

# PRAYER FOCUS - DECEMBER 11, 2016

To activate the Prayer Chain, call:

Ruth Wiebe @ 306-931-2982 or Mary Friesen @ 306-382-5865

- Missions:** Pray for Ken & Bertha Guenther, serving with SEND International in Kyiv, Ukraine. "God is answering our prayers! A little over a year ago, our International Office recognized that we need to put much more emphasis on mobilizing people for ministries to Muslims, since so many of the world's unreached are Muslim. We launched a new initiative called SEND Hope and Light, we set a goal for 40 new people headed into Muslim ministry with SEND in the next 2 years, and we started praying. Our media departments and our Globalization department, and our Muslim ministry department in the International Office focused their energies and time into this initiative. Now, a year later, we are thankful to report that we now have 20 people who have applied or been appointed in the last year specifically for ministry to Muslims! We were hoping for 15 in our first year. Prayer requests: Andrew & Ivy who Bertha is meeting with for Bible study; Zac & Maria, as we go through the gospel of John with them; our daughter Rachel's health as she and her husband are expecting a baby in February; that those mission leaders who need further training will sign up for Ken's courses in 2017."
- Church Family:** Rachel Peters - Tina Peters - Gary/Sandy Pinkerton - Steve/Eva Regher - Keenan Regehr - Donny/Barb Regier - Colleen Rempel
- Illness:**
  - Pray for Hilda Wiebe, who is dealing with the return of cancer.
  - Pray for Susan Harder, dealing with various health issues.
- Our church:** Pray for our Decorating Committee: Liz Ginther, Janice Klassen and Mary Peters
- Sister Churches:**
  - Region #1, SK/AB: Sutherland Evangelical Church: Dale/Sheryl Doerksen
  - Region #2, MB C: Niverville Community Fellowship: Chris/Heather Marchand
  - Region #3, MB S: Bergfeld Mennonite Church: James/Rhonda Friesen
  - Region #4, ON: Blenheim EMM Church: David/Maria Fehr
  - Region #6, Mexico: Hopelchen EMMC: Franz/Anna Friesen
- EMMC Missionaries:** Henry & Tina Redekopp in Shipyard, Belize
- Westside Pastors' Group:** Pastor Larry Parschauer @ Diefenbaker Drive Community Church.
- Para-Church Ministries:** Grace Missions - Eugene Ens (Director)



*Welcome to*

**Sutherland**   
**Evangelical Church**



THIRD SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

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**Pastor: Dale Doerksen**

**Youth Pastor: Chris Stein**

**Sunday School: 9:30AM**

**Worship: 10:30AM**



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## **TODAY @ SEC**

9 AM: Pre-service Prayer Time in Toddler Room (every Sunday).  
All are welcome.

Ushers: Zach / Pete / Keenan - Greeters: Betty / John & Ruth

### Order of Service

Prelude: Nancy Dyck

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: Pastor Chris

Worship in Song: His Praise

Children's Feature: Puppet Show

Advent Candle: Pastor Dale

Ministry Reminders: Pastor Chris

Worship in Giving-Offertory: Quartet

Worship in Song: His Praise

Children's Prayer: Pastor Chris

Scripture Focus: Philippians 3:12-21 - Pastor Chris

Message: "Don't Go With Your Gut" - Pastor Dale

Closing Song: His Praise

Benediction: Pastor Dale



- Today is the deadline for the Christmas Tree Appeal. If you missed it and would still like to make a donation to The Bridge, talk to Jan McKechnie.
- Today is also the deadline to have your treat bag donations in. If you forgot to bring yours today, talk to Kyle about getting it to him sometime this week.

## **THIS WEEK @ SEC**

Thursday, 7PM: Drama practice, including extras, in sanctuary.

Friday, 7PM: SEC Staff Social in the Youth Wing.

Please talk to Pastor Chris for info on Youth & C&C activities for this week!



## **NEXT SUNDAY @ SEC**

### **Ushers:**

Greg / Lyndon / Jake

### **Greeters:**

Don & Janice / George & Verna

Worship Leader: Ken Peters

Power Point: Darlene

Speaker: Pastor Dale

Next Sunday, lunch will be provided for everyone involved in the Christmas program.

Dress Rehearsal will begin immediately after lunch. Remember your wardrobe/costume and props!

## **S.E.C. Christmas Program**

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH @ 7PM

Please join us, and invite your friends and family, for an evening of laughter, song and worship, celebrating our Lord Jesus' birth.



"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

## **SEC NEWS**

**New Music Schedules** are in mailboxes today!

**Christmas Service** - Because Christmas is on Sunday this year, and we are having a Christmas morning service, we will **not** be having our annual Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve. Also, there will be no Sunday School on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**January 14, 2017** - Financial Workshops with Harold Penner from Mennonite Foundation. Solid teaching on finances from a Biblical perspective. See the signup sheet on the back table & indicate which topic you are interested in.

**March 18, 2017** - TERM Seminar @ SEC. See insert.

**Change of address** for Harry & Ella Bergman:  
1 - 125 Stephen Street, Morden, MB R6M 0B1.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Jan. 20-22 - Millar College of the Bible Missions Conference. See poster.

Jan. 31, 7:30PM - Focus on the Family marriage event at Rock of Ages Church. Tickets \$15. See poster for more details.

For we are  
GOD'S HANDIWORK,  
created in  
**CHRIST JESUS**  
to do  
GOOD WORKS.  
EPHESIANS 2:10, NIV

## Don't Go With Your Gut!

Philippians 3:12-21 - SEC - Dec. 11/16

### Introduction:

#### A. Progress (12-16)

1. Press on to take \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
2. Press on to fulfill God's \_\_\_\_\_ for my life.
  - ↳ \_\_\_\_\_ - "but \_\_\_\_\_ thing I do".
  - ↳ \_\_\_\_\_ - don't let the \_\_\_\_\_ impede us.
  - ↳ \_\_\_\_\_ ahead - \_\_\_\_\_ to win the prize.
3. Press on to \_\_\_\_\_. (15-16)
  - ↳ Open to God \_\_\_\_\_ us.
  - ↳ Harmony with those who \_\_\_\_\_ from us.
  - ↳ Consistently \_\_\_\_\_ what we know.

#### B. Pattern (17)

#### C. Problem (18-19)

1. Many live as \_\_\_\_\_ of the cross.
2. Temptation to set our mind on \_\_\_\_\_ things.

#### D. Promise

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven.
2. God is in \_\_\_\_\_ of our present and future.

### Conclusion:

You don't need more technology, more  
modern \_\_\_\_\_ or more \_\_\_\_\_.  
You need more \_\_\_\_\_!