



Grace Mennonite Church

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Christ Is Our Cornerstone VT #4

Welcome & Life of the Congregation

Come, Ye Thankful People VT #123

Call to Worship

Great Is Thy Faithfulness VT #419

For the Beauty of the Earth VT #120

Psalm & Prayer

Now Thank We All Our God VT #114

Time With The Children

(Children ages 3 through grade 8 may leave for Children's Church)

Sing to the God of Harvest VT #122

Praise with Joy the World's Creator VT #428

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise VT #98

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VT #88

Sending

Praise God VT #70

Sunday, October 15, 2023

9:00 am - Sisters of Grace – all women are invited to a time of reading, sharing and prayer together.

10:00 am – Worship Service

The Middle School kids may head straight downstairs at 10 am to help set up for lunch.

Livestream will be available between 10-11 am.

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

Children's Church for ages 3 to Grade 4 will be held during the service.

You may pick up your children following the worship service,
from the upper level classrooms.

All are welcome to stay after our worship service for a potluck fellowship meal.

Worship Leader	Mel Letkeman
Technicians	Bruce Blatz, Chris Peters
Ushers	Ken Fehr, Marigold Peters
Musicians	David Klassen, Alex Nikkel, Annalee Schellenberg
Children's Church	Steph Allan, Anika Klassen, Rebeka Lecias, Will Loepky, Arianna Penner, Jason Rempel, Tom Wiebe

This Week at Grace ❖ Oct 16 - 20

Monday	World Food Day Soup's On - Lunch Program preparation @ 9 am
Tuesday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5-6:15 pm Time of Prayer: 6:30-7pm - Meet in the foyer Private event: 7-8:30 pm – sanctuary is reserved.
Thursday	High School Youth - 7:30 -9 pm - Meet at church for fellowship around a bonfire!
Friday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5-6:15 pm

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

Perhaps becoming a member at Grace?

Are you interested in dedicating your child on November 12, 2023?

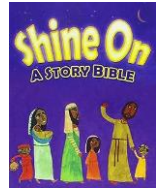
If so, let the us know by October 31st. We'll be glad to talk with you about it.

Mel

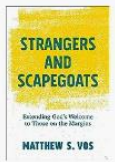
Upcoming Events

October 22, 2023:

- During the Children's Feature on Oct 22nd, we will be handing out children's Bibles to the 3 year olds. If you would like your child to receive one (or they're 4 and missed last years), please talk to the office.



- Adult Formation Book Discussion



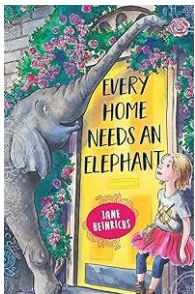
We will discuss the Introduction and chapters 1 and 2 of [Strangers and Scapegoats: Extending God's Welcome to Those on the Margins : Vos, Matthew:](#) [Amazon.ca: Books](#)



November 9th – *Grace Fundraising Auction*



Save the date: Sunday, **November 26th** for a **Retirement and Farewell** celebration for our beloved pastor, Mel Letkeman. Details to follow.



An arithmetic challenge brought to you by the **Grace Church Librarians:**

How many books do we have within our library that Jane Heinrichs has either written or illustrated? We are having a contest featuring books illustrated or written by Jane Heinrichs. Please enter by leaving your name and best guess in the box, on the table, in the library. A draw from the correct answers will be held and the winner will receive this book! Contest closes Oct 29, 2023.

Lately we have received several generous donations of new books for our library. We are grateful for each and every book donated.

NO SCENTS – MAKE SENSE

In recognition of individuals among us who struggle with asthma, allergies & environmental sensitivities; we ask that you refrain from wearing fragrances & scented personal care products in the facility we call “GRACE”. This includes perfume, cologne, scented hand lotion, after shave and scented hair products.

For some people, these products can cause a variety of health problems.

Let's think of each other & remember - NO SCENTS - MAKE SENSE

We Pray Together

This week we pray for those dealing with ongoing medical concerns.
Regon Barkman, Gord Bartel, Vi Brown, Raelyn Dick, Laurie Kroeker and Matt Rogalsky.

Prayer for the week: Lord, I thank you for the people of Grace. (Feel free to name individuals as you pray.)

Prayer for our world: Pray for Israel and Palestine.

***We will be gathering for times of prayer.
Every Tuesday during the month of October.
Join us again on October 17th from 6:30 – 7:00pm.***

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, Giant Tiger, & Sobeys will be accepted.

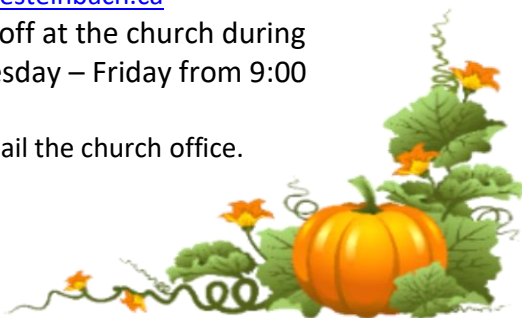
If you would like to **receive** gift cards, please talk to one of the pastors. Participation in the gift card exchange is entirely voluntary.

We will assess this program during formation on Nov. 12, 2023.

For those wondering about ***tithing***, we have several donation options:

- mailing your cheque to the church
- through automatic withdrawal
- e-transfer at donate@gracesteinbach.ca
- dropping your donation off at the church during regular office hours (Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm)

If you have any questions, please email the church office.



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Pastor: **Kyle Penner**

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Grace Mennonite

Annual

CHURCH AUCTION

will be held on **Thursday, November 9th**

Enjoy great food and
fun entertainment for
all ages!

Bring your kids! We will
provide childcare.

SUPPER will start at 5:30 pm
Served by Don & Marlene Hoepfner
and Peter & Joy Neufeld
(Donations will be accepted to
cover cost of the supper.)

AUCTION will start at 6:30 pm
with John Peters.

Make an item donation here and
put it in Box 10 or email a
description of your donated item to
Cindy & Bruce Blatz at
bruceblatz@gmail.com or
phone/text (204) 371-0672



Name: _____

Donated Item(s): _____

Need ideas for items to submit?

How about one of these?

Donate baking, preserves, or meat – Whatever you've over-processed in your zealously this fall. Who doesn't love someone else's TLC-infused goodies?

Games Night:

- you pick a board game, or lazer tag?
- choose the number of guests applicable
- provide finger food snacks

Activities ideas:

- ski, curl, swim, weiner roast, bike ride, airplane ride
- number of guests of your choosing
- provide some snacks (perhaps save those until after if you're providing an aerial adventure)

Themed meals:

- host, cook, share your recipes and culinary talents
- choose the number of guests based on your cooking style or capabilities. Worst case scenario, order take out!

Group Yoga class:

- host provides refreshing liquids for rehydration
 - grab your yoga matt or preferably a soft blanket (wink wink)
 - everyone wears comfy tops and stretchy pants
- (That way if you "accidentally" end up all watching a movie, everyone is at least comfortable.)

Crafters Night:

- try a new craft together with friends
- get together to knit, sew, paint, doodle, cookie bake for Christmas or clean-out your garage? That's "crafty" right?

**Check your calendar and have a date or two picked ahead of time.
Or, decide on a date with your guests. Your choice.**

These are just a few examples of activities and items from prior years.

You may have many other great ideas.

We're eager to hear all about them!

Now's your chance to get creative!