

Grace Mennonite Church

Sunday, November 8

Worship Service 10 am



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Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner

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Peace Sunday

Candle Lighting

Praise the Lord

Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

The Gift of Song

Prayer of Remembrance

Prayer of the Children

Excerpts from Jonah

Stuart & the Moose

Hands United in Peace

Congregational Prayer

An Evening Prayer

Benediction

Participants in Sunday's Worship Service:

Worship Speaker:

Kyle Penner

Worship Leader:

Judy Hiebert

Song Leaders:

Lorraine & Elbert Toews

Accompanist:

Annalee Schellenberg

Ushers:

Vi Brown, Brenda Penner

Technology Technicians:

Worship at Grace

Our livestream is up and running!
All you have to do is click this link on Sunday for **10am only**,
and you'll be able to view the worship service **live**.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVeiuCTLu8JlKIIInRV782cA>

Like our videos in the spring, you need this link to view the service.
We'll be sending an email with more info on Saturday morning.

Updated guidelines for Grace Worship
& visits throughout the week.

MASKS:

Throughout the week, masks must be worn when entering and exiting the building, as well as in any public areas in the church. When coming for worship, masks have to be worn when entering, exiting, and moving around the building. We are encouraging you to wear them as often as possible, but they are not required when sitting down in the pews.

*Please plan to take your coats/jackets with you to your seats.
The hangers in the foyer are not available, due to covid restrictions.*

**Children's Church will not take place as long as we are
in code orange or red.**

Looking Ahead to Sunday November 15

Child Dedication

James & Sarah Barkman with Peter,
Jessica & Matt Boese with Calvin,
Gary Bergman & Heidi Wiens with Andrew.
Heidi Martens & Joel Coursey with Joan.
David Graham & Lise McMillan with Dominic,
Alyssa & Jayce Van Alstyne with Elias



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). **However, code orange or red will cancel this event.**

We Pray Together

Congregation: Pray for **Noreen Klassen** who is recovering from surgery for cancer this past week.

Leslie Soenen was part of our congregation years ago before she moved to Winnipeg. Some of you know her and will remember her. She recently fell and broke her hip. After time in the hospital she's at home recovering. Let's pray for her.

We pray for our International Workers: John & Karen Friesen, living in Egypt. **Daniel & Damaris Loewen- Rudgers**, as they mourn the loss of Daniel's mom Erna Loewen-Rudgers.

Prayer for this Week: God, help us to remember who you are, even when we're afraid.

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



Our Condolences go out to **Daniel & Damaris Loewen-Rudgers and family**

on the passing of Daniels dear mother Erna Loewen-Rudgers, who passed away on Friday, October 30.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, November 12 in Winnipeg.

May God give you a sense of peace as remember your mother and grandmother.

Opportunities at Grace

COVID Information Zoom Presentation.

Given the anxiety over COVID, how it is passed and caught, we might be very unsure as to what we can and cannot do during these times. Public Health has given us guidelines and we need to be following their recommendations. While we know what we shouldn't be doing, we are not always clear as to why. And, subsequently, we are not always sure what we can do. So, we've asked a couple of our medical people at Grace, Carmel Wiebe and Curtis Krahn, to join us for a Zoom gathering to inform us more thoroughly in regards to this. They'll share among other things, an overview how viruses work and how they don't, the rationale behind why masks, and physical distancing work. We will provide an opportunity for questions after their brief presentations. So, join us on **Wed, November 11th, 7:00. A link to the meeting will be arriving in your mailbox on Wednesday morning.**

Grace Sr. Youth: Drive Through 8-9pm on Thursday, November 12th. Rebecka and Kyle will be at the church, by the bonfire, 8-9pm with care packages for the high school students. Come on down, say hello, and leave with some goodies! (Please wait in your car until there are less than 5 people by the fire).

October Rice Drive

In addition to the rice that was dropped off at church, \$1,200 was donated for further rice purchases. Southeast Helping Hands will benefit from your generosity.

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.**



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.

MHV Peace Broadcast: This Sunday, November 8th at 4:00pm we will be broadcasting a special **Peace Sunday Online program with special guest Wilma Derksen**. As a museum dedicated to remembering the Mennonite story, communicating the peacemaking ideals of our tradition is foundational to what we do. Wilma Derksen inspires us today to embody a life of peace through her story. This broadcast is free of charge and open to anyone to join. The link to broadcast is included below. <https://youtu.be/WZLi6QuB0SY>

This week at Grace: November 8-14

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| Monday: | Soup's On lunch program for HSD, 9:00 am |
| Tuesday: | Soup's On, 5:00 pm
Zoom Formation, Racism and the church, 7:30 pm |
| Wednesday: | Small group using the church foyer, 7:00 pm
Zoom Prayers with Mel: 7:15 am; 9:15pm
Covid Information Zoom, 7:00 |
| Thursday: | Senior Youth, Drive through, 8-9 pm |
| Friday: | Soup's On, 5:00 pm |

Grace Zoom Formation, Racism and the Church, November 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 November 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>.

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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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. Please bring your own masks as masks will not be provided by the church.



Paungassi 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.

Grace Contacts:

The church office will be closed on Remembrance Day, November 11.

Pastor: **Mel Letkeman**

Associate Pastor: **Kyle Penner**

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

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