

Grace Mennonite Church

February 18th 2024 Vol. 63 No. 7

Order of Service

Welcome

I Sing the Mighty Power of God VT #182

Call to Worship

In Christ Alone VT #332 vs 1

Confession & Lenten Candle Liturgy

Offering

Jesus Loves Me VT #516

Children's Feature

(Children ages 3 to grade 4 may leave for Children's Church)

Take My Life, and Let It Be VT #759

Mark 10:17-31

Clubs (for hitting, not dancing or card playing),
Zonkey, & Flying Squirrel

Here I Am, Lord VT #545

Congregational Prayer

Heart with Loving Heart United VT #813

Benediction

On Friday, a letter regarding the upcoming **Congregational Discernment & Visioning Process** (led by Credence & Co), was emailed to our church mailing list. There are a few paper copies available in the back. If you didn't receive the letter, please contact the office. And if you have any questions, please be in touch with someone from the Reference Group (Tara Klassen, Curtis Krahn, Judy Hiebert, Sarah Barkman, Sjoerd Huese, Kyle Penner or Kathy Koop).

Sunday February 18th, 2024

9:00 am - Sisters of Grace

All women are invited to a time of reading, sharing, and prayer together. Whether you're able to come once in a while or regularly, we hope to grow in our relationships with each other and with God.

10:00 am – Worship Service

Children's Church for ages 3 to Grade 4 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.

Livestream will be available between 10-11 am.

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

All are welcome to continue fellowship over coffee in the foyer.

Worship Leader	Tamara Rempel
Worship Speaker	Kyle Penner
Ushers	Kurt Barz, Shannon Gerbrandt
Musicians	Cathy Barkman, James Barkman
	Pearl Barz, Naomi Goertzen, Annalee Schellenberg
Children's Feature	Arianna Penner, Kyle Penner
Children's Church	Kate Hiebert, Rebeka Lecias, Will Loeppky
	Heidi Martens, Bonny Peters
Technicians	Bruce Blatz, Matt Boese
Coffee Servers	Andrew Unger, Erin Unger

We ask that you please

consider refraining from wearing strongly scented personal products at Grace. There are some people who suffer with a sensitivity to scented products around them and would appreciate this.

Thank you . Grace Church Council

We Pray Together

We pray for those dealing with ongoing medical concerns: Regon Barkman, Gord Bartel, Raelyn Dick, Betty Koop, Laurie Kroeker, Matt Rogalsky, Sarah Neufeld & Laurie Wiens.

Prayer for the Week: Help us to give away our wealth.

Prayer for the World: We pray that everybody around the world, both local and afar, have enough food to eat this week.

Prayer request:

I have been accepted for a new experimental drug.

After much thought I have accepted to do this trial. This is a very new drug. Please pray for me and my family as we go into this next cancer treatment.

Thanks, Betty Koop

This Week at Grace Feb. 19th - 24th, 2024

Monday We will be closed for Louis Riel Day

Tuesday Soup's On – Lunch Program preparation @ 9 am

Soup's On – Dining in the lower auditorium, 5 – 6:15pm

Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

Thursday Stories w/Seniors – 2:30 pm in the foyer

High School Youth – 7:30 – 9pm at church.

Come and hear some stories of faith from our seniors!

Friday Soup's On – Dining in the lower auditorium, 5 – 6:15pm

Upcoming Events



MCM Mondays - <u>Feb 19</u> - "Fossil fuel nonproliferation treaty: what is it, and should we endorse it?"

Our Climate Action Working Group has prepared a resolution for discussion and decision at our upcoming MCM Gathering. Delegates are urged to attend this session, bringing questions they may have from their congregations. Michael Pahl will host the conversation.

<u>See the CAWG webpage</u> to read the resolution.

www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays for more info and the Zoom link.

Sunday, February 25th, 2024

Please read Mark 10:32-52

Our guest speaker will be Nadya Langelotz, Associate Program Director of Camps with Meaning.

You're invited to Grace Church Camp!

March 1-3 at Camp Assiniboia.

\$150/adult, and kids 0-17 are free!

"Saturday only" day trippers are welcome too!

There's info in your mailboxes (with some extras in the back for those without mailboxes).

Talk to Kyle Penner, Tamara Rempel, Shara Dueck or Kristy Rempel for more info.

Save the dates! Pauingassi Family Camp is **July 8-13**! If you're interested in helping us "bring Disney to Pauingassi", let Kyle know!

Worship committee is looking for music students to be part of a regular rotation of offertory players, if this interests you please connect with Emmy Friesen, or any other member of the committee.

Giving to Grace Mennonite Church

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



2023 Charitable Tax Donation receipts will be placed in your church mailboxes by February 28, 2024.

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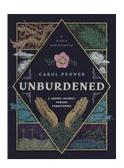
Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14), is the 40-day (plus Sundays) season before the celebration of Easter. Lent invites us to step aside from the pressuring demands of our every-day lives and to reflect on the relationship between us and God, the relationships between people, and the relationship between people and the rest of creation.

The season of Lent is often associated with the spiritual practice of fasting, giving up something that could come between you and God. You might try this, or another spiritual practice that helps you to renew the relationship between you and God. Here are a few ideas of ways to journey through the season of Lent, which begins this year with Ash Wednesday on February 14 and ends with Easter on March 31.

Here are some suggestions:

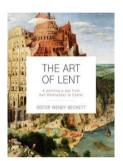
<u>Common Prayer</u>, a liturgy for ordinary radicals, is daily prayer you can follow for the season of Lent or year-round. https://commonprayer.net/

<u>Pray as you go</u> is a prayerful, musical, scriptural podcast from the Jesuits. It's about 15 minutes long and ca set your day in the right space any time of year, including Lent. (Available at https://pray-as-you-go.org/home/ or as an app on your phone)



Unburdened. A Lenten Journey toward Forgiveness. This book by Carol Penner that invites us to hear God's call to move away from brokenness into the healing and hope of the resurrection. Through prayers, scripture reflections, and stories about individuals and communities, be encouraged to take small steps toward the freedom found in forgiveness.

(Available at https://www.commonword.ca/Home or at Amazon.ca)



The Art of Lent: A Painting a Day from Ash Wednesday to Easter. In this book Wendy Beckett describes and interprets a series of forty full-color paintings for each day of Lent. Artists often address subjects that our culture seeks to avoid, and the brilliant and perceptive reflections from nun and art historian Sister Wendy Beckett will help you to read these paintings with a more

discerning eye and encounter deeper levels of spiritual meaning than may at first appear. (Available at

https://www.commonword.ca/Home or at Amazon.ca)

Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada invite any groups or individuals to participate in a Lenten Guided Prayer Experience. This year's theme is *Hungering for Hope*. Registration is available on the CommonWord website at

https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/23822

The social justice publication Sojourners once created this 40 ways to live simply for 40 days of Lent. You will find it at https://sojo.net/articles/lenten-reflections/40-ways-live-simply-40-days-lent

<u>Living Lent Daily</u> is a daily email prayer break with Scripture and related reflections, with suggestions for further exploration. Living Lent Daily is based on Sacred Space – the trusted online prayer site by the Irish Jesuits. https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily/