry
My King and my God
For unto Thee will I pray
My voice shalt thou hear in the morning
Oh Lord in the morning
Will I direct my prayer
Unto Thee and will look up.

O Healing River

1. O healing river, Send down your waters,
Send down your waters, upon this land.
O healing river, Send down your waters,
And wash the blood from off the sand.
2. This land is parching, this land is burning,
No seed is growing, In the barren ground.
O healing river, Send down your waters,
O healing river send your waters down.
3. Let the seed of freedom Awake and flourish,
Let the deep roots nourish, Let the tall stalks rise.
O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, From out of the skies.

In the bulb there is a flower

In the bulb these is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
'In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in ev-ry silence,
seeking word and melody.
There's a down in ev'ry darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until is season,
something God alone can see.

Natalie Sleeth, 1985

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