

Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church
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Worship Service

Sunday, December 1, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Song: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* MH 111

Welcome, Announcements, Call to Worship Prayer

Offering/Offertory

Song: *Veiled in Darkness Judah Lay* MH 114

Advent Reading 1 – Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-2

Song: *Come with Thy Sins to the Fountain* MH 548

Advent Reading 2 – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36; Prayer

Song: *O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide* MH 116

Sermon – Pastor Dean Huber
The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold (Luke 1:1-25)

Communion

Song: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* MH 115

Prayer & Benediction – Pastor Dean Huber

Postlude

Pianist: Clara Peters/Lori Klassen **Song Leader:** Pastor Vic **Readers:** Susan Klassen/Art Klassen

Sound: Mark Klassen

Video: Peter Froese

Computer: Stephanie Beatty

Next Sunday, December 8, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
3:00 p.m. Christmas Program 4:00 p.m. Faspa

This week at Winkler Berghaler

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
 7:30 p.m. WBMC Youth
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Men's Morning Prayer Time
 2:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Discovery Group – Oakview Terrace

Focus on Missions

Preston & Myra Wieler
Frontiers

Life in the Church

*****The Church Christmas program will be on December 8 at 3:00 p.m. with a faspa to follow.*****

Mark and Katie Elias would like to ask that you all pray for the Canada Post strike to end. Our shipments go out weekly and all shipments are on hold right now. There are many inmates and youth waiting for the Good & Evil comic book Bible to be sent to them! Many of those waiting are in facilities that we have not shipped to before.

Financial Update – November 25, 2024

Year to November 25th Income: \$617,366
Annual expenses to date: \$594,919
Annual budgeted income for 2024 is \$778,900

There are four more Sundays in 2024

Any donations that you wish to make to count towards 2024 totals need to be handed in at the Church office or dropped off directly with Kenny Hildebrand by December 31, 2024 Treasurer – WBMC

The small print Daily Bread for Dec/Jan/Feb is available in the library. Please help yourself.

Those wishing to have a copy of Pastor Vic's resignation letter may request one at the office.

Church Family - Praises and Concern

Persons receiving care away from home

Manitou Care Home:	Sadie Wiebe
Notre Dame Care Home:	Ella Neufeld
Swan Lake Care Home:	Mary Sawatzky
BTHC:	Harry Hildebrand, Bill Fehr
Altona Hospital:	Sadie Bergen

Birthdays This Week

Marlene Peters	03	Ed Stoesz	04
Clayton Dyck	05	Anne Friesen	05
Ursula Poetker	07	Zane Epp	08
Jim Suderman	08		

Anniversaries This Week

Abe & Martha Derksen	December 3, 1966	58
Leroy & Shari Dyck	December 3, 1995	29

Scripture for This Week

- John 14:15-24
 - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
 - Acts 21:27-22:1
 - Hebrews 9:23-28
 - Psalm 119:101-106
 - Jeremiah 29:1-7
 - 2 Peter 1:3-11
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Community and Other Events

Winkler Bible Camp

Christmas Glow in the Country, a fundraising event put on by Winkler Bible Camp, is a great way to spend quality time with your family or friends and celebrate the season! Come take a leisurely drive through the 2 kilometer route in the comfort of your vehicle, tune your radio to our Christmas Glow station and enjoy the festive displays and goodies. Reserve your tickets online or by phone!
Christmasglowinthecountry.com or 204-325-9519

Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society

Join us for an exclusive pre-release screening of *Where the Cottonwoods Grow*, a breathtaking documentary commemorating the epic 20,000 km journey of Mennonites from Imperial Russia (Ukraine) to Canada in 1874-75. This cinematic event showcases rare archival footage, expert insights, and first-hand accounts of this remarkable story of survival, resilience, and hope. Admission is \$20 per person (rush seating only) – pay at the door. For more information check the bulletin board in the foyer.

Quotes

Like the birth of Jesus, only to a much lesser degree, the birth of John the Baptist is described in Luke as extraordinary. The angel Gabriel announced the coming birth to Zechariah in the temple; to the older, barren Elizabeth it came as an answer to prayer (vv 8–13).

Elwell, W. A., & Comfort, P. W. (2001). In *Tyndale Bible dictionary* (p. 728). Tyndale House Publishers.

So significant is the redemptive mission of the Messiah, the Son of God, that God sends an angel not only to announce his birth (Luke 1:26), but to announce *the birth of John the Baptist*, the messenger who will be sent to prepare his way and introduce him (1:19; Matt. 11:10; cf. Mark 1:2; Luke 7:27; John 1:6, 33).

Larkin, W. J., Jr. (1996). *Mission*. In *Evangelical dictionary of biblical theology* (electronic ed., p. 535). Baker Book House.

He (Luke) alone reported the unusual circumstances surrounding *the birth of John the Baptist*, the annunciation to Mary, the manger, the shepherds, and Simeon and Anna (2:25–38).

MacArthur, J. (2003). *The MacArthur Bible handbook* (p. 329). Thomas Nelson Publishers.

Office Hours: Mon. & Fri. 9:00 – 12:00; 1:00 - 3:00; Tue. - Thu. 8:30-3:00

Custodians: Jay Froese, Edwin Siemens

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