

# PRAYER FOCUS – DECEMBER 11, 2022

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

1. **Missionary Focus:** Pray for
  - a. **Ciro & Juanita Perez**, serving with Grace Mission in Mexico: “God provided for an opportunity to attend a conference in Mexico City, where we came together to learn strategies to help with translation and diffusion of the gospel in all languages. Juanita was able to share a workshop on using scripture engagement to heal the hearts of people who may not read or write. We pray that God will use these methods to expand His kingdom.”
  - b. **Merry Christmas from Marsden & Mandy Giesbrecht**: “Dear Sutherland Church family, we are so thankful for all of you and the warm welcome we receive every time we visit. We are also thankful for your partnership in the gospel as we share the truth with the lost. May God continue to bless you with His grace.”
2. **Birthdays:** Greg Nelson (today), Tina Miller (Tues), Mary Friesen (Thurs)
3. **Church Family:** Sheldon/Debbie Fehr – Eva Friesen – Mary Friesen – George/Verna Froese – Jake/Mary Giesbrecht – Paul/Liz Ginther
4. **Prayer Requests:**
  - Pray for Paul Ginther as he recovers from ankle/foot surgery.
  - Myrtle Loepky is going to be moved to Parkridge soon for further assessment. Pray for her future living situation to be made clear.
  - Karen Faust will be moving to Riverside Terrace—Luther Care facility on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. Pray for a successful move and that she gets all the care she needs.
  - Helena Wiebe—living with an inoperable & life-threatening blood clot.
  - Wayne Bertness (Crystal Nelson’s father)—stage 4 cancer.
5. **SEC:** Kitchen Coordinators: Shirley Epp and Matilda Peters
6. **Sister Churches:**
  - Region 1, SK/AB: Sutherland Evangelical Church—Dale/Sheryl Doerksen
  - Region 2, MB C: Bagot Community Chapel—Michael/Janice Fehr
  - Region 3, MN S: Morden EMM Church
  - Region 4, ON: Blenheim EMM Church—Aron/Annie Wiebe
  - Region 6, BZ: Blue Creek EMMC—Henry/Sara Janzen
7. **Westside Pastors’ Group:** Sean Rice (interim pastor)—Bay Park Baptist
8. **Parachurch Ministries:** Millar College of the Bible

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"The story of Christmas is the story  
of God's relentless love for us."  
– Max Lucado



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Wi-Fi: SEC\_guest (password: [jesuslovesme](https://www.jesuslovesme.com))

Lead Pastor: Dale Doerksen

Youth Pastor: Adam Fehr

Sunday School: 9:30AM—Sunday Worship: 10:30AM

*"Glorifying God – Building Relationships"*

Sutherland Evangelical Church and its ministries exist to raise up  
disciples of Jesus Christ who glorify God and love others.



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*And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent  
his Son to be the Savior of the world. ~1 John 4:14*

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**PRELUDE:** *Mandi Letkeman*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** *Ken Peters*

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Ken Peters*

**WORSHIP IN SONG:** *Betty Guenter*

**PASTORAL PRAYER:** *Pastor Dale*

**CHILDREN'S FEATURE:** *Pastor Dale (Advent #3)*

**WORSHIP IN SONG:** *Betty Guenter*

**SCRIPTURE FOCUS:** *Matthew 1:18-25 (pg 783) – Ken Peters*

**WORSHIP IN GIVING—OFFERTORY:** *Devon Atkings*

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER:** *Ken Peters*

**MESSAGE:** *"Waiting Well for Christmas" – Pastor Dale*

**CLOSING SONG:** *Betty Guenter*

**BENEDICTION:** *Pastor Dale*

**USHERS:**  
*Ken & Russ*

**OFFERING COUNTER:**  
*Russ*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:**  
*Jade*



Today is the last day to  
bring your treat bag  
donations to Mandy.  
Thank you for your generosity!

A big THANK YOU to Shirley, Matilda  
and everyone who helped to make  
the SEC Christmas Celebration  
a success! Your efforts are  
greatly appreciated! ❤️

### **THIS WEEK**



**TUESDAY, NOON:** Prayer meeting in the Youth Wing of Admin Building

**TUESDAY, 7PM:** Hearts of Praise practice

**WEDNESDAY, 9:30AM:** Fellowship Coffee Time in the dining room. Everyone is welcome!

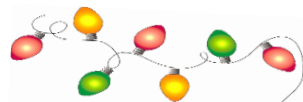
**WEDNESDAY, 7PM:** Bible Study on Hebrews 11:1-19, in the Board Room, or join by Zoom. A link will be emailed on Tuesday. Call the office if you don't receive it and want to join in. We will end with a prayer time. Email your prayer requests to Pastor Dale.

**FRIDAY, 6PM:** Youth Progressive Supper in church. Pastor Adam has details.

### **YOUTH / C&C**

**THURSDAY 7-9PM:** College & Career

**FRIDAY, 6:00PM:** Youth Christmas party – Progressive Supper in the church. 🎉



### **NEXT SUNDAY: CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**9:30AM:** Sunday School

**10:30AM:** Children & Youth Sunday School Christmas Program

**COFFEE:** *Anita*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** *Lindsay*

**LIVESTREAM:** *John B*

**USHERS:** *Jake & Darrell*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**



**PRELUDE:** *Amber*

**POWER POINT:** *Veronica*

**SOUND:** *Victoria*

**OFFERING COUNTER:** *James*

### **SEC NEWS**

#### **Dates to Remember:**

**SATURDAY, DEC 24, 7PM:** Christmas Eve worship service.

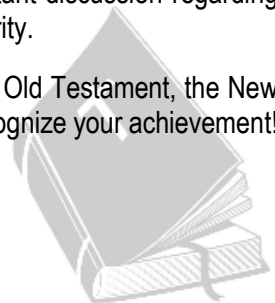


**SUNDAY, DEC 25:** No worship service

**SUNDAY, JAN 8:** Following the morning service, parents with young children (under 8) are asked to stay for a meeting that will include an important discussion regarding children's programs in our church. Please make this a priority.

**Bible Reading Certificates:** If you have read through the Old Testament, the New Testament, or the entire Bible in 2022, we would like to recognize your achievement! Please let the office know by January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Please** pick up your mail! Some mailboxes are full.



**Treasurer's Report:** General Fund as of November 30<sup>th</sup>:

\$245,177 Actual income	\$245,177 Actual income
\$256,995 Actual expenses	\$275,008 Budgeted income
(\$11,818) Net loss	(\$29,831) Budget deficit

**Sutherland School Outreach:** To donate, please indicate that your donation is for "Sutherland School" on your offering envelope or add a note to your etransfer.

### **POINSETTIAS IN REMEMBRANCE OF:**

~Aron & Tina Fehr (Jake/Lynnette Klassen)

~Robert Letkeman (Jake/Lynnette Klassen)

~Wilf Loewen (Darrell/Darlene & Anne Loewen)

~Peter & Tina Friesen (Dietrich/Donna Friesen)

~Cornelius Peters (Grant/Anita Loepky)

~Dave & Marion McKenzie, Dorothy Chapman, and Cora McKenzie  
(Owen/Paula McKenzie)



## Waiting Well for Christmas

SEC - December 11, 2022

### Introduction:

1. Waiting with \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 1:18-21; 1 John 5:13-15

2. Waiting with \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah 7:14-16; 26:3-4; 1 John 4:16b-18

3. Waiting with \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah 9:6-7; 1 Peter 5:7-9a

4. Waiting with \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_. Luke 2:12-14, 25-32

5. Waiting with \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_.

Jeremiah 29:12-14a; Luke 1:26-38

### Conclusion:

## Advent – Week Three - JOY

### Day One – Jesus is the Great High Priest – Hebrews 4:14

What a privilege to have direct access to God! Understanding the Old Testament offering sacrifices helps us to rejoice in the finished work of Jesus. Approach the throne of grace confidently and pour out your heart to God. You will not be turned away.

### Day Two – Jesus is the Alpha and Omega – Revelation 1:8

Faith is “confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see” (Heb. 11:1), trusting God’s character regardless of what life’s circumstances look like. In what areas of your life do you need to trust God? Surrender it to Him today.

### Day Three – Jesus is the True Vine – John 15:1, 5a

Recognizing our destructive bent toward self-reliance, Jesus urges His followers to “remain in Me” five times in only eight verses. Today, read John 15:1-8 and reflect on the invitation to savor a close connection to the True Vine. Are you as close as He invites you to be? Take a few moments to rest before God.

### Day Four – Jesus is the Prince of Peace – Isaiah 9:6-7a

Family get-togethers can be filled with tension as jealousy and old wounds often shatter Christmas peace. Think ahead to your social commitments and write down names who cause unrest in your heart. Spend time with Jesus, asking for His direction, committing yourself to being His ambassador of peace.

### Day Five – Jesus is the Bread of Life – John 6:35

Many people try to fill the void in their lives with more stuff (money, friends, food, shopping), but they are left wanting. Examine your heart and desires. Do you crave stuff, or do you crave Jesus?

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### Some activity suggestions for this third week of Advent:

1. Go caroling in your neighbourhood to bring the joy of Jesus.
2. Make snow angels and reflect on the role of angels in the nativity story.
3. Ask grandparents what Christmas was like when they were kids.
4. Watch a movie about the nativity of Jesus.
5. Take cookies to your children’s ministry leader or Sunday School teacher.
6. Cheer when you drive by nativity displays.