

Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church

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Worship Service

Sunday, December 17, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Prelude – Sunday School

Congregational Song – Mark Elias

MH 138 *While Shepherds Watched*

Welcome/Announcements/Prayer – Jack Froese

Offertory – Sunday School – Psalm 8

Congregational Song – Mark Elias

MH 132 *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Advent Reading 1 – John & Agatha Klassen

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Luke 1:46-55

Congregational Song – Mark Elias

MH 111 *Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel*

Advent Reading 2 – John & Agatha Klassen

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Congregational Song – Mark Elias

MH 115 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Pastoral Prayer – Pastor Dean Huber

Sermon – Pastor Dean Huber

The Word Became Flesh; John 1:1-18

Congregational Song – Mark Elias

MH 127 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Benediction – Pastor Dean Huber

Postlude – Sunday School

Sound: Melissa Rudi

Video: Chris Loewen

Computer: Brad Funk

Pastor Dean Huber

1 (306) 270-7514

Pastor Vic Engbrecht

(204) 361-6778

Sunday, December 24, 2023

9:30 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Victor Engbrecht
4th Advent

This week at Winkler Bergthaler

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Meeting
2:00 p.m. No Bible Study this week

Focus on Missions

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G.V.C. Stonehouse

Pray for our Ministerial (Dennis Derksen, George Elias, Jake Froese, Jake Klassen, Henry Neufeld, and Bill Siemens)

Life in the Church

Committee Annual Reports

In preparation for our annual membership meeting in early 2024, all committee chairpersons are asked to submit a report of their committee happenings for our annual report book.

Please prepare and submit (email if possible) your report to Ashley in the office by January 12, 2024.

Christmas Day

Our Christmas Day worship service will begin at 10:00 am.

Pastor Victor Engbrecht

This morning Pastor Victor is serving at the Buhler Active Living Center.

Thank You

We had 2 wonderful church events last week: Terrance Klassen's 'Tour of Israel & Egypt' and our Sunday school/Youth program. THANK YOU, Terrance, and young people for sharing your gifts with us! Thank you, cookie bakers, and all those who helped in the kitchen, with set-up and clean up for our times of fellowship after. It is so appreciated and so good to work together!

Church Family - Praises and Concern

Persons with Health Needs

Prairie View Lodge (Pilot Mound): Hilda Hamm
BTHC: Abe L. Friesen, Margaret Ens
Swan Lake Hospital: Mary Dueck, John Suderman
Manitou Care Home: Abe A. Friesen

Expressions of Sympathy

Randy Rietze passed away in November. A memorial service was held on November 29. He was a son-in-law to Dave Wiebe, and a brother-in-law to Gladys and Rod Wall.

Prayer Request

Alvina Derksen will be receiving hip surgery on Wednesday, December 20. Since her fall in May she has endured much pain. Alvina is thankful for the prayers, visits, and food she has received from the congregation. She said she misses seeing you all face to face and worshipping together with you. Please pray for her as she awaits her surgery, and for her recovery.

Birthdays This Week

Anne Suderman 20

Scripture for This Week

- Ruth 4:9-17
- Proverbs 18:10-15
- Genesis 50:15-21
- Psalm 131
- Romans 3:21-26
- Acts 2:38-47
- Proverbs 3:5-18

Coming Events

December 25
Service at 10:00 a.m.

January 21
Church Potluck

Quotes for the Week

“And the word became flesh.” The plain meaning of these words is, that our Divine Savior took upon Him human nature. He became a real Man, yet a sinless, perfect Man.

Pink, A. W. (1923–1945). Exposition of the Gospel of John (p. 32). Bible Truth Depot.

“And the word became flesh.” It is the design of John’s Gospel to bring this out in a special way. The miracles recorded therein illustrate and demonstrate this in a peculiar manner. For example: He turns the water into wine—but how? He, Himself, did nothing but speak the word. He gave His command to the servants and the transformation was wrought.

Pink, A. W. (1923–1945). Exposition of the Gospel of John (p. 34). Bible Truth Depot.

Financial Update – as of December 11, 2023

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| Annual Budgeted Income | \$781,250 - 100% |
| Year to December 11th Income | <u>\$701,241 - 89.8%</u> |
| Amount short of Annual Budgeted Income | \$80,009 |
| Annual expenses to date: | \$660,473 |

There are two more Sundays in 2023

Any donations that you wish to make to count towards 2023 totals need to be handed in at the Church office or dropped off directly to Kenny Hildebrand by December 31, 2023 Treasurer -
WBMC

Administrative Secretary: Ashley Elias, Carey Martens
Custodians: Edwin Siemens, John Dyck
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 – 12:00; 1:00 - 3:00