

Sunday June 4, 2023

# Church Picnic



After the worship service, carnival games can be played by all those who are young, or young at heart. Everyone is invited to bring their own picnic lunch so we can all enjoy our meals together after the games. Beverages and ice cream sundaes for dessert will be provided. Please also bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets. The picnic and games will happen rain or shine. See you there!

# Grace Mennonite Church

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Welcome

Life of the Congregation

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing* VT 28

Call to Worship

*Your Love Is Washing Over Me* VT 166

*We Are One in the Spirit* VT 387

Fun Quiz

*My Voice Alone*

Gathering Stories

*Peace Like a River*

Kids

Roving Mic

*My Voice Alone*

Congregational Prayer

God Loves All His Many People VT 767

Benediction

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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.

Worship Speaker	Mel Letkeman
Musicians	Cindy Blatz, Loretta Friesen, David Graham, Karen Pries
Technicians	Bruce Blatz, Matt Boese
Ushers	Doug Kathler, Sarah Neufeld
Coffee Servers	Doug Kathler, Elsie Kathler



Last Sunday, May 28th, our pastor **Mel Letkeman**, announced that he has handed in his resignation in order to retire, effective at the end of 2023. We are thankful we have more than half a year to continue to enjoy his leadership among us. We wish Mel and Enid well as they prepare for the next portion of their life journey and are so thankful for the many good years they have shared with our Grace community.

Our Grace Church Council will be meeting next week with MCM leadership to receive their guidance and determine how to move forward and prepare for our next steps as a congregation.



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

June 18<sup>th</sup> - SUMMER IN THE CITY (Main Stage) - Please join us for worship at 10:30 am

July 2<sup>nd</sup> - We'll join Steinbach Mennonite Church for their 9:45 am service.

## This Week at Grace ❖ June 5 - 10

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Soup's On</b> - Lunch Program preparation 9:00 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Private Event</b> – sanctuary reserved from 12:00 – 3:00 pm <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>Wednesday</b>	<b>Little Bits of Grace:</b> 10:00 – 11:30am <b>Council Meeting @</b> 7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Soup's On</b> - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm

### ***Renovation Loan Pledge Drive***

May 30 update:

We are seeking an average commitment of \$ 1,000 per year for the next 3 years per approximately 100 giving units in our church. Obviously the more upfront funds we receive, the better.

By raising \$ 300,000 of the remaining \$ 465,000 loan balance, we are seeking to reduce the current annual interest cost of around \$ 40,000 significantly and in a way that gives us all a chance to participate in a manner suitable to everyone's budget.

If you have not picked up the pledge form in your mailbox yet, please see below for giving options:

- A one-time lump sum to be enclosed
- A series of payments in addition to regular giving
- Or dedicated giving towards the building as marked from regular giving.

Envelopes with forms and cheques may be dropped off at the admin office. Thank you in advance for your participation and to those who have already responded!

Sjoerd Huese for  
Church Council

## ***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.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday - Friday ❖ 9:00 am – 1:00 pm