### WELCOME to Grace Mennonite Church - December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

WORSHIP TEAM Joanna Doerksen SPECIAL ITEM The Unger Family

**ADVENT READING** Desirae Giesbrecht & Sarah Fehr – Philippians 2:5-11

**SPEAKER** Pastor Murray Neudorf

"Immanuel: Salvation's Captain (4th Sunday of Advent)" – Hebrews 2:5-18

#### 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:** *Jan 7<sup>th</sup>* 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.

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 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

#### YOUTH MINISTRY:

**SENIOR YOUTH Grades 10-12** No Senior Youth this week.

**JUNIOR YOUTH Grades 7-9**No Junior Youth this week.

### **YOUNG ADULTS:**

Bible Study Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm, at NGMC.

Talk with Stuart Mufford if you have any questions.

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 willing to help, please contact Janet Buhler.

#### THIS WEEK:

TONIGHT - Sunday School Christmas Pageant 7pm

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

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

Tuesday – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7pm.

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

Wednesday – Christmas Day Worship Service at 10:30am.

\*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 Pageant: Tonight at 7pm.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Christmas Day Worship Service: December 25<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

The library requests *all books, DVDs, and CDs be returned by Dec 31*<sup>st</sup> so that an inventory can be done.

# 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.

#### 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.
- Praise for Kaedra Reimer's continued recovery from jaw surgery.

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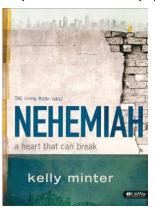
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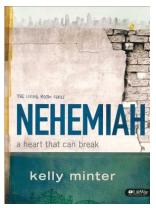
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