



Grace Mennonite Church

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Order of Service

Welcome & Life of the Congregation

Wonderful Grace of Jesus VT #170

Call to Worship

God Will Make A Way

Grease, Sugar, & Salt

Prayer of Blessing

Time with the Children

(Children ages 3 through grade 8 may leave for Children's Church -
Middle School Youth may leave for breakfast @ James's)

Christ Has No Body Here but Ours VT #568

Grease, Sugar, & Salt II

Speak O Lord

Grease, Sugar, & Salt III

Congregational Prayer & Offertory

The Hand of God Shall Hold You VT #671

Benediction

Sunday, November 19, 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 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 Time with the Children, 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 11:30 am.

All are welcome to join us for coffee.

11:15 am – Adult Formation Book Discussion

Today in Room 26 downstairs, we will discuss chapters 5 & 6 of Strangers and Scapegoats by Matthew Vos.

Guest author Val Hiebert will join us. Bring your book.



Worship Leader	Enid Letkeman
Worship Speaker	Mel Letkeman
Ushers	Ken Fehr, Marigold Peters
Musicians	Emmy Friesen, Barb Lane, Harv Lane, Julia Lane Karla Lane, Alexandra Nikkel, Wes Reimer, Gerry Sapinsky
Children’s Church	James Barkman, Olivia Dupont Ange Neufeld, Melvin Toews, Bonny Peters
Technicians	Bruce Blatz, Matt Boese
Coffee Servers	April Forgo, Leighton Wiebe

We Pray Together

We pray for those dealing with ongoing medical concerns – **Regon Barkman, Gord Bartel, Vi Brown, Raelyn Dick, Laurie Kroeker, Matt Rogalsky.**

Prayer for the week: Lord, move me to prayer. So that I’ll be moved to action.

Prayer for the world: Pray for Mennonite Christians in Myanmar. They have had to flee for the second time as the military bombs their town near the Indian border.

Grace Gift Card Exchange balance as at November 17th is \$1,125.00

This Week at Grace Nov 20 - 25

Monday	Soup's On - Lunch Program preparation @ 9 am
Tuesday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5-6:15 pm Bible Study With A Purpose – 7 pm
Wednesday	Middle School Youth - 7-8:30 pm – meet at church
Thursday	Stories with Seniors – 2:30 pm in the foyer High School Youth – 7:30 pm – meet at church.
Friday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5-6:15 pm
Saturday	Women's Breakfast – 9:00 am in the basement

Upcoming Events

November 26: Please join us next Sunday as we have a Retirement and Farewell service for Pastor Mel's 19 years of ministry at Grace. The service will be followed by a lunch to which all are invited. An email will be sent out on Monday with final info, including how to sign up to volunteer for the lunch.

Rice Drive for S.E.H.H. - November 2023

If you would like to support our local food bank:

- monetary donations - this money will be used to purchase rice in bulk. Please add the "Rice Drive" in your memo on cheques or e-transfers
- rice donation



Save the date for the Grace Christmas Tea – December 11th evening
– more details are coming soon.

December 14th – Steve Bell Concert at Grace Mennonite at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are available:

- Online at <https://stevebell.com/event/steinbach-mb-solo-concert-2/>
- Or by phone 1 (800) 854-3499
- at the Grace Church office. (Cheques payable to **Signpost Music**)

Christmas is coming! And so is Advent Worship!

This year, starting on Dec 3rd, we want to include children who would like to be part of it. So, children, tell your parents if you'd be interested in playing some piano, saying a poem, reading or memorizing scripture as part of Sunday Morning Worship. Parents, ask your children if they'd like to participate in that way during the four Sundays of Advent. Then, let me know if you're interested. Thanks... **Mel**

Financial Update:

2023 Budgeted Giving:	\$ 469,550
Actual General Donations till end of October:	- 307,239
	<u>\$ 162,311</u>
Other non-designated gifts	- 31,000
Auction Proceeds	- <u>43,000</u>
2023 Shortfall with 2 months remaining	<u>\$ 88,311</u>

Year-to-date expenses are tracking the budgeted expenses very closely.



Giving to Grace Mennonite Church

To support Grace, point your smartphone camera at this QR code or visit: gracesteinbach.ca/donation/

A Prayer for You

May the Father of Light pour out all grace upon you
May you feel God's hand in everything you do
And be strengthened by the things you'll be brought through
This is my prayer for you

May the Son of God be Lord of all your ways
May he Shepherd you the length of all your days
And in your heart may God receive the praise
This is my prayer for you

And despite how simple it may sound
I pray God's grace will abound
And motivate everything you do
So that the fullness of God's love be shared through you

May the Spirit comfort you and make you strong
May God discipline you gently when you're wrong
And in your heart may God give you a song
This is my prayer for you
This is my prayer for you

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