

PRAYER FOCUS - DECEMBER 18, 2016

To activate the Prayer Chain, call:

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

- 1. Missions:** Pray for Wes & Carol Schellenberg, serving with InterAct Ministries in Calgary. "A joyous Merry Christmas from our family to yours! With December comes planning, parties, and programs. I have yet to hear anyone complain in December that they have too much time on their hands. We live in a culture marked by busyness and impatience. As my mind turns toward the coming celebration of Jesus' birth, I wonder what it must have been like for those who lived centuries before His arrival. The Deliverer was promised back in the times of Genesis and described by the prophets; men of God who desperately longed to see the Messiah in their lifetimes. Some people came to regard the promise as a myth while others continued to wait with great anticipation. When the time was exactly right, God sent Jesus into the world; a baby born in most unusual circumstances. I think there is a lesson here for us - certainly for me! It is a lesson about how God sees time and timing; a lesson about how God accomplishes his work in his way. I'm still thinking about what this means for my life and ministry, but it rings a sense of calm in my heart. 'He who promised is faithful' (Hebrews 10:23)." *See the Schellenbergs' complete letter, which details what they've been up to since May, on our bulletin board.*
- 2. Church Family:** Leo/Alice Scherr - Wayne Senger - Chris Stein - Arie/Adrie Van Duyvendyk - Carl/Helena Wiebe - Hilda Wiebe - John/Ruth Wiebe
- 3. Illness:**
 - Pray for Hilda Wiebe, who is dealing with the return of cancer.
 - Pray for Susan Harder, dealing with various health issues.
- 4. Our church:** Pray for our Church Council: Pastor Dale, Betty Guenter, Lindsay Neufeld, Ken Peters, Steve Regehr, Wayne Senger, John Wiebe.
- 5. Sister Churches:**
 - Region #1, SK/AB: Warman Gospel Church: Frank Guenther
 - Region #2, MB C: Austin Evangelical Fellowship: Colin/Dawn Bell
 - Region #3, MB S: Glencross Mennonite Church: Peter/Marian Redekopp
 - Region #4, ON: Deer Run Church: Ike/Maria Unger
 - Region #6, Belize: Spanish Lookout, EMMC: Albert/Eileen Reimer
- 6. EMMC Missionaries:** Iliana Fehr, teaching at U.E. Villa Nueva in Bolivia
- 7. Westside Pastors' Group:** Pastor Curtis Zoerb at Massey Place Community Church.
- 8. Para-Church Ministries:** A Note from Mennonite Disaster Service: With a week to go before Christmas, we here at Mennonite Disaster Service want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. We also want to remember those who have been impacted by a disaster over the course of the year and beyond. This can be a very challenging time of year so in the midst of our holiday celebrations do think of and pray for the people MDS helps and brings hope to.
- 9. Bereavement:** Maria Guenter, mother-in-law to Betty Guenter, passed away on Tuesday, December 13th. Her funeral was held in Warman SK, on Saturday, December 17th.

Welcome to

Sutherland
Evangelical Church



FOURTH SUNDAY

OF

Advent

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Pastor: Dale Doerksen - Youth Pastor: Chris Stein

Sunday School: 9:30AM

(THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT SUNDAY!)

Worship: 10:30AM



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TODAY @ SEC

9 AM: Pre-service Prayer Time in Toddler Room. All are welcome.

Ushers: Greg / Lyndon / Jake

Greeters: Don & Janice / George & Verna

Order of Service

Prelude: Leesa Doerksen

Call to Worship & Prayer: Ken Peters

Worship in Song: Devon Atkings

Advent Candle: Pastor Dale

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Dale

Ministry Reminders: Ken Peters

Worship in Giving-Offertory

Worship in Song: Devon Atkings

Scripture Focus: Philippians 4:1-9 - Ken Peters

Children's Prayer: Ken Peters

Message: "Stand Up! Stand Firm! Stand Out!" - Philippians 4:1-9
- Pastor Dale

Closing Song: Devon Atkings

Benediction: Pastor Dale



THIS WEEK @ SEC

WEDNESDAY, 7PM: Growth Group @ the church, studying Philippians 2:12-18. Please read through it a couple of times in preparation. All are welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY @ SEC

There will be no Sunday School next Sunday. Our Christmas service will start at 10:30AM.

Ushers: Lindsay/George/Verna

Worship Leader: Pastor Dale

Speaker: Pastor Dale

Greeters: Pete & Mary/Sheldon & Debbie

Power Point: Bonnie



SEC NEWS

Church office holiday hours: The SEC offices will be closed on December 27th & 28th as well as January 3rd & 4th. Pastor Dale will be on holidays from December 26th to January 9th.



Bible Reading Certificates: If you have read through the Old Testament, the New Testament or the entire Bible in 2016, please let the office know. We'd like to recognize your achievement!

The MEM Bolivia Mission Board, consisting of reps from Manitoba, Saskatoon and La Crete, AB, will be meeting at SEC on January 16, 2017. If you are willing to provide lunch for a group of 10 people on this date, please talk to Pastor Dale. Thank you.

Saturday, December 31, 7PM: New Year's Eve party at church. Bring a snack to share (coffee and tea provided) and table games.

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.

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.

Dress Rehearsal!

Lunch will be served immediately after this morning's service for everyone involved in tonight's program. We'd like to make quick work of lunch and move into dress rehearsal in a timely fashion.

SEC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IS TONIGHT @ 7PM!

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy an entertaining evening with a focus on the true meaning of Christmas. The program will be followed by birthday cake and coffee, served in the dining area.



Stand Up! Stand Firm! Stand Out!

Philippians 4:1-9 - SEC - Dec. 18/16

Introduction:

Point of the Passage: _____ Firm: (1)

A. In regard to _____ : (2-3)

1. _____ with each other in the Lord.
2. _____ one another to reconcile.
3. _____ together for the gospel.

B. In regard to Christian _____ : (4-7)

1. _____ always.
2. Be _____ to all.
3. Be _____ for nothing.
4. Find amazing _____.

C. In regard to _____ : (8-9)

1. Noble _____.
2. Godly _____.

Conclusion: