

PRAYER FOCUS – MARCH 29, 2020

To activate the Prayer Chain, call/email the church or text Bonnie.

- 1. Missionaries:** Pray for missionaries worldwide who are potentially facing this pandemic far from their homeland / loved ones. Pray for their physical, spiritual and mental health as they deal with isolation, fear, shortages and possibly a lack of good health care. Pray that God would see them through in mighty ways and that God's power and love will shine through and bring glory to our Lord.
- 2. Birthdays:** Cassidy Letkeman (Mon), Colin Neufeld (Tues), Shirley Epp (Sat)
- 3. Church Family:** Darrell/Darlene Loewen – Lorraine Loewen – Wilf/Anne Loewen – Bernadette Macaraeg – Jan McKechnie – Jeff/Sally Meadows
- 4. Pray for:**
 - Pray for Tina P, recovering from a pacemaker replacement surgery as well as a bad fall.
 - Margaret J, Mary Peters' mom, has ear pain that has been going on for 2 months, extending into the side of her head and into the jaw. The specialist is sending her for a CT scan to see what's going on. Pray for treatment/healing.
 - Pray for Sandy P as she recovers from surgery.
 - Pray for the right treatment for Rhodes' cancer. Pray for him and his family as they face this trying time.
 - Tina F – chronic lung/health issues.
 - Arie V's surgery went well but he will be in hospital for a few days.
- 5. Sister Churches:**
 - Region #1, SK/AB: Sutherland Evangelical Church: Dale/Sheryl Doerksen
 - Region #2, MB C: Niverville Community Fellowship: David/Kendra Funk
 - Region #3, MB S: Morden EMM Church: Kelly/Karen Lesser
 - Region #4, ON: Aylmer EMM Church: Michael/Anne Marie Krahn
 - Region #6, Belize: Gospel Fellowship Chapel: Diedrich/Tina Dyck
- 6. Westside Pastors' Group:** Pray for the whole group as each pastor does his best to care for his flock during a time of no gathering together or personal contact.
- 7. Parachurch Ministries:** Camp Kadesh: "We are responding to the threat that our complete spring programs will need to be cancelled, affecting about 1,200 students and their teachers (a missed opportunity of sharing the gospel), and about 25 student employees (we don't know if or when we will be able to start them in their positions). At this point we are planning for summer as normal, but as with most things we really don't know what things will be like come July. We are asking that God will care for the ministry of Camp Kadesh and the lives of each student, camper and staff that will be influenced by our programming in May, June, July and August. *Please pray that God will allow the ministry of Camp Kadesh and the other camps to continue and that this virus will not disrupt that great work of so many programs reaching out to students and campers.*"

Welcome to

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THE STORY
READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

**"Jesus' Ministry Begins"
Chapter 23**



March 29, 2020

SUNDAY MARCH 29

Go to our website (www.sutherlandevangelicalchurch.com) on Sunday morning to find the link to Sunday's service which will livestream at 11AM.



Scripture: Mark 1:21-34 (The Story pg 329)

Message: "Jesus' Ministry Begins" – Chapter 23 of The Story

Today was supposed to be our Kadesh Sunday, to hear about the work of the camp. This has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday April 10: Virtual Good Friday service. See announcement below.

April 16, 7PM: Council Meeting in Admin Building

April 16, 7PM: Bridal Shower for Karlie Loeppky

May 3: Annual Reports due. Each chair of each board / committee is asked to have their yearly report submitted to the church office by May 3rd.

May 10: Nominations due. If you would like to nominate someone to a position in the church, please consider it prayerfully and then contact a Council member with your nomination.

May 22-24: 9th Annual Men's Quad Retreat. Contact the church office for details or send a text to Glen, James, Steve or LaVerne. (*possibly cancelled...more info to come*)

May 28: Annual Elections Meeting.

SEC NEWS

The SEC Connection newsletter (which was emailed/mailed on Thursday) contains a lifestyle policy (page 2) that is to be voted on at our Annual Elections Meeting. Members, please be sure to read it so that you're prepared to vote on it.

Good Friday Service: The upcoming Good Friday Service that we were planning to host at SEC has been cancelled. A pre-recorded service is being put together and will be available for everyone to view online. Please stay tuned for details.

Quarantine Assistance: Many stores are running out of cleaners and sanitizing products. The church has a surplus of hand sanitizer. Please contact the office if you need some. We also have volunteers willing to deliver food, medicines and other essential items. Contact the church office if you need help in this way.

Youth Pastor/Custodian position: Adam Fehr will begin his duties as our Youth Pastor / Custodian on May 1st, 2020.

Tithes & Offerings can still be submitted! Cheques can be sent to the church office (do not send cash!) or, for a more convenient way to give, you can set up automatic withdrawals. If you prefer cheques, you might consider the convenience of sending several post-dated cheques. Contact the church office for the form for automatic withdrawals or contact the church office if you have any questions about your tithes/offering.

"Jesus' Ministry Begins"

SEC - March 29, 2020

Introduction:

1. The _____ of Christ – heal those who are sick with _____ and _____ others to do the same.
2. The _____ of Christ – Jesus immediately began a ministry of _____ and _____.
3. The _____ of Christ – Jesus spoke with the _____ of God and even _____ obeyed him.
4. The _____ of Christ – Jesus displays his wrath against the _____ of sin and human _____.

Conclusion:

The _____ of Christ – both the religious _____ and the despised _____ were important to Jesus.

"Christ _____ you, wants the _____ for you, and stands _____ to help you now! Today!!



A letter from Marsden & Mandy Giesbrecht:

Well God, this IS pretty drastic!

It seems that over the course of several years we have been petitioning our prayer warriors for prayer concerning some very real needs in our community, and in our lives, as a family.

We asked for prayers that many would come to know You and grow in their understanding of who you want to be to them. It has been heartbreaking to watch cyclical patterns of addictive depression and distracting business play out in our little town, all around us... while You are barely or seldom thought of except for a moment, in crisis. And here we stand, in the wake of great crisis' following this Covid-19 Pandemic. Health concerns, financial worry, parenting bedlam, loneliness, and isolation...to name a few. We are anticipating a collective readiness for You, the Almighty, and an outcry to You, Jesus the Saviour, which is rare indeed. We are willing to reach out and care as you lead us, in any way we are led ...and to continue point to the immeasurable hope You long to give. Oh, that they will call on You!

We have asked for prayers of protection over our family and our ministry here, and we continue to do so. We grieve with those who are grieving, and we pray for those who are sick, afraid, and alone. We ask for physical and mental health here in our Church, Family, and Community. We also want to come to you with our deepest thanksgiving. You have been faithful to prioritize the condition of our hearts in relation to YOU, above the needs of our physical bodies and our feelings of security! Thank you for giving our Country this moment in time to need you. Thank you for reminding the Body of Christ of the futility of our usual focus on stuff and self and giving us a chance to reset.

We have asked for prayers for the continued Spiritual growth of our three children amidst the challenges of public-school life and learning. School has been suspended, likely until the end of the season. Praise Jesus for the opportunity to live each moment together with our children during the weeks to come- to pour into them as you minister to us as a family. Please give us daily grace for one another and help us to rely on You together in this time.

We have asked for prayers for time management in our every day activities. That we would hold all you have entrusted to us with an open hand, remembering to rest in YOU. And here you are, giving us the gift of time and rest, and releasing us from our self-imposed business. We have watched every program, event, trip, and activity come to a screeching halt over the last week... and we are grateful; and we are surprisingly relieved. Looking at the LONG list of all the things we had planned for ourselves to do this spring, reminds us of our own pride and carelessness... forgive us Lord and help us to be more vigilant of our time and limitations.

What is it YOU would have us to do today, Lord? We are willing to stay or go, to speak or be silent, to rest or to reach out. We desire to watch and Pray, and always to follow Your lead. As our minds flood with ideas and the potential to seize the day, may our hearts be vigilant and obedient towards You, Your will, and Your timing.

In Jesus' Precious Name, Amen!

Psalm 118:24

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.