



Grace Mennonite Church
Sunday, April 23, 2023 ❖ 10:00 am
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9:00 am - Sisters of Grace meet each Sunday before the Worship Service, in the Nursery, until further notice.

Whether you're able to come once in a while or regularly, we hope to grow in our relationships with each other and with God.

10:00 am – Worship Service All are welcome!

Livestream will be available between 10 – 11 am.

Audio recording can be accessed on church website after the service.

Children's Church for ages 3 to Grade 8 will be held during the service. You may pick up your children following the worship service from the upper level classrooms.

Please join us for coffee in the foyer following the worship service

Grace Adult Formation
2-Part Series on "How to Read"
Part 2: Literary Genres in the Biblical Text
in the sanctuary after the service



Like movies and music, written texts come in many different types or categories based on style, form, and content. It's best that we first recognize what kind of biblical text we're reading when we try to understand and apply it to our lives.



Might you be interested in baptism, or knowing more about it?

Might you be interested in being a member at Grace?

If so, let me know. I'd be glad to talk with you about it ... Mel

Community Pick Up & Walk Spring Clean Up Event. May 6, 2023.

(Rain date set for May 13) Details to follow.

Worship Speaker	Mel Letkeman
Worship Leader	Patrick Friesen
Musicians	Cathy Barkman, Pearl Barz, Cindy Blatz, Annalee Schellenberg
Children's Time	Kyle Penner
Technicians	Bruce Blatz, Chris Peters
Ushers	Mary Doerksen, Ken Fehr, Marigold Peters
Coffee Servers	Ken Giesbrecht, LillyAnne Giesbrecht

We Pray Together

We pray for those in our community who use the resources that help with their lives on a daily basis: **Agape House, Soup's On, Southeast Helping Hands, Today House, Steinbach Community Outreach** and **Steinbach Family Resource Centre**.

Prayer for the week: Lord, give me a glimpse of the beauty of your world this week.

Pray for our world: Pray for those severely affected by the droughts in Eastern Africa.

Aria Klassen is now part of the Mennonite Church Manitoba's Climate Action Working Group. Be sure to send her a note, or send up a prayer, as she helps lead our churches in their climate change actions.

To the Grace Congregation: I thank Gracers for the warm welcome I have received since I began attending in 2004. Through the services, Adult Formation, special events and cherished friendships you have deeply enriched my life and nourished my faith. I am very thankful to you all! I am now attending the Grunthal Elim church as it is closer to where I live in the Rosa area. If you find yourself wanting to head south for a bit please come by for a visit. You will continue to be in my heart and prayers. Joy and peace to you all.

Dolores Thiel

Grace Church Pictorial 2023!

There's still time to submit any changes to your contact information. If you're family has evolved in size or location, please let us know.

Should you prefer a fresh photo, please email our photographer Jackie Koop at koopfamily.est.2002@gmail.com to schedule an appointment. She has graciously offered to provide her services here at Grace on Sunday, April 30th and Sunday May 7th.

Thank you to all of you whom already taken the time to get back to us!

New to Grace? You are welcome to be included in our Grace Mennonite Church 2023 Pictorial Directory.

If you are interested in participating, please submit your contact information to nina@gracesteinbach.ca before May 8, 2023.

This Week at Grace ❖ April 24 - 29

Monday	Soup's On - Lunch Program, 9:00 am
Tuesday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm
Thursday	Senior's Coffee @ 2:30 pm in the foyer. High School Youth: 7:30 pm: Parables, Poets & Prayers – Meet in the foyer.
Friday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm Middle School Youth Retreat (Friday – Sunday) RETREAT with Kathy Giesbrecht @ 6:30 pm
Saturday	RETREAT 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday, April 30

Community Building Conversations

Next Sunday Worship we'll be enjoying a different kind of Worship experience. We will be following up on our AGM decisions to have some congregational conversations about who we are and what God is calling us do. Val Hiebert will be our 'guest', helping us to have these conversations. After beginning Worship 'as usual' she will lead us into a time of talking with each other and answering these questions:

What are words that describe what Grace cares about?
What are words that describe your experience at Grace?

See you then and we'll look forward to reflecting on these questions together.

Pauingassi Family Camp – save the date!
July 24 – 29, 2023

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Unique Opportunities to Serve at Camp!



Camp Health Officers

Summer camps are always in need of Health Officers in order to ensure that we are providing the safest program possible, as well as to meet insurance and Manitoba Camping Association standards. Camps with Meaning welcomes and invites any Physician, RN, LPN, First Aid Trainer or Paramedic who is licensed to work in Manitoba to come and serve at camp for a week or more. This position is important as we cannot run camp without a Health Officer present.

*NOTE: A week at camp can provide you with 37.5 practice hours. Simply indicate that you need these hours to be verified by us!

Kitchen Helpers/Workers

We strive to make our camp food camper friendly and super tasty! Each camp has a qualified Food Services Coordinator and a Head Cook who plan the menu and organize the work. We welcome and invite kitchen helpers to come, prepare and serve the camp....and the food! Bring some friends and make it even more fun!

Camp Pastors

We give our youth and young adults a huge task when we commission them to carry out the camp program, and we do not leave them alone! We welcome pastors and other individuals with spiritual training to walk alongside them and support them. You are invited to come for one week (or more!) to guide the staff with daily devotions, presence and prayer support. You also get to be involved in the program and be a part of this amazing community!

Maintenance Workers

We cannot run camp without adequate facilities! Our camp sites have beautiful grounds, buildings and a variety of equipment. These physical parts of camp need care, pruning, painting, cleaning, replacing....and we build new things from time to time. People with gifts in these areas are welcomed and invited to come help us take care of camp! Supervision and tools are provided.

CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCHES:

Can we get YOUR church to fill the support staff team for a week of camp?! These support staff include a camp pastor, kitchen and maintenance help, and a health officer. Can your small group do it? We would love to partner with your congregation in this way. The support staff that come to serve at camp truly do make camp possible!



Psalm 8

Divine Majesty and Human Dignity

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens.

² Through the praise of children and infants

you have established a stronghold against your foes,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ what are humans that you are mindful of them,

mortals^[a] that you care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than the angels^[b]

and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,

⁷ all flocks and herds,

and also the animals of the wild,

⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

