

Grace Mennonite Church

Eternity Sunday

Sunday, November 1

10:00 am



...following in the footsteps of the faithful

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10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner

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Candle Lighting

Speak O Lord

Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Praise, I will praise you, Lord

Lighting of Candles of Remembrance

Children aged 3 to Middle School may leave for children's church

Sanctuary

Following the Footsteps

Prayer

Find Us Faithful

Congregational Prayer

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

Benediction

An audio recording of the service will be available on the church website following the morning worship service. *Worship Services will be livestreamed in the near future.*

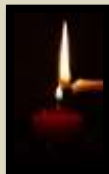
Participants in Sunday's Worship Service:

Worship Speaker:	Mel Letkeman
Worship Leader:	Kyle Penner
Song Leaders:	Loretta Friesen, Annalee Schellenberg, David Graham
Accompanist:	Karen Pries
Ushers:	Doug Kathler, Sarah Neufeld
Technology Technicians:	Joe Dueck

Fall Worship at Grace

Sunday November 1

Eternity Sunday



Today is a day for remembering those who have passed away in our congregation, families and community this past year. As part of our worship this morning, you will be given an opportunity to light a candle of remembrance. COVID restrictions will be followed as we do this.

Remember those from Grace who passed away this past year.

David Friesen, Abe Martens, Cameron Barkman, Henry Sawatzky

Looking Ahead to Sunday November 8

Jonah 1:1-17, 3:1-10, 4:1-11

How many times is the "fish/whale" mentioned?

Why does this matter?

Please plan to take your coats/jackets with you to your seats.

The hangers in the foyer are not available, due to covid restrictions.

Our next Church Hike / Forest Church is on November 22nd at 10 am at the Tourond Creek Discovery Centre (near Kleefeld).

RSVP with Kyle (kyle@gracesteinbach.ca).

Fall Children's Church

Kids are starting in the pews with their families and we'll dismiss them. We have age 3 to grade 4 classes' every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Please contact Ange Neufeld at angeneufeld@hotmail.com if you are interested in volunteering approximately once a month.

We have middle school class every Sunday.

Our condolences go out to **Rhonda & Tony Wolfe, Megan and Ashlyn** on the passing of Rhonda's brother, **Dwight Hiebert**, who passed away October 24th. The funeral service was held on October 30th.

Thanh Trinh will be turning 80 this Sunday, Nov 1. His family is organizing a "drive-by" birthday celebration at their house on Sunday. Anyone that can make it please meet at the Steinbach Mennonite Church on Loewen Blvd at 2 pm and we will leave from there around 2:15 pm. Thanh and Te haven't been to church since the pandemic started and would love to wave to some familiar Gracers!

We Pray Together

Congregation: Pray for **Noreen Klassen** who is having surgery for cancer this week.

Pray for **Daniel & Damaris Loewen-Rudgers** who have returned to Canada to be with their family during Daniel's mother's illness.

We pray for those in Care Homes: **Linda Martens, Jake Penner, Martha Plett, Nancy Pauls, Abe Friesen, Marie Dyck, Irene Rempel, Florence Goertzen**, particularly as they live very isolated lives due to the Covid restrictions.

Prayer for this Week: Lord, help me follow in the footsteps of those who have passed on before me.

Prayer for the World: We pray for **Pauingassi FN** as they are in lockdown over potential exposures to COVID.

Opportunities at Grace

Child Dedication

We are excited to be having child dedication on November 15.

Wednesday Morning and Evening Zoom Prayers

Wednesday before work in the morning at 7:15 am and at the end of the day at 9:15 pm. You will receive a Zoom invite the evening previous with the link to the prayer time. **The link for prayers will be sent to you on Tuesday.**

This week at Grace: November 1 – 8

Sunday^{1st}: Middle School Youth Bonfire and games at church 1:30-3:00
Dress for the weather.

Monday: Soup's On lunch program for HSD, 9:00 am

Tuesday: Soup's On, 5:00 pm
Zoom Formation, 7:30 pm

Wednesday: Small group using the church foyer, 7:00 pm
Zoom Prayers: 7:15 am; 9:15pm

Friday: Praise & Worship Practise, 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Soup's On, 5:00 pm

Grace Zoom Formation, Racism and the Church, November 3, 10 at 7:30 pm. Other than the current pandemic, racial conflict has probably been the second leading human heartbreak of 2020. While eruptions of racial violence have been most acute in America, we Canadians have our own long history of practicing some of the most egregious forms of racism. Shamefully, white Christian settler denominations have been equally guilty of oppressing BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour). How well do we understand the enduring subtleties and depths of racism, even in our own churches? How can we play a positive part in what now appears to be a profound societal reckoning with racism? This four-part Formation series will take place online via Zoom meetings on the following Tuesday evenings. **On October 20 and 27, [James Thunder](#), adjunct professor at Horizon College and Seminary, joined us to offer his Indigenous insights. On November 3 and 10, [Steve Heinrichs](#) from Mennonite Church Canada will join us to offer his denominational insights.** All sessions will be hosted by Monica Martens. To join our online “talking circle,” click here at 7:30pm on those dates: <https://prov.zoom.us/j/95075079436>. If you have any questions, contact Monica Martens at mmartens@hsd.ca.

If you're interested in pursuing of the information related to our Formation series on Racism, Monica has compiled the resources here:

<https://sites.google.com/hsd.ca/lets-talk-about-race/home>

The **Refugee Committee** has had an active fall, and are now expecting the families we are sponsoring to arrive on Nov 6. We are certainly hoping that this time, the families will arrive on this date! We have had the good fortune of a house donation to the church for refugee sponsorship. The house is at 98 Giesbrecht St., and we are looking forward to moving in on October 31. Our host families are Tamara and Mark Rempel, John and Kiran Mahi, and Trudy and Patrick Friesen. We hope to find a way to introduce the new refugee families to you after they have settled into Canada for a while. Thanks so much for you ongoing support and patience as we have waited for their arrival.

Please check the bulletin board for information on the following:

- November 8: One Hope Canada livestream concert
 - November 12-15: “Pride & Prejudice” @ Steinbach Bible College
 - Mennonite Heritage Village - Dirk Willems Peace Garden Fundraising
 - Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery Fundraiser
 - MCC, MCM, CMU, AMBS
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Interested in Small Groups

COVID has succeeded in making larger gatherings more difficult for us at Grace (and everywhere). Even limiting our options for socializing even when we are together as evidenced by our beloved Coffee Counter now standing empty! And yet, we want to be with each other and engage with each other at Grace. Many of us do that at Grace with approximately **115 people being involved in 14 groups**. So we're wondering, might you be interested in being part of a Small Group where you could continue to connect with Gracers during this time when we need to find different ways to do that? If so, or you'd like information or just like to talk about that, call Mel at the office.

A note from Grace Library

We have placed some of our new books for display on the smaller side shelf in the library for ease." All are welcome to use our library.

Sunday Worship RSVP Directions:

Our first preference is to email the church at
office@gracesteinbach.ca,

or call the church at 204 326 3707
Tuesday to Friday 9:30 - 12:00 (noon)

Deadline for RSVP emails and/or calls: Friday, 12:00 (noon).

Please note that if you are involved in the service, please RSVP all family members that will be attending that Sunday morning.

Please see the Grace website for guidelines on worshipping during Covid.

We encourage the wearing of masks for congregants. Please bring your own masks as masks will not be provided by the church.

Local Family in need

Donations are being accepted for a local family who recently had a house fire. Household furniture, including bedroom, living room, and kitchen ware are needed. For more information, contact Ange at Century 21, 204 392 4766.

Grace Contacts:

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Administrative Assistant's:

Cathy Barkman *Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30-1:30*

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Audrey Frey *Thursday & Friday 9:30-1:30*

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Pauingassi First Nation is in a COVID lockdown, so getting to Winnipeg isn't an option for them now. They've asked if we at Grace could help supply them with some supplies for winter, and they'll arrange the shipping via plane and helicopter. These are primarily for families with limited income and children living in care.

They're looking for new or gently used:

- Men's & Women's Clothes - all genders, types & sizes.
- Children's Clothes – all genders & ages
- Socks - all genders & ages.
- Shoes and Winter Boots - all children's sizes, and adults size 6-11.
- Masks

You can drop off any donations at
church by November 10th.