



Grace Mennonite Church

April 14th, 2024

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Life of the Congregation

Here in This Place VT #10

Call to Worship

Come, Thou Fount VT #563

Praise with Joy the World's Creator VT #428

Offering

Children's Time & Coins Count

(Children ages 3 to grade 8 may leave for Children's Church.
Middle School Youth may leave for Breakfast @ James's)

[Acts 9:1-20](#)

Turn in the Road

How Many Times We Start Again VT # 553

Congregational Prayer

Calm Me, Lord VT #680

Benediction

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VT #606

Sunday April 14, 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.



We will be at **Cedarwood** from 9:30-10:00 to bring the worship service there. If you are willing to come sing or provide instrumental accompaniment as part of this morning, your presence shall be warmly welcomed.

10:00 am – Worship 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 Kroeker). Parents may either pick up your children there after worship, or they'll arrive back at church around 11:15 am.

Livestream will be available between 10 – 11 am.

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

Please join us for coffee in the foyer following the worship service.

Our Coins Count money will be going to MCC's Grow Hope Campaign, where \$350 sponsors one acre of farmland here in Manitoba. After harvest, the Grow Hope farmer will sell the crop and donate the proceeds to MCC's account at the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, which is matched at least 1:1 or up to 4:1 by the Canadian government. That means that every dollar we give can become up to 5 dollars to provide emergency food aid. If you'd like to give extra money besides your coins, you can designate some extra giving to church as Grow Hope and we'll add it to the coins.

Worship Speaker	Kathy Koop
Worship Leader	Tamara Rempel
Musicians	David Graham, David Klassen, Annalee Schellenberg
Children's Time	Kyle Penner
Children's Church	James Barkman, Kate Hiebert, Rebeka Lecias Will Loepky, Bonny Peters, Simon Rempel
Technicians	Curtis Kulpa, Chris Peters
Ushers	Andrew Unger, Erin Unger
Coffee Servers	Audrey Brandt, Bernie Brandt

We Pray Together

We pray for our International Workers: **Daniel & Damaris Loewen-Rudgers.**

Prayer for the Week: God, transform us as you transformed Paul and us into children who rejoice in knowing and proclaiming you to the world.

Prayer for the World: We pray for peace and hope to abound. We pray for your provision, peace and protection.

This Week at Grace ❖ April 15 - 20

Monday	Soup's On - Lunch Program @ 9 am
Tuesday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5–6:15 pm
Wednesday	Private Rental – sanctuary is reserved from 5–10 pm
Thursday	High School Youth – 7:30 pm Focus Groups at church.
Friday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5–6:15 pm
Saturday	Private Rental: sanctuary/basement reserved 12 pm–5 pm

Your **Camps with Meaning Capital Campaign** is launching with a party today! Alloway Hall at the Manitoba Museum. Music by Steve Bell, Bucky Driedger, Mike Wiebe and Alisa Wiebe, and more.

Kyle Penner is the MC for this event. We are hoping 10 people from Grace will attend. If you would like to carpool, let Kyle know.

Food, drink, lots of visiting time, news, and of course an invitation to think about how you will light the fire (support the campaign). Sign up for free tickets and more info on the project at www.lightthefire.ca

Sunday, April 21

[Acts 17:1-9](#); [1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)

How do we live with disagreements in the church?
(I hope none of us think that rounding up a mob of
shady characters is a good idea ...)

Save the dates:

Retreat at Grace May 31 and June 1.

All who identify as female, non binary, transgender, or gender diverse are invited. Details to follow.

Gift Card Exchange - Grace Mennonite has set up a 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, Shoppers Drug Mart, Giant Tiger, & Sobeys will be accepted. No tax receipts will be given. If you would like to **receive** gift cards, please talk to one of the pastors. Participation in the gift card exchange is entirely voluntary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.



Might you be interested in baptism, or knowing more about it?
Might you be interested in being a member at Grace?
If so, we'd be glad to talk with you about it. *Kathy & Kyle*

Giving to Grace Mennonite Church

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www.gracesteinbach.ca

Church Focus Groups:

As part of our church Visioning and Discernment Process, we had 169 responses to the online survey! Thank you for filling them out! Such a high response rate sets us up well for the next part of the process: **Focus Groups!**

If you would like to sign up for a focus group, please visit this link: <https://forms.gle/UZpzTQxm7mgbEEzJ8>

As of Friday morning, about 115 people have signed up. The April 14 focus groups are full, but there is still space on April 18, 21 and 28th.

Focus groups will be offered on Sunday April 14, 21, & 28 at 11:15 (after worship), and Thursday, April 18 at 7:30pm.

Each group will be 5-8 people, will last about 60-75 minutes, and will be led by 2 people (a facilitator and a note taker) from Church Council, Spiritual Guidance, or the Reference Group.

The questions will be about our congregational strengths, growth areas, hopes and dreams, and how our own stories are weaved into the story of what God is doing at Grace Mennonite Church.

You can ask to be in a focus group with one other person, and we'll try our best to accommodate.

"Loose childcare" (aka: a movie and some teens) will be available on April 21 and April 28.

We have a specific number of seats available for each time slot, and they'll be given on a "first come first serve" basis.

Come to church on the day of your focus group, and we'll provide you the info on who you're meeting with, and where.

If you have any questions, feel free to send them to anybody on the reference group (Sarah Barkman, Curtis Krahn, Judy Hiebert, Tara Klassen, Sjoerd Huese, Kathy Koop, & Kyle Penner).

Thanks!