

**Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church**  
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# **Worship Service**

## **Sunday, December 15, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

**Message Series:**  
**The Christmas Story According to the Gospel of Luke**

**Pianist:** Lori Klassen    **Song Leader:** Ladies Quartet    **Readers:** Mark Elias/Bill Unrau

### **Prelude**

**Song:** *Angels From the Realms of Glory* MH 128 (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

**Welcome, Announcements, Call to Worship Prayer**

### **Offering/Offertory**

**Song:** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* MH 126

**Advent Reading 1** – Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6

**Song:** O Little Town of Bethlehem MH 133

**Advent Reading 2** – Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18; Prayer

**Song:** *Angels We Have Heard on High* MH 127

**Sermon** – Pastor Dean Huber  
*John, The Forerunner of Christ* (Luke 1:57-80)

**Song:** *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* MH 563 (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

**Prayer & Benediction** – Pastor Dean Huber

### **Postlude**

**Sound:** John Penner

**Video:** Brad Funk

**Computer:** Stephanie Beatty

## **Next Sunday, December 22, 2024**

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

## **This week at Winkler Bergthaler**

Tuesday            9:30 a.m.            Women's Prayer Meeting

## **Focus on Missions**

D & C

Give The Word

## **Life in the Church**

Financial Update – December 10, 2024

Year to December 10th Income: \$653,420

Annual expenses to date:            \$660,060

Annual budgeted income for 2024 is \$778,900

\*\*\*There are two (2) 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

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

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

We will be having a New Year's Eve service at 7:00 p.m. Be prepared to share what God has done in your life this past year.

The Wednesday Bible Study, Oakview Bible Study, and Men's Morning Prayer has ended. They will start again on January 15, 2025.

The Woman's Prayer Meeting ends December 17 and will start again on January 7, 2025.

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.

D & C have a new newsletter out. Check it out on the bulletin board.

## **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
Altona Hospital:	Sadie Bergen

### **Birthdays This Week**

Karen Schellenberg	18	Anne Suderman	20
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### **Scripture for This Week**

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| •Acts 11:19-26  | •Matthew 25:34-40       |
| •Psalm 139:1-10 | •1 Corinthians 10:11-13 |
| •1 John 1:1-10  | •Acts 2:29-39           |
| •Luke 22:41-44  |                         |
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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

## Missionfest Manitoba

Missionfest Manitoba is coming up February 7-9! Join us for a weekend of learning about God at work here and around the world as speakers share about our theme, *How Shall They Hear?* Experience fascinating breakout sessions and great worship, and explore over 130 ministries and missions. Youth and Young Adults will love *After Hours* on Friday night! You won't want to miss this opportunity to be informed, inspired, equipped and engaged in the Great Commission. For more information, go to [www.missionfestmanitoba.org](http://www.missionfestmanitoba.org). To volunteer, go to <https://www.missionfestmanitoba.org/volunteer.html>.

## Quotes

**John prepared** the way for Jesus, and his baptism of Jesus was the occasion for the coming of the *Spirit* and the *Father's approval* of his beloved son.

Turner, D., & Bock, D. L. (2005). Cornerstone biblical commentary, Vol 11: Matthew and Mark (p. 63). Tyndale House Publishers.

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Those who heard Jesus were called to turn from sin and embrace forgiveness as **John prepared** them to do... Sin could be dealt with because the *Promised One of God* had appeared in the person of *Jesus*.

Turner, D., & Bock, D. L. (2005). Cornerstone biblical commentary, Vol 11: Matthew and Mark (p. 409). Tyndale House Publishers.

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**John prepared** the way through repentance, so the people would be ready to stand in the presence of the holy Messiah. Jesus brought the kingdom of God, and this was reason for constant celebration.

Butler, T. C. (2000). Luke (Vol. 3, p. 109). Broadman & Holman Publis

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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