WELCOME to Grace Mennonite Church - December 15th, 2024

WORSHIP TEAM Courtney Neudorf

OFFERTORY Ruben Dyck & Barry Rudolph

ADVENT READING Thomas & Ashley Braun – Matthew 1:18-23

SPEAKER Pastor Darryl Neudorf

"A Christmas Warning (3rd Sunday of Advent)" – Hebrews 2:1-4

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Supervised Nursery during the worship service for ages 1 & 2 (in the Upstairs Nursery space; ask an usher for directions if needed).

Children's Church for ages 3-5 will be dismissed by announcement (in the basement; ask an usher for directions if needed).

MOMS & TOTS in the GYM

For young moms and their preschool children every Tuesday at 10am in the church gym. Invite a friend!

KIDS OF GRACE *Resumes Wed, Jan 8* for kids age 4-grade 6, 6:30-8pm.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

SENIOR YOUTH Grades 10-12

Christmas Banquet
Bring a dessert or snack.
Bring a boardgame.
Monday, December 16th, <u>6-10pm</u>

JUNIOR YOUTH Grades 7-9

Christmas Party Tuesday, December 17th, <u>6:30-9pm</u>

YOUNG ADULTS:

Dec 16th at 7:30pm at NGMC Christmas Party

If you have any questions, speak with Stuart Mufford.

CHRISTMAS TREE FUND:

The total amount received will be split evenly and given as a gift to our missionaries.

If you would like to donate to this fund, please note "Christmas Tree Fund" on your cheque or etransfer memo.

Please have all year-end giving in by December 30th. Thank you! The Bridge: Community Christmas Celebration on Dec 23rd – See poster on the bulletin board for items needed.

Saskatoon Pregnancy and Support Centre is in need of some items – See poster on the bulletin board.

*More volunteers are needed for Children's Church & Supervised Nursery. If you are available and willing to help, please contact Janet Buhler.

THIS WEEK:

Mon, Wed, & Fri – **Drop-In Indoor Walking** 9-10:30am in the Gym.

Monday - Adult Drop-In Pickleball 2-4pm in the Gym.

Tuesday – Moms & Tots in the Gym 10am-12pm.

Adult Drop-In Floor Hockey 9-10pm in the Gym.

Wednesday – Evening Prayer Meeting 7pm in the Conference Room.

Thursday – Adult Drop-In Pickleball 7-9pm in the Gym.

Friday – Christmas Day Choir Dress Rehearsal 7pm in the Sanctuary.

Saturday - Sunday School Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 9am-12pm

*KIDS OF GRACE: Calling all crochet-ers! We have someone to lead craft time for kids in grades 3-6 to learn to crochet a scarf. Now we are just looking for more willing adults to help the kids during craft time. This craft will take place over 4 evenings: January 15, February 12, March 12, and April 9. If you are interested, please talk with Clarissa Penner.

CHRISTMAS UPCOMING:

- Sunday School Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal: Dec 21st, 9a-12p. (choir & drama; for all gr 1-6 + those who signed up from gr 7-12).
- Sunday School Christmas Program: December 22nd at 7pm.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: December 24th at 7pm.
- Christmas Day Worship Service: December 25th at 10:30am.
- Sunday, December 29: Worship service at 10:30am no Sunday School, Children's Church (CC), or Supervised Nursery.
- **Sunday, January 5, 2025:** Regular schedule and programming resumes; Sunday School at 10:00am, worship service at 11:00am with Nursery + CC.

*Committee reports need to be handed in to Clarissa by Dec. 31st.

PRAYER & PRAISE:

Mission Focus this Month: LLCM

- Xavier Stobbs (3-year-old son of Graham & Monica Stobbs, grandson of John & Shirley Martens) battling high-risk cancer.
- Pray for Jon Epp as he continues to battle cancer.
- Curtis Doering away with Operation Mobilization till January.
- Conflict in Israel and Ukraine.
- Continued prayer for Kaedra Reimer's recovery from jaw reconstruction surgery.
- Pray for the youth meal ministry at The Bridge this Friday, Dec 20

Congratulations to Justin & Leah Fehr on the birth of their daughter, Rosie Anne, born on December 4th!



CHRISTMAS BAKING & MEAL NEEDED:

On Dec 20th NGMC is providing a traditional Christmas meal for The Bridge's youth ministry!

We are looking for volunteers to help with providing food and/or serving the supper in the evening. We plan to send each youth home with a tray of Christmas baking for their families. If you can help out in any of these ways, please let Edith know.

See signup sheet on the bulletin board.

Please be mindful that there are scent-sensitive people in our congregation.

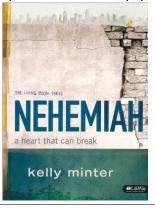
WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Bible Study

Nehemiah: A Heart That Can Break by Kelly Minter

Brunch + Bible Study beginning Friday, January 10th, 9:30-11:30am in the Dining Hall

Meeting weekly for 8 weeks for all women age 18+.

- *Childcare will be provided.
- *Sign up on the bulletin board.
- *Contact Courtney Neudorf with any questions.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

VBS Director(s) Needed!

The Missions Committee needs a VBS director for this summer's VBS program (July 14-18). Curriculum has been ordered. Please talk with Clark Giesbrecht, Edith Thiessen, Jill Wiebe, or Jonney Ginther if you would like to serve in this way.

