

g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter

From the Lead Team

So, I was sitting on a chair in the line-up, waiting for my turn. The two young ladies swabbed, jabbed in the needle, and went on to the gentleman in front of me. One of the ladies asked him how his day was, and if this was his first or second needle. I heard him say something about which shot it was, and then offered some remarks about the different sides of the debate his family members were on.

The young nurse kept swabbing, and then said "I find that the best thing to do is keep on being kind". The gentleman acknowledged her comment and then made more remarks about his family's different opinions. She was quiet for awhile and then said, "For me being kind, and then going on to being kind again works best".

I thought to myself,-This young lady probably rarely gets into an argument, and she probably gets a lot of respect from her peers. Maybe not as much for her opinion on a matter, but rather how she handles her opinion on that particular matter. It brought to mind that Christ also teaches in Matthew 5:23 and Matthew 9: 9-13 that it is not what you carry in your hand that matters, it is what you carry in your heart.

-Isaac Froese

Coffee with Staff!!
Wednesday, July 13 @ 10 am

Bring your own beverage and lawn chair.
Join us for a time of fellowship.



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Monthly Matters

Typically the Lead Team takes a break from meeting in the month of July, however with recent events we felt it necessary to meet with Pastor Sean and discuss our next steps after the resignation of Ryley Fehr.

Our priority was to pray and discern where God is leading us in this. Going around the table we discussed many different ideas regarding the youth program and ways we could move forward, keeping in mind our vision: Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples. How can we show God's love and provide biblical truth to our youth in a way that will move them into maturity with their faith?

Through all of our discussions the one common theme was that we love our youth and it will be important to maintain connections and a consistent presence in their lives, especially during this time. The staff and volunteers will now need to meet and discuss the options but I would ask the entire Covenant Community to continue to pray over our church and specifically our youth at this time.

More updates will be coming as details are worked out.

- Derek Hiebert

Partnership Focus



2021 marks the 30th anniversary for Journey Canada and Journey Manitoba! Wow, 30 years! There have been many staff and volunteers who have helped develop and grow the ministry in Manitoba over the last three decades. We are so thankful for each and every person who has been involved on staff, as a volunteer, partnering through prayer, and supporting us financially. What a gift and cause for celebration! We are excited to invite you to celebrate with us. One of the ways we are celebrating 30 years is through Journey for Hope.

Journey for Hope is an event running from June 1st to September 30th across Canada where people ask others to sponsor them as they participate in an activity they love to help people find hope. Some are organizing bike-a-thons, others are knitting, and still others are doing 30 days of baking. We (Raena and Reg) will be walking/running/hiking 30 kms in 3 months (June, July, August).

We would love for you to join our team! Hike the great outdoors, discover a new urban trail, explore new locales, or just stroll around your neighbourhood. Invite your family, friends, and community to join you, too, and to pledge a financial gift.

Are hiking and walking not your thing? You can also create your own team and choose an activity you love to celebrate Journey Canada's 30 years. Invite your friends and family to join you in your activity or to partner financially.

Your participation in Journey for Hope is a great way to help others find hope and spread the word about the good work God is doing through Journey. We hope you'll get involved!

Sincerely,

Raena & Reg
Manitoba Program Coordinators

Dear Grace Family,

Did you know we have a very diverse congregation? There are times when I just have to smile as I think how different we all are, and yet we are 'FAMILY'. In that diversity, in the differences of our personal opinions or preferences, there can also easily be judgements, frustrations, and underlying tensions when we don't agree.

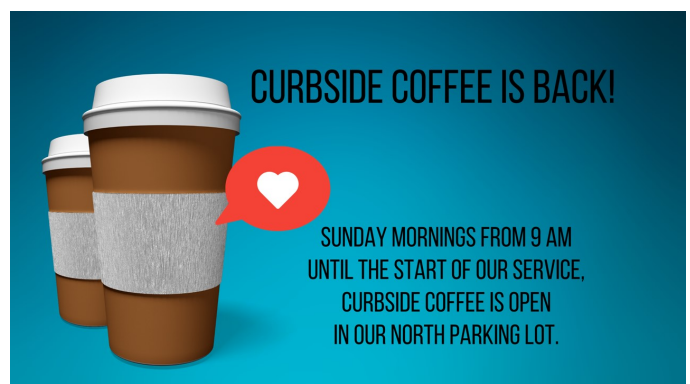
I'm going to ask you, my family, to step up TOGETHER in unity for the cause of Christ. I'm not writing this because I've heard things about any of you. It's just been on my heart awhile, especially as I read Romans 12.

My prayer is that we can see our individual purposes within this family and community, helping each other grow in good fruit, encouraging each other in our faith because the cause of Christ is far more important than us being right on the hottest topic of the day.

Let's be honest... The world is watching the Church, how we navigate the latest news, how we treat each other, and how we interpret Scripture. Our Church can be a great example of living together in unity even while having different opinions.

So family, how will you represent Grace, and more importantly – GOD – in our world today?

Melanie Friesen
Care & Connections Director





Oh, the Places You'll Go!

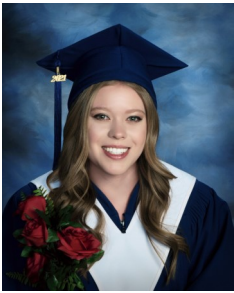
Celebrating our High School graduates



Salama Mulume

Salama graduated from GVC with his Level 2 Certificate in Automotive Technology. He plans to take some time off and has started a job at Tri

Koating. He hopes to eventually further his education in the Automotive field.



Brooklyn Wiebe

Brooklyn is pursuing post-secondary education in the fall at the University of Winnipeg. She has been accepted

into the Faculty of Education program.



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little one



Congratulations to Rick & Lois Fehr on the birth of their first granddaughter, Lorelei Elizabeth. Lorelei was born to Jordan & Nelli Fehr on June 7th.

Prayer and Praise

Pray for our shut-ins and those with on-going health issues:

- Margaret Peters
- Marie Klassen
- Agnes Giesbrecht
- Katherine Krahn
- Maria Loewen
- Marie Brown
- Karl Redekop
- Anne Enns
- Jake Peters
- Dawson Froese
- Dennis Wiebe

Congratulations to Ben Schroeder & Jami Plett who will be celebrating their marriage tomorrow, July 10th. We wish you many wonderful years together.

Congratulations to Elicia Wiebe & Matt Young on their recent engagement. They are planning their wedding for the summer of 2022.

Condolences

We express our deepest sympathies to Cornie & Lori Neufeld and their family on the passing of Cornie's sister, Maria Giesbrecht of Steinbach, on Friday, July 2nd. May God's peace and comfort be with you and your family during this difficult time.

We also extend our sincere condolences to Al & Lisa Giesbrecht on the passing of Al's mom, Margaret Giesbrecht, on June 28th. May the loving arms of Jesus surround you and bring you comfort during this time of loss.