



# Grace Mennonite Church

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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## Order of Worship

Prelude

Let All Ye Sons and Daughters Sing – V. Leisring

Welcome & Call to Worship

***Christ Is Arisen, Alleluia*** VT #341

***Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna*** VT #354

*I'm Gonna Sing* – spiritual, arr. H. Helvey

*Freedom Come* – Ben Allaway; Tenor, Paul Dueck

*La Paz del Señor, la Paz del Resucitado* – P. Anders Ruuth

The peace of the Lord, the risen one, be with you and me, there's enough for everyone.

**Story Time** – *On The Emmaus Road*

(Children ages 3 to Grade 8 may leave for Children's Church)

[Psalm 146](#)

*Lord of the Small* – Dan Forrest; text – Johanna Anderson

*We are not alone* – P Choplin

[Luke 24:13-35](#)

***Following An Invisible Jesus***

***Christ Is Alive, and Goes Before Us*** VT #575

Congregational Prayer & Benediction

Sending Song - *Prayers* – *May the peace of Christ be with you* – E Wiebe

# Sunday April 7, 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 8 will be held during the service. You may pick up your children following the worship service from the upper level classrooms.

Livestream will be available between 10 – 11 am.

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

**11:00 am** - Children's Church teachers meeting will be held after the service.

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

Worship Speaker	Michael Pahl
Worship Leader	Jenn Kulpa
Music	<u>Faith &amp; Life Male Choir</u> Conductor: Ben Pauls Pianist: Loren Hiebert Congregational Singing: Paul Dueck
Scripture	George Heide
Story Time	Ben Pauls
Children's Church	Stephanie Allan, Alisa Harder Kate Hiebert, Marian Hiebert, Jason Rempel
Technicians	Curtis Kulpa, Chris Peters
Ushers	Audrey Brandt, Bernie Brandt
Coffee Servers	Bill Giesbrecht, Shannon Giesbrecht

## We Pray Together

We pray for our congregants in Care Homes: **Marie Dyck, Linda Martens and Christina Putz.**

**Prayer for the Week:** Thank you for early signs of spring, Creator God! Give us an awareness of your goodness so that we will share joyously and live responsibly.

**Prayer for the World:** God, reveal your love in our hurting, pained world!

Congratulations are in order for the **Lorraine & Elbert Toews** family. Lorraine's sister, Verna Hiebert, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## This Week at Grace ❖ April 8 - 12

<b>Monday</b>	Soup's On - Lunch Program, 9:00 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm Council Meeting @ 7 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Middle School Youth – We're taking the week off so we can recover from the weekend retreat!
<b>Thursday</b>	Senior's Coffee @ 2:30 pm in the foyer. High School Youth: Escape Room! 6 – 10 pm Cost \$20. Please RSVP with Kyle.
<b>Friday</b>	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm

Why are your coins sitting in your pocket when they could be doing something good? So bring them to church next Sunday, because we're starting **Coins Count** again!

### **Sunday, April 14**

[Acts 9:1-20](#)

What are our thoughts and feelings about conversion?  
Are we willing to consider a turn in how we live?

Your **Camps with Meaning Capital Campaign** is launching with a party on **April 14, 2024**. 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](http://www.lightthefire.ca)

### **Save the date: Retreat at Grace May 31 and June 1.**

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



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

**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.

Gift Card Exchange Balance as at April 4, 2024 is \$ 350



**Grace Church Pictorial 2024** Yes, it's that time again! Please have any change requests submitted to the office before April 12, 2024.

New to Grace? Well then, greetings! You are welcome to be included in our Grace Mennonite Church 2024 Pictorial Directory, just let the office know.



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*



The library is noting a fair amount of books that are overdue by months and years. Could you please check under your beds, on your book shelves and in your back packs to see if you have any Grace church library books? Thanks

### **Giving to Grace Mennonite Church**

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



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## 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>

You can also sign up for a focus group in the foyer on April 7, or by contacting the office.

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!

# Faith and Life Male Choir

**Conductor:** Ben Pauls **Pianist:** Loren Hiebert

## Tenor I

Gary Bergen  
Henry Braun  
Albert Falk  
Art Harms  
Richard Olfert  
Leroy Penner  
John Wiens

## Tenor II

Ted Barg  
Paul Dueck  
Waldy Ens  
George Heide  
Darren Kehler  
Ken Loewen  
James Schellenberg

## Baritone

Willie Enns  
Ed Gaeke-Franz  
Henry Kiewer  
John Martens  
Ed Neufeld  
Erwin Pankratz  
Dave Regehr  
Bruce Schulz  
Joel Wiebe

## Bass

Jim Dyck  
Don Elias  
Al Ens  
Wil Epp  
Alan Janzen  
Bruno Klassen  
Robb Nickel  
John Poettcker  
Earl Reimer  
Leo Rempel

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## The Faith and Life Choir Mission

Our mission *is to participate in the mission of the wider church by leading others into worship of God through music.*

The choirs accomplish their mission through concerts, church and personal care home visits, CD sales, and recording music for the radio broadcast ministry.

## Join the Faith and Life Choirs at our Spring Concerts

May 4 & 5; Winnipeg & Morden

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### MCM Events

April 13. Celebrate Tom and Christine Poovong's International Ministry. [mennochurch.mb.ca](http://mennochurch.mb.ca)

April 14. Light the Fire Launch Party. Camp Capital Campaign. [www.lightthefire.ca](http://www.lightthefire.ca)

May 10 & 11. Voices Together in Worship - Worship resourcing event. [mennochurch.mb.ca](http://mennochurch.mb.ca)

June 21-23. Camps with Meaning 75th Anniversary. [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org)

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## Mennonite Church Manitoba

Mennonite Church Manitoba is a community of 40 congregations including over 6,000 members.

Our vision *is to be a community of congregations, unified in Jesus Christ, living a biblical Anabaptist faith, together presenting Jesus Christ to the world.*

For more info: visit the website at [www.mennochurch.mb.ca](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca)  
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