

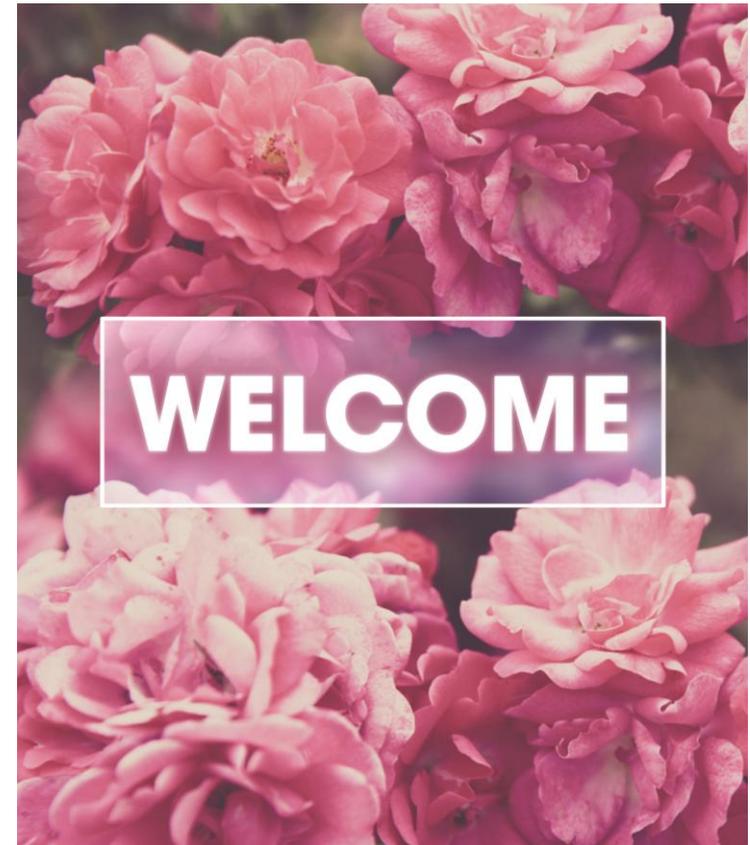
## PRAYER FOCUS - JULY 16, 2017

To activate the Prayer Chain, call:

Ruth Wiebe: 306-931-2982 OR Mary Friesen: 306-382-5865

- 1. Missions:** Please pray for Ken & Bertha Guenther, serving with SEND International in Kyiv, Ukraine. "God is sending Workers into the Harvest Field: At the beginning of 2016, the International Office set a goal of mobilizing 40 more people for Muslim ministries with SEND in the next 2 years. We began praying about this regularly. Although SEND is focused on engaging the unreached, we were not satisfied with the number of teams that we had working among Muslim peoples, which are the largest percentage of unreached peoples in the world. After one year of focusing prayer and media attention on this need, SEND had 20 people in the 'pipeline', headed toward Muslim ministries. Now, 6 months later, we have 43 people, and thus have already surpassed our goal. Praise God! We believe that this is happening, not because we are so good at communicating the need or have spent a lot of money on recruitment, but because God is calling his people to share the Good News with the Islamic world. Prayer Requests: For wisdom in how to best provide adequate training for our missionaries; That the Lord will guide in forming a new ministry team to international students in Kyiv. Praise item: Our International church in Kyiv held its first family camp and it was filled to capacity." *See the Guenther's complete letter on the bulletin board.*
- 2. Church Family:** Nathan/Janie Wiebe, Lacey, Caley, Tyler - Devon/Janice Atkings, Caden - Nathan Bell - Dave/Judy Boone - Margaret Busby - Alex Chang
- 3. Illness:**
  - Pray for Al Loeppky (James' brother), slowly recovering from a heart attack.
  - Pray for Verna Andres (Sheryl Doerksen's mother) who spent a few days in hospital with blood clots in her lungs, causing breathing difficulties. Pray that she will be well enough to enjoy Eric's wedding at the end of July.
  - Pray for Susan Harder, dealing with various health concerns.
- 4. Our church:** Pray for Pastor Dale while he is on sabbatical. Also pray for Pastor Chris and the Spiritual Life Board as they fill in the gap.
- 5. Sister Churches:**
  - Region #1, SK/AB: Hague Gospel Church: Jason/Melissa Duermeyer
  - Region #2, MB C: Bagot Community Chapel: Michael/Janice Fehr
  - Region #3, MB S: Winkler EMM Church: Dale/Lori Dueck
  - Region #4, ON: Blenheim EMM Church: David/Maria Fehr
  - Region #6 Mexico: Hopelchen EMMC: Franz/Anna Friesen
- 6. EMMC Missionaries:** Henry/Tina Redekopp, pastoring in Shipyard, Belize.
- 7. Westside Pastor's Group:** Pastor Kelly Allan @ Victory Church.
- 8. Prayer request from MDS:** "Let us continue remembering and praying for those in harm's way as well as the firefighters and folks helping to contain the wildfires in western Canada & USA. Pray also that no deaths will result from these devastating fires."

