



# Grace Mennonite Church

**June 25, 2023**  
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## Sunday June 25, 2023

**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.

Worship Leader	Patrick Friesen
Worship Speaker	Heidi Martens
Musicians	Cathy Barkman, James Barkman, Pearl Barz Alexandra Nikkel, Annalee Schellenberg
Technicians	Lloyd Funk, Tim Schmitt
Ushers	Kurt Barz, Shannon Gerbrandt
Coffee Servers	Trudi Graham, Leni Schroeder

## We Pray Together

Congratulations to **Riley & Kari Feilberg** on the arrival of their second son, Wendell. Wendell was born on June 18, 2023 and his arrival has made William a “big” brother!

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:*** Help us to seek first the kin-dom of God.

***Prayer for our church:*** We pray a blessing on our summer camp workers at Camps with Meaning, Jamie Muganza and Aria Klassen, so that they can be a blessing to the campers and staff.

We pray for all the kids getting ready to go to summer camp as campers!

We pray for Pauingassi family camp, July 25 – 30. We pray for safety, unity, and good relationships with the community in Pauingassi.

***Gift Card Exchange*** - Grace Mennonite has set up a gift card exchange.

If you would like to **donate** gift cards please drop them off at the church office. Gift cards in denominations of \$100 or less from Walmart, Superstore, Shoppers Drug Mart, Giant Tiger, & Sobeys will be accepted.

No tax receipts will be given.

If you would like to **receive** gift cards, please talk to one of the pastors.

Participation in the gift card exchange is entirely voluntary.

We are keeping track of this program and will assess it in the fall.

Meanwhile, we have enough gift cards for July and August, but are still graciously accepting them.

## ***Upcoming Worship Schedule:***

July 2<sup>nd</sup> - We will join Steinbach Mennonite Church for their 9:45 am service. Coffee and refreshments will be served after the service.

# *A Sign of Hope*

In response to the realities of climate change and biodiversity loss, the high school students at Grace Mennonite Church planted this garden.

Under the guidance of wise elders in our church community, all the plant species are native to Manitoba and support the well-being of local pollinators.

By feeding the bees and the butterflies, we hope this garden serves as a symbol of joy, and a reminder of our responsibility to care for God's creation.

Planted in 2023



***Thanks to everyone who helped plant the pollinator garden!***

The plant species are as follows:

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Black Eyed Susan      | - Pearly White Everlasting | - White Prairie Clover   |
| - Wild Bergamont        | - Low Goldenrod            | - Pussy Toes             |
| - Gaillardia            | - Joe Pye Weed             | - Big Bluestem Grass     |
| - Swamp Milkweed        | - Purple Coneflower        | - Prairie Dropseed Grass |
| - New England Aster     | - Helenium                 | - Golden Alexander       |
| - Purple Prairie Clover |                            |                          |

## This Week at Grace ❖ June 26 – 30

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Soup's On</b> - Lunch Program preparation 9:00 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Soup's On</b> - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm <b>Soup's On Gardening</b> – 7:00 pm – weather permitting
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Soup's On</b> - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm

Anyone interested in more information about a neurodivergent group, or a medically complicated group to please email or text me at:  
[shara\\_dueck@live.com](mailto:shara_dueck@live.com), or 204-226-7685

Do you love kids?  
Do you want to put that love into action?  
We have an opportunity for you!

We are seeking volunteers for our Children's Church program. You are welcome to commit to a certain number of Sundays per month or add your name to our list of substitute teachers. Teaching is easier than ever with snack provided and an engaging curriculum with easy to follow lesson plans. If you'd like to see a sample lesson, find A Joyful Path at [progressivechristianity.org](http://progressivechristianity.org). Our Grace kids would love to get to know you better, and you'll certainly love getting to know them too. Please email [hiebertmarian@gmail.com](mailto:hiebertmarian@gmail.com) to be part of our team.

"Let the children come to me." Jesus

***Paungassi Family Camp*** (July 25-30) - If you are able to help bake cookies, chili, or pulled pork to send up with us to camp, please let **Sam Blatz** know at [srblatz@gmail.com](mailto:srblatz@gmail.com) (or send an email to Kyle that he'll forward to Sam).

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