

## **PRAYER FOCUS - DEC 24, 2017**

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

- Missionaries:** Pray for the work of Grace Mission and its Director, Eugene Enns: "God is good in 2017. Another year is coming to a close. God records everything in His great books that will last eternally. The book of life records those who have been saved in 2017! God has blessed this ministry with missionaries who are seeking to win the lost. Your help has made it possible for this to happen. Another book is the book that records the works of believers. 1 Timothy 6:18-19 "that they do good, that they be rich in works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate, laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come...." You have given toward the work that is good! The orphanage, Seniors' Home, churches, missionaries support, and much more. Our God is able to keep track of all of these gifts and knows each of our hearts. Our desire is that we might faithfully use your gifts to do the most good in the ministry God has given us to help people in need, share the gospel, and bless the church. We look forward to doing many more things like this in 2018."
- Church Family:** John/Tina Miller - Brock Neilson - Greg/Crystal Nelson, Liesel, Jorgen, Judah, Malek - Brendan/Jade Neufeld, Elizabeth
- Illness:**
  - Pray for Paul Ginther, recovering from a broken leg.
  - 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, suffering with a staph infection 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), recovering from a lung transplant.
  - Continue to pray for Pete & Mary Friesen as they continue to make progress on Pete's recuperation. He is doing a lot better.
- Our church:** Pray for safety for Christmas travelers on busy highways. Pastor Chris and the C&C are travelling to Minneapolis over the holidays; from Dec 28 - Jan 1.
- Sister Churches:**
  - Region #1, SK/AB: Mennonite Gospel Church, Vauxhall: Willi/Agatha Wiebe
  - Region #2, MB C: Lakeside Gospel Chapel, St. Laurent: Bruce Janke (Chair)
  - Region #3, MB S: Winkler EMM Church: Dale/Lori Dueck
  - Region #4, ON: Deer Run Church: Ike/Maria Unger
  - Region #6, Belize: Gospel Fellowship Chapel, Shipyard: Henry/Tina Redekopp
- EMMC Missionaries:** Franz & Anna Friesen in Blue Creek, Belize.
- Westside Pastors' Group:** Pastor Walter Foth @ Bay Park Baptist Church
- Para-Church Ministries:** Expanding Youth Ministries - Ike Thiessen
- Our Condolences** to Paul & Liz Ginther and family on the recent passing of Liz's brother, Ben Bueckert. Please pray for the family.



*Welcome to*

# **Sutherland Evangelical Church**



I have come into the world

*as light*

so that no one who

*believes in me*

need remain in the dark.

John 12:46

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**Pastor: Dale Doerksen - Youth Pastor: Chris Stein**

**Sunday School: 9:30AM - Worship: 10:30AM**

**December 24, 2017**

## **TODAY**

**Ushers:** Ken/Mary/Sheldon

**Greeters:** George & Verna/Betty

**Song leader:** Betty Guenter

**Prelude:** Eva Regehr

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Dale

**Message:** Mary, The Model of Discipleship

\*No Children's Church today.



### **Practice Jesus**

If we practiced Jesus every way,  
It'd be like Christmas every day;  
If we, like Him, were meek and mild  
And loved each woman, man and child,  
If we'd read our Bible, it'd remind us,  
So that every single day would find us  
More and more in sweet accord  
With our sweet Jesus--Master, Lord.  
Then every day that we're alive  
Would be like December 25.

-By Joanna Fuchs

## **THIS WEEK @ SEC**

**Monday - Wednesday:** The office will be closed.

**Thursday - Friday:** Leesa will be in the office while Bonnie takes a break.

**Thursday:** Pastor Chris and some of the C&C are off on a road trip to Minneapolis.

\*Pastor Dale will be on holidays all week.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Pre-service prayer time in the Toddler Room at 10AM. All welcome.
- Our New Year's Eve worship service will begin at 10:30AM...there will be no Sunday School or Children's Church.
- Ushers: James/Russ/Phil
- Speaker: Eric Lee
- Worship Leader: Greg Nelson
- Power Point: Bonnie



## **SEC NEWS**

**Holidays:** Pastor Dale will be on holidays from December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 10<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Chris will be away with the C&C from Dec. 28 - Jan. 1, followed by a couple of days of holidays.



**Please note:** There was a typo on the information sheet from Karlie Loeppy in regards to her Iceland missions trip. The website for her online personal account should be: <https://missiontrips.p2c.com/missions-iceland-2018-gv5.cause>.

**Note from the Pastor:** New Growth Groups will be starting up in January. These are important times to connect with other believers and be encouraged in God's Word. We would love you to join us for an eight-session small group experience. The following groups are planned:

**Saskatoon:** First session on Jan 14. Lunch & meeting at Jan McKechnie's. "Living from the Inner Core" - understanding intimacy with God and living to please Him rather than man. This meeting includes a meal together. Hosted and facilitated by Jan McKechnie.

**Saskatoon:** First session on Jan 17, 7PM @ Luther Heights. "Red Letter Christians" - discussing the clear and radical teachings of Jesus and how we are to live them out today. Hosted by Pete & Mary Friesen, facilitated by Pastor Dale.

**Osler/Warman:** First session on Jan 18. "Overcoming Emotions That Destroy". Practical help from Scripture in dealing with anger, pressure & stress. Hosted by Glen & Karen Neufeld, facilitated by Grant Loeppy.

I would also love to see a group start up in the Martensville area if we can find a host and facilitator. See the signup sheet on the back table for details and to get involved.

**A big thank you** from Pete & Mary Friesen for the prayers, cards, visits, soup, goodies and love shown during this time of Pete's recuperation.

**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:  
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**The Women's Sunday School Class** will be starting a new study on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Sunday School Teacher needed:** Talk to Rachel Peters if you can help with the Preschool class.

**The Bridge's Calendar Fundraiser:** Calendars and donation box are on the back table.



Mary, Our Model of Discipleship  
SEC December 24, 2017

1. Mary, the model of \_\_\_\_\_ to God's  
plan: I \_\_\_\_\_. - Luke 1:38

*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your  
word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.*

*Luke 1:38*

2. Mary, the model of \_\_\_\_\_ to God's will:  
I \_\_\_\_\_. - Luke 1:45

*"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would  
fulfill his promises to her!" Luke 1:45*

3. Mary, the model of \_\_\_\_\_ to God's  
Son: I \_\_\_\_\_. - Luke 2:35b.

*"And a sword will pierce your own soul too."*

*Luke 2:35b.*

Conclusion:

When God \_\_\_\_\_ on you:

↳ Are you \_\_\_\_\_?

↳ Do you \_\_\_\_\_ He knows best?

↳ Can He \_\_\_\_\_ on you to \_\_\_\_\_  
yourself to Him and His will?