



Grace Mennonite Church

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Benediction

Sunday July 16, 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	Brenda Penner
Worship Speaker	Mel Letkeman
Musicians	Cathy Barkman, James Barkman Paul Barkman
Technicians	Bruce Blatz, Chris Peters
Ushers	Audrey Brandt, Bernie Brandt
Coffee Servers	Marlene Hoepfner, Theresa Sawatzky

*** Please join us in the foyer for coffee following our worship service. ***

Known and Searched

Known

Imagine God seeing through you. With you in all that your life holds. Knowing all you do, think, are and say.

The good, the bad and the ugly.

(Speak those out loud if you are alone)

With hands held up, imagine looking into God's eyes.
Then praise God that all you are is fully known and loved by God.

Searched

Now ask God to search all you do, think, are and say so as to reveal if it is "life giving" or "life taking"

(good, bad and the ugly)

for you and others.

With open hands ask God to grow in you that which you perceive to be life giving.

With open hands, receive Jesus healing for that which you perceive to be life taking.

Jesus Christ, I receive your peace which passes understanding.

Amen

We Pray Together

We pray for our International Workers **Daniel & Damaris Loewen-Rudgers** (Kenya).

Prayer for the week: Lord, may peace with you produce good living for you.

Prayer for our church: Pray for **Christina Putz** in the hospital.

THANK YOU!!!

Renovation Loan Pledge Drive update:

The mortgage balance of \$ 1,080,000 from 2018 has been reduced to \$ 397,000 currently (\$ 652,000 Dec 31/2021 and \$ 575,000 Dec 31/2022 resp).

Pledges received to date are \$ 51,285 with another \$ 9,975 to come in for the remainder of 2023. Pledges for 2024 and 2025 stand at \$ 17,720 per year.

In addition, there are also monthly designated amounts coming in.

Monthly interest costs in 2021 were approx. \$ 1,650, \$ 3,400 per month in 2022 and currently despite the mortgage balance reduction still at \$ 2,865.

There are approximately 40 pledge forms left in the church mailboxes, which means you who attend have really responded and **thank you** so much for that!

Sjoerd Huese for Church Council

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

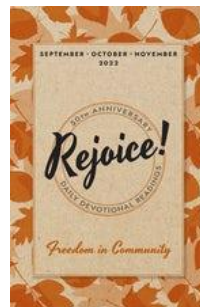
This Week at Grace ❖ July 17 – 21

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

Rejoice Devotional Booklet renewals or requests?

This quarterly magazine includes inspirational stories and poems, and daily prayer requests representing Mennonite mission workers, schools, and church agencies. This subscription is complimentary of Grace Mennonite Church.

Please email Nina before August 1st if you would like to receive a copy for the upcoming year.



**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.

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 to be part of our team.

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