

Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church

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Worship Service

December 1, 2019

9:15 am

Prelude – Heather Derksen

Choir

Call to Worship and Prayer – Pastor Victor

Worship in Song – Heather Derksen
MH #114 Veiled in Darkness, Judah Lay
MH #111 Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel

Lighting the Advent Candle - Jack & Diane Froese

Prayers – Pastor Victor

Offering/Offertory – Choir

Scripture Reading – Alvin Thiessen
Luke 11:11-25

Message – Pastor Dean
Preparation for the Divine Birth

Closing Song – Heather Derksen
MH #563 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Benediction

“Loving God, Loving Each Other, and Loving Our Community”

Sound: Terry Peters **Computer:** Stephanie Beatty

Video: Bill Braun

Sunday, December 8, 2019

9:15 am Worship Service: Pastor Dean

10:30 am Sunday School (Ages 3 - Grade 12)

10:45 am Special Needs Sunday School

10:45 am Coffee Time & Fellowship: Fellowship Hall

10:45 am Adult Sunday School Class (Meeting Room)

10:45 am Men's Sunday School Class (Music Room)

THIS WEEK AT WINKLER BERGTHALER

Monday	7:00 pm Jr. Youth 8:00 pm Men's Prayer Time
Tuesday	9:30 am Women's Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting 2:00 pm Bible Study (The Truth Project)
Thursday	7:00 pm Sr. Youth 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Saturday	7:00 pm College & Career (cookie baking)

CHURCH FAMILY - PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Persons With Health Needs

BTHC: Mary Ginter, Frank Suderman

Mission Prayer & Praise

Pray for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes as they will be processed for export in the coming weeks

Prayer For Our Missionaries

Don and Char Epp in the Philippines (presently at home)

Expression of Sympathy

Abe Epp passed away Thursday, November 14th. His funeral was held on Tuesday, November 26th. He was the husband to Mary and father to Don & Char Epp.

Notes of Thanks

Thank you for your support through prayers, visits, cards and words of encouragement during our mother's illness and recent passing. They were all greatly appreciated. The Family of Helen Dyck (John, Jake & Esther, Alf & Val, Dave & Anita Epp, Jake & Judy Unrau)

Thank you for your prayers, cards, food, visits, and flowers following the passing of our father, Ben Giesbrecht. The family

Our Daily Bread Devotional

(December/January/February), regular print devotional is available in the church library.

WBMC 125th Celebration, 2020

We are planning to do several PowerPoints throughout 2020 celebrating our 125th anniversary at WBMC. If you know of someone or you have pictures of the past or the present in the life of our church, we would love to make copies for a slide presentation in church. Please include the names of the people in the photograph, as well as, the story in the photograph. Pictures can be brought to the church office.

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF OUR CHURCH

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Would you like to knit/crochet prayer shawls? Come for a time of fellowship and knitting/crocheting on Wednesday, December 4th, 10:00 am in the Board Room. The prayer shawl ministry will meet bi-weekly. For more information, contact Meg Suderman (325-4523).

CITY CENTER YOUTH NEWS
Jr. Youth (Grades 9 - 12) Thursday, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Series: Unwrapped
Sr. Youth (Grades 9 - 12) Thursday, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Series: UNexpected"

COMMUNITY AND OTHER EVENTS.

Rosemary Siemens & The Sweet Sound Revival presents

"I'll Be Home For Christmas"

Tuesday, December 3rd, 6:30 pm at Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church. Tickets are \$20 and are available online via Eventbrite or at Bloom - Petals & Gifts in Winkler.

Winkler Community Senior Choir

Christmas concert, Sunday, December 8th, 2:30 pm at Morden Mennonite Church. A freewill offering will be taken.

Birthdays This Week

	Day		Day
Agatha Wiebe	2	Abe L. Friesen	2
Marlene Peters	3	Ed Stoesz	4
Anne Friesen	5	Mary Demke	6
Ursula Poetker	7	Nettie Fehr	7

Anniversaries This Week

Abe & Martha Derksen	December 3, 1966	53 Years
Leroy & Shari Dyck	December 3, 1995	24 Years

**If we have missed your birthday or anniversary,
please notify the church office.**

Quotes for the Week

My sense is that in 1897, there were few people who took umbrage that Christmas is celebrated to honor the birth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Over 100 years later, we could substitute the name of Jesus for Santa Claus, and in the words of Mr. Church read: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Jesus!" to remind us, just as Linus did, that **Christmas without Christ is nothing at all**. It is bluster and a waste of time if Jesus is not at the center of our hearts at Christmas.

Moore, D. C. (2015). What if Jesus carried a briefcase: a Christian devotional for business leaders. Greenville, SC: Ambassador International.

With this in mind, **how is God using you in His plans?** He has gifted you with opportunity and the privilege of leading others. Can you see the possibility that you are situated somewhere in the middle of the story that God is writing? Boaz did not realize that his great-grandson would be king of Israel. Boaz did not know that God would promise to David that his progeny would rule over Israel for all time. Boaz did not know how his little link in the chain of time would impact our lives through the birth of Jesus Christ. But God knew. And God is aware of you; He has lovingly created you and placed **you** in your particular circumstances.

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Scripture for This Week

- Romans 13:8-14
- Romans 14:1-12
- Romans 14:13-23
- Romans 15:1-13
- Isaiah 11:1-16
- Isaiah 12:1-6
- Matthew 3:1-12
- Isaiah 40:1-17

Coming Events

Sunday, December 15
Sunday School Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 25
Christmas Day Worship Service

Pastoral Staff: Dean Huber, Victor Engbrecht, Harold Espinosa

Administrative Secretary: Susan Klassen

Custodians: Edwin Siemens, Hank Klassen, Carol Klassen

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - Noon; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm