



## Grace Mennonite Church

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Life of the Congregation  
Land Acknowledgement & Meeting each other

What Is This Place VT #22

Call to Worship

O Worship Our God VT #129

[Deuteronomy 16:13-15](#)

Prayer

Thanksgiving

[Psalms 145](#) (selected verses)

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

O Sing to the Lord VT #113

Thanking God

Remembering Others

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord VT #131

Congregational Prayer & Offertory

Praise God VT #70

Benediction

Sunday, October 8, 2023

**Sisters of Grace** will not be meeting today. Please join us next Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 ages 3 to Grade 4 following the worship service from the upper level classrooms.

Grades 5-8 will be going for Breakfast at James's!

They'll leave after the children's feature, and walk to James's (199 Barkman).

Parents may either pick up your children there after worship, or they'll arrive back at church around 11:30am.

All are welcome to join us for coffee after the service.

Worship Leader	Jenn Kulpa
Worship Speaker	Mel Letkeman
Technicians	Bruce Blatz, Chris Peters
Ushers	Shannon Gerbrandt, Sarah Neufeld
Coffee Servers	Eileen Toews, John Toews
Musicians	Ron Dick, Shara Dueck, David Graham Leroy Penner, Laurie Wiens
Scripture Readers	Heather Bergman, Otto Goertzen
Children's Church	James Barkman, Sarah Barkman, Judy Hiebert Enid Letkeman, Kyle Penner, Heidi Wiens

## **We Pray Together**

***We pray for*** our international workers, **Daniel & Damaris Loewen-Rudgers** (Kenya).

***Prayer for the week:*** Lord, thank you for all that is around me today.

***Prayer for our world:*** As we thank God for the food on our tables, pray for large numbers of people in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen who live with severe food insecurity.

***We will be gathering for times of prayer  
Every Tuesday during the month of October.  
Join us again on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:00pm.***

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Soup's On</b> - Lunch Program preparation @ 9 am <b>Soup's On</b> - Dine in lower auditorium, 5-6:15 pm <b>Time of Prayer:</b> 6:30-7pm - Meet in Room #15 – the downstairs lounge. <b>Council Meeting:</b> @ 7 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Middle School Youth</b> - 7-8:30 pm Outdoor movie night! Bring a chair, blanket and extra snacks. We'll provide popcorn and juice boxes. Dress for the weather.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Seniors Coffee</b> - @ 2:30 pm <b>High School Youth</b> - 7:30 -9 pm - Meet at church for fellowship around a bonfire!
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Soup's On</b> - Dine in lower auditorium, 5-6:15 pm

Kyle Penner will be gone October 13 – 15, 2023 as he is attending the Evolving Faith Conference in Minneapolis with 5 other MCM pastors.

## Upcoming Events

### October 15<sup>th</sup> - *Grace Thanksgiving Potluck*

All are invited to stay after our worship service for a fellowship-meal. Please bring either a main-dish or salad to contribute to the potluck. We will provide buns, dessert and hot beverages. Please sign up at the back of the church to volunteer your assistance with set-up, serving or clean up.

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

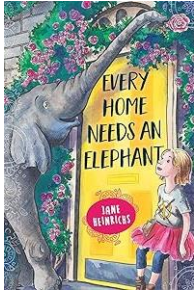
We are excited to announce that after a multi-year hiatus, planning has begun. Many of us may not have experienced a Grace Auction, there will be a more detailed explanation presented next Sunday. Supper will begin at 5:30 pm, followed by the auction at 6:15 pm. The evening will wrap up by 7:30 pm. Come experience the “fun” in fundraising!



Reserve Sunday, **November 26<sup>th</sup>** for a  
***Retirement and Farewell*** celebration  
for our beloved pastor, Mel Letkeman.  
Details to follow.

Care about climate action? Mennonite Church Manitoba's **Climate Action Working Group** is looking for *Climate Animators* – Someone from each church to organize and advocate for climate action in all 39 of our churches. If you're interested, please talk to the office.

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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.

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**Might you be interested in baptism, or knowing more about it?  
Perhaps becoming a member at Grace?**

**Are you interested in dedicating your child this fall?**

**If so, let the us know. 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.

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