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Pastor: Dale Doerksen - Youth Pastor: Chris Stein  
Worship: 10:30AM  
(Sunday School will resume in September.)

**July 16, 2017**

## TODAY @ SEC

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

Ushers: Keenan/Lyndon/Jake

Greeters: George & Verna/John & Ruth

### Order of Service

Prelude: Betty Guenter

Welcome & Call to Worship: Pastor Chris

Opening Prayer: Pastor Chris

Worship in Song: John & Mandi Letkeman

Ministry Reminders: Pastor Chris

Scripture Focus: Daniel 1:1-8 - Pastor Chris

Worship in Giving - Offertory: Betty Guenter

Worship in Song: John & Mandi Letkeman

Message: "Serving God While Serving Others (Part 1)"

- Daniel 1:1-8 - Dean Huber

Closing Song: John & Mandi Letkeman

Benediction: Dean Huber



There will be no Children's Church during the summer months, but there are activity packs, to use during the service, available on the back table. Feel free to take your activity page home but leave the baggie & crayons for reuse. Thanks!

### YOUTH/C&C CORNER

WEDNESDAY, 7PM:  
Guys' Night - Devotional & movie.

THURSDAY, 7PM:  
Youth/C&C - Devotional, game, & practice for Youth Sunday.

FRIDAY, 7PM:  
Ladies + Chris - Devotional, activity/misc.

### NEXT SUNDAY

Ushers:  
Ken/Mary/Phil

Greeters:  
Betty / Sheldon & Debbie

Worship Leader:  
Grant

Power Point: Janice

Speaker:  
Dean Huber

Theme:  
Serving God in a Hostile Environment



## SEC NEWS

**Congratulations** to Zach & Delilah Loepky on the birth of their daughter, Eloise Rose, born on July 9, weighing 6lbs. 4oz. James & Sheryle Loepky are Eloise's proud grandparents.



**August 20, 10:30AM:** Region 1 Joint Worship Service @ VCA. **There will be no service @ SEC that morning.**

**Sabbatical:** Pastor Dale is away on sabbatical until October 10, 2017. In Pastor Dale's absence, please contact the church office with any need or concern that arises and Pastor Chris or Bonnie will do their best to help or direct you to the help needed. In an after-hours emergency, contact a Spiritual Life Board member.

**September 11:** The first practice for the SEC Christmas drama. Talk to Darlene Loewen if you're interested in more details.



**Thank you** to all who have stepped into positions on our various boards and committees. We are still looking for people for the following areas: Church Council Chair, Kitchen/Food Coordinator, Sunshine Committee, EMMC General Council Rep/Region 1 Rep. If you have questions about any of these, please see one of the church council members or contact the office.

**Sunday School** will resume on September 10<sup>th</sup>.



**Kadesh News:** We're thankful that we have found quality male cabin leaders. We are still looking for male jr cabin leaders for Kids Camp (July 23 - 28). Ideal candidate would be going into grade 11 or 12. We also could use kitchen volunteers for the remaining weeks in July. Contact Tim Good 306 940 7372 if you are able to come for a week or a few days. We have 4 trailer spots that sit empty. We welcome volunteers that would like to come for a short (or long) period of time and stay in the comfort of your own trailer. Some volunteers have even started leaving their trailer at camp and come and go as time allows. If this is something that interests you, call Tim. There are lots of small projects or places to help that are perfect for short term volunteers.

### COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS):** "People in BC have already lost houses to the fires and we are planning for MDS volunteers to help in the recovery phase of this disaster. MDS is accepting financial donations for that recovery. Go to <https://mds.mennonite.net/> or call the MDS office at 1-866-261-1274."

**July 14-16:** Rock Ridge Gospel Music Festival.

**August 25:** "All Saints" movie in theatres (based on a true story of the faith of a Christian pastor).

**September 11-13:** Young at Heart Retreat @ Camp Kadesh.

**October 20 & 21:** WJOF Fall Conference. Early-bird tickets until Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. See poster.



## *Serving God In a Hostile Environment (Message Series In Daniel)*

This morning's message:

### **Serving God While Serving Others Pt. 1 of 2**

Daniel 1:1-21, (vs. 1-8 Pt.1) - July 16, 2017

No matter where we go or what we do, we are going to end up serving someone as we serve God. God places each of us in positions where we can m\_\_\_\_\_ to others.

#### **I. There Is a Job for You Where You F\_\_\_\_\_ Best (vs.1-5)**

Here we have Daniel who has been taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon.

Out of d\_\_\_\_\_ providence the king asks to have brought in some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— 4 young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and \_\_\_\_\_ to serve in the king's palace. Dan. 1:3-4

Now this is not an ideal situation to serve in for a number of reasons. First, they are under the authority of f\_\_\_\_\_ power. Second, this was a pagan nation and the culture, and their beliefs and values ran contrary to the Lord God. Third, if these young men didn't do what they were told (because it violated their faith) they could be put to death. So the question is, would you want to serve under these c\_\_\_\_\_? The answer is probably no.

We must remember that when we are walking with God that he always has a job for us wherever we may be placed.

It is hard to serve and not to bow to pressure when you are only \_\_\_ years old in a foreign ungodly nation. It is even harder to serve when you are all by yourself.

#### **II. There Will Be Others Who Will S\_\_\_\_\_ With You (vs.6-7)**

God did not leave Daniel all by himself. In verse 6-7, we find who these others were. In Hebrew, all four of these names honor the God of Israel.

Walvoord and Zuck in the Bible Knowledge Commentary says:

“**Daniel**, whose name means “God has \_\_\_\_\_” (or “God is my Judge”), was given the name **Beltshazzar**

**Hananiah** (“Yahweh has been g\_\_\_\_\_”) became Shadrach...

**Mishael** (“Who is what God is?”) was given the name Meshach...

**Azariah** (“Yahweh has h\_\_\_\_\_”) was named Abednego...”

So Daniel and his companions were raised in God fearing homes and they came from Judah.

We must remember that God often p\_\_\_\_\_ others who are believers in near proximity where he has called us to serve. They are there to help support us in the tasks that are set before us.

#### **III. Decide N\_\_\_\_\_ How You Will Remain Faithful (v. 8)**

Daniel resolved not to defile himself.

There were three things wrong about the food that was served. **First**, it was unclean because it was served by G\_\_\_\_\_. **Second**, the food did not meet the Mosaic Law requirements. **Third**, the royal food had been sacrificed to pagan god's. The wine also was a problem because when Jews drank wine it was customary mixed with 3, 6 or even 10 parts water so that they would not get drunk. The Babylonians drank it straight. Everything that was found on the Kings table was w\_\_\_\_\_ for Daniel and his companions to participate in.

The important lesson that we learn from Daniel is that he resolved a\_\_\_\_\_ of time that he would not defile himself.

So, what does this mean to you and I this morning and how can we apply these principles that Daniel lived by to our lives?

**First**, we must remember that even though we may be in a hostile environment that is opposed to God and our beliefs we are there by God's d\_\_\_\_\_ appointment. It is not a m\_\_\_\_\_.

**Second**, remember that we are not a\_\_\_\_\_. As Daniel had his friends, there may be other believers serving near us who we could get together to support each other. If not, we must s\_\_\_\_\_ out other believers in the church who will hold up us in prayer and encouragement.

**Third**, we need to plan in a\_\_\_\_\_ on how we will remain faithful. We make preparation by knowing what our weaknesses are; memorizing scripture; being ready with an answer when asked and how we will turn away from the temptation when confronted. Failure to p\_\_\_\_\_ is like planning to fail.

Daniel served God faithfully and we can do the same by living by these principles and God will be f\_\_\_\_\_ to us!!