

PRAYER FOCUS - DEC 17, 2017

To activate the Prayer Chain, call Ruth Wiebe: 306-931-2982

- Missionaries:** Pray for Arlie & Eva Peters, serving in Bolivia: "Since returning home to Bolivia, we have been involved with a couple of very stressful situations in the community, which has taken up much time & energy. We truly need your prayers, as we are marching into Satan's territory and he doesn't like it one bit! Pray for God to break through in both situations to set these families free from the curse that they have been living under. This year we had our annual MEM team retreat close to home, which Arlie and I organized after we planned it together with Bill Kehler. So, in October we enjoyed the teaching of our own members and scheduled team building activities as well as free time to play games, swim, and visit with lots of "Knak Sot"! It was a refreshing time, as both ministries in Villa Nueva & in Hacienda Verde have had some stressful times lately. Unfortunately, *11 of us (5 of those being our whole family) contracted dengue, a mosquito-borne virus, at the retreat* that has caused weeks of illness since. Not everyone is back to normal health yet, so pray also for our whole team. Even during these challenging times, God is working in people's personal lives to bring healing & growth in their faith walk! Last year, we began to sense that God may have a possible change for us, so we have prayed specifically for over a year now about what our future would be. We wanted God to speak clearly to each one of us individually, including our children, before making a decision. We felt strongly all 5 of us should have the same sense of direction about where God was leading. After much time spent searching God's will, we believe God is leading us to Canada. Our plan is to stay in Bolivia until mid-2018, allowing us time to finish up with a number of things that we need to hand off to others, and because we have been here so long and have so many different areas that we are working with, we think it is only right to give significant time to find alternatives or replacements for us."
- Church Family:** Veronica Loeppky - Victoria Loeppky - Zach/Delilah Loeppky, Eloise - Darrell/Darlene Loewen - Lorraine Loewen - Wilf/Anne Loewen - Jan McKechnie
- Illness:**
 - Sally Labatch is in City Hospital, recovering from a broken leg. Pray for healing, and, if possible, bless her with a visit as she will be in hospital over Christmas.
 - Pray for healing for Tina Fehr. She will be on antibiotics for several months to fight the staph infection that was discovered in her lung. Pray that the medication will work and that a serious lung operation can be avoided.
 - Pray for Lucy Hall (daughter to Margaret Busby) who just underwent a double lung transplant and is in critical condition at this time.
 - Pray for healing for Pete Friesen's leg. Also for Mary as she provides care.
- Our church:** Pray for our MPSM Board members: Shirley Epp & Greg Nelson.
- Sister Churches:**
 - Region #1, SK/AB: Hepburn Gospel Church: Ray/Sandy Sider
 - Region #2, MB C: Gospel Fellowship Church: Darrell/Corrina Dyck
 - Region #3, MB S: Morden EMM Church: Kelly/Daren Lesser
 - Region #4, ON: Blenheim EMM Church: Franz Wieler
 - Region #6, MX: Colonia Del Valle EMMC: Bernhard Dyck (Chair)
- EMMC Missionaries:** Diedrich & Judy Harms in Texas/Mexico

Welcome to

Sutherland Evangelical Church



Joy



Third Sunday of Advent

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Pastor: Dale Doerksen

Youth Pastor: Chris Stein

Sunday School: 9:30AM

Worship: 10:30AM

December 17, 2017

TODAY

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

Ushers: Darrell/Lindsay/Phil **Greeters:** Jake & Lynnette & George & Verna

Order of Service:

Prelude: Nancy Dyck

Praise & Worship: Heart of Worship

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Chris

Worship in Giving-Offertory: Mandi Letkeman

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Dale

Mission Report: Karlie Loeppky

Praise & Worship: Heart of Worship

Scripture Focus: Luke 2:21-35 - Pastor Chris

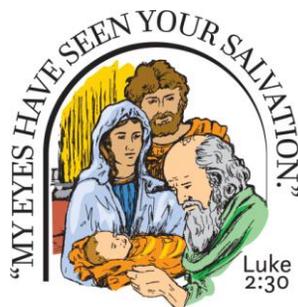
Children's Prayer: Pastor Chris

Message: "Simeon the Servant"

- Luke 2:25-35 - Pastor Dale

Closing Song: Heart of Worship

Benediction: Pastor Dale



All are invited to stay for our Christmas Potluck Lunch!

Today is the deadline for the Christmas Tree Appeal...thank you to all who participated!



THIS WEEK @ SEC



TUESDAY, 9:30AM: Moms' Group - Christmas Potluck.

Talk to Angela if you have questions. All moms welcome!

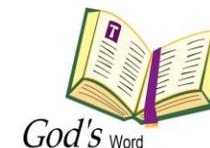
NEXT SUNDAY

- Our Christmas Eve worship service will begin at 10:30AM...there will be no Sunday School.
- **Greeters:** George & Verna/Betty
- **Ushers:** Ken/Mary/Sheldon
- **Speaker:** Pastor Dale
- **Worship Leader:** Pastor Dale
- **Power Point:** Bonnie
- No Children's Church



SEC NEWS

Bible Reading Certificates. If you have read through the Old Testament, the New Testament or the entire Bible in 2017, please let the office know. We'd like to recognize your achievement!



Wi-Fi is now available throughout the church:

Name: SEC_guest Password: jesuslovesme

New Testament from Papua New Guinea. Carl & Pat Whitehead are EMMC associate missionaries who are in Papua New Guinea with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They have sent a Menya New Testament for us to have a look at (on back table). They are grateful for the support SEC has shown through the process of completing this translation.



The new Music Schedule is in mailboxes today!

The Women's Sunday School Class will be starting a new study on January 14th, entitled: "Twelve Women of the Bible - Life-Changing Stories for Women Today". We meet @ 9:30 on Sunday mornings, in the Admin Building, and all women are welcome to join us!

Note from the Pastor: Baptism classes will be starting in January. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please talk to Pastor Dale.

Note from the Pastor: Building relationships with others is important to our spiritual growth and to help us stay connected as a church family. With that in mind, we want to encourage everyone to be involved in a small group in 2018, where we can study God's Word, pray and care for one another and experience life together. We are asking everyone to commit to an eight-session small group experience starting in mid-January. Please see signup sheet on the back table.



A Sunday School Teacher is needed for the Preschool class for after Christmas. If you're interested, please talk to Rachel Peters.

Holiday Schedule: There will be no Sunday School on Dec 24th or Dec 31st. Worship services will be at 10:30AM for both Sundays. There will not be an evening service on Christmas Eve this year.

Kitchen Assistants Needed! Everyone who is able is encouraged to sign up as a part of a kitchen crew. If we all sign up, the load becomes very light! Sign up as a couple or family. Signup sheet on the back table. Talk to Shirley for more details.



Simeon the Servant

Luke 2:25-35 - SEC - Dec 17/17

Introduction:

A. Simeon is:

1. _____ to God (25).
2. _____ for God (25).
3. _____ to the Spirit of God (25-27).

B. Jesus comes to:

1. Bring _____ to all people (30-31).
2. _____ before the nations (32).
3. Reveal the _____ of Israel (32).

C. Jesus calls for:

1. A _____ (34).
2. _____ (35a).
3. _____ (35b).

Conclusion:

- ↳ Our _____ to God - Are we devout and really _____ to commune with God?
- ↳ Our _____ to God - Are we open to His working in our lives and _____ for His Spirit's direction?
- ↳ Our _____ for God - Are we faithfully fulfilling the _____ God has for us?