

Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church
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Worship Service

Sunday, December 8, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Pianist & Song Leader: Heather Derksen **Readers:** Eileen Engbrecht/Esther Anne Klassen

Prelude

Song: *Oh Come, All Ye Faithful* MH 132

Welcome, Announcements, Call to Worship Prayer
Jack Froese

Offering/Offertory

Song: *To Us a Child of Hope is Born* MH 125

Advent Reading 1 – Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79

Song: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* MH 115

Advent Reading 2 – Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6; Prayer

Song: *Joy To the World* MH 122

Sermon – Pastor Vic
The Birth of Jesus Foretold (Luke 1:26-56)

Song: *Hark! The Harold Angels Sing* MH 135

Prayer & Benediction

Postlude

Next Sunday, December 15, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday School

This week at Winkler Bergthaler

Monday	7:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Prayer Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee 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
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Informational Meeting

Focus on Missions

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Canadian Bible Society

Life in the Church

*****The Church Christmas program will be today at 3:00 p.m. with a faspas to follow.*****

There will be an informal information meeting regarding Pastor Victor's resignation on December 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM. All members and regular attendees of the WBMC are welcome to participate. Members of the Personnel Committee and the Church Council Executive will be available to answer questions and provide information. There will be no voting or motions accepted; the meeting is intended to provide information to our congregation so that you can better process what has occurred.

Financial Update – December 2, 2024

Year to November 25th Income: \$634,581

Annual expenses to date: \$608,450

Annual budgeted income for 2024 is \$778,900

There are three 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

In preparation for our annual membership meeting in early 2025, 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 14, 2025.

Darlene Derksen has transferred her membership from WBMC over to Grace Church and was accepted last week into their membership.

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

The attendance last Sunday, December 1 was 170.

On November 3rd we participated in the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. For those who would like to continue praying for persecuted believers, you can sign up at Voice of the Martyrs Canada website for a monthly magazine or weekly email prayer updates. Sign up at <https://www.vomcanada.com/pray1.htm> For those who do not have email or internet, we will post the weekly prayer update on the bulletin board. A copy of the magazine will also be available in the foyer."

The Church office will be closed December 24-26. If you need to reach anyone, you can call Pastor Dean or Pastor Vic. See last page for numbers.

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

Tina Schmidt	10	Marcelo Froese	11
Margaret Martens	12	Harry Hildebrand	13
Mary Wall	13	Nick Heide	14

Scripture for This Week

- Psalm 100
 - Mark 6:35-44
 - 1 John 1:5-7
 - Micah 7:18-20
 - Job 13:1-12
 - Daniel 6:1-10
 - Titus 2:6-8
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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. This event runs from December 2-15. Reserve your tickets online or by phone! Christmasglowinthecountry.com or 204-325-9519

Quotes

"The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:26–33 ESV)

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

Custodians: Jay Froese, Edwin Siemens

Secretaries: Ashley Elias, Carey Martens

Pastors: Dean Huber: 1 (306) 270-7514; Victor Engbrecht: (204) 361-6778