



# Grace Mennonite Church

October 22, 2023

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## Order of Service

Welcome & Life of the Congregation

Land Acknowledgment & Meeting Each Other

Open the Eyes of My Heart VT #401

Call to Worship

Blessed Be Your Name VT #637

Here by the Water VT #629

Children's Feature

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

Congregational Prayer

Your Love Is Amazing VT #96

[Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#)

***The New Reformation, Bob Ross Speed Painting, & The Chair***

Jesus, Be the Center VT #584

Benediction

"Who is our new interim pastor Kathy Koop?"

– an introduction by Brenda Penner, on behalf of Church Council  
(Kathy will be here to preach and meet us on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)

## Sunday, October 22, 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**

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 8 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 join us for coffee.**

### **11:15 am - Adult Formation Book Discussion**

Today in Room 26 downstairs, we will discuss the Introduction and chapters 1 and 2 of *Strangers and Scapegoats* by Matthew Vos.

Bring your book!



Worship Leader	Patrick Friesen
Ushers	Doug Kathler, Sarah Neufeld
Scripture Readers	Carm Wiebe
Musicians	Shara Dueck, Rachel Dyck, David Graham Adrielle Jodoin, Darren Reimer, Jen Rogalsky
Children's Church	Olivia Dupont, Alisa Harder, Heidi Martens, Bonny Peters Jeremy Plett, Mark Rempel
Technicians	Joe Dueck, Chris Peters
Coffee Servers	Bill Giesbrecht, Shannon Giesbrecht

## We Pray Together

***This week we pray for*** those within 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 the **Steinbach Family Resource Centre**.

***Prayer for the week:*** Lord, help us pay attention to what you are showing us.

***Prayer for our community:*** In our city where many go hungry, help us to feed each other.

***Prayer for our world:*** We not only pray for peace around the world, but also that we'll learn to stop killing each other.

***We will be gathering for a time of prayer.***  
***Join us again on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:00pm.***

## This Week at Grace ❖ Oct 23 - 27

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Soup's On</b> - Lunch Program preparation @ 9 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Soup's On</b> - Dine in lower auditorium, 5-6:15 pm <b>Time of Prayer:</b> 6:30-7pm - Meet in the foyer Private event: 7-8:30 pm – sanctuary is reserved.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Middle School Youth</b> – Games at Church, 7-8:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Stories with Seniors</b> @ 2:30 pm <b>High School Youth</b> – No youth tonight. Youth Retreat will be held Friday to Sunday. Talk to Kyle for more info. <b>Private event</b> – 5:30-8:30 pm – sanctuary is reserved.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Soup's On</b> - Dine in lower auditorium, 5-6:15 pm

## Upcoming Events



**October 29<sup>th</sup>** – Ken Dyck will be presenting information about the upcoming **Rice Drive** for South East Helping Hands. To learn a deeper appreciation for the difference your contributions will make within our community, there will be guided tours from 11 am - 1 pm. More details to follow.

### **November 9<sup>th</sup> – Grace Fundraising Auction**

Enjoy great food and fun entertainment for all ages!  
Supper will begin at 5:30 pm, followed immediately by the auction at 6:30 pm.

Come experience the “fun” in fundraising!

If you have any items you wish to donate, please contact Bruce Blatz @ [bruceblatz@gmail.com](mailto:bruceblatz@gmail.com)



### **November 11<sup>th</sup> – Men's Breakfast Group**

We are having our next Men's Breakfast meeting on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am in the basement of the church. Come and enjoy some good food and fellowship. Harv Lane and his cooking crew is going to surprise us with a great meal. Cost will be approx. \$5.00 to cover the cost of groceries. There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee bar counter. Any questions, contact Kurt Barz.

**A Pre Advent Invite!** Advent is coming. And, along with many other aspects of Advent Worship, we'll be doing some preaching. This year, we'd like to invite you to participate in our sermons by talking together about the passages we'll be using. It will be 'Bible Study With a Purpose', that being to have your voices as part of our Advent Sermons. We'll be meeting three times, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm to enjoy this time together. If you'd be interested, just let me know... **Mel**

**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*

### ***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.

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup>and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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

## **The Kin-dom of God by Donald Kraybill**

We are the folks who engage in conspicuous sharing.

Our faith wags our pocketbooks.

We give without expecting a return.

We forgive liberally as God forgave us.

We overlook signs of stigma hanging on the unlovely.

Genuine compassion for the poor and destitute moves us.

We look and move down the ladder.

We don't take our religious structures too seriously  
because we know that Jesus is Lord... of religious custom.

We serve rather than dominate.

We invite rather than coerce.

Love replaces hate among us.

Shalom overcomes revenge.

We share power, love assertively, make peace.

We flatten hierarchies and behave like children.

Servant structures replace rigid hierarchies.

We join in a common life for worship and support.

Here we discern the times and the issues.

In the common life, we discover the Spirit's direction for  
our individual and corporate ministries.