

PRAYER FOCUS – DECEMBER 18, 2022

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

1. **Missionary Focus:** Pray for Tony & Janet Ens, serving in Whitehorse with NCEM: "Dear Sutherland Church family, Thank you for your partnership with us in our ministry with NCEM. Our visits to your church have blessed and encouraged us. Merry Christmas! The Lord's rich blessing be upon you in the New Year. In Christ, Tony & Janet"

2. **Birthdays:** Shawn Klassen (Monday), Devon Atkings (Tuesday), Grant Loeppky (Tuesday), Ashleigh Klassen (Tuesday)
3. **Church Family:** Betty Guenter – Justin/Amber Hamilton, Lincoln, Kinley, Micah – Shaun Harms – Robin Ifield – Len/Sandy Isaac – Carol Janzen, Mayson
4. **Prayer Requests:**
 - Pray for Paul Ginther as he recovers from foot surgery.
 - Thank you for praying for Myrtle Loeppky. She is now negative for COVID. Myrtle 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. 28th. 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:** Head Sound Tech: Devon Atkings
6. **Sister Churches:**
 - Region 1, SK/AB: Hague Gospel Church—Russell/Sue Wilson
 - Region 2, MB C: Gospel Fellowship Church—Darrell/Corrina Dyck
 - Region 3, MN S: Winkler EMM Church—Dale/Lori Dueck
 - Region 4, ON: Deer Run Church—Ike Maria Unger
 - Region 6, BZ: Colonial Del Valle
7. EMMC Missionaries: Abe/Margaret Harder--Bolivia
8. **Westside Pastors' Group:** Larry Parschauer—Life Baptist Church
9. **Parachurch Ministries:** Rio Grande Bible Institute



"Father, Today I celebrate the reality of Your presence in my life. I celebrate Your birth, Your life, Your death, and Your resurrection. And as I celebrate, Lord, help me to be "Jesus with skin on" to those in need around me. Open my eyes and let me see them as You see them! I love You. Happy birthday Jesus! In Jesus name, Amen." -Mary Southerland



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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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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE: *Amber Hamilton*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Lindsay Neufeld*

OPENING PRAYER: *Lindsay Neufeld*

"THE LITTLEST CHRISTMAS TREE" – *Sunday School Program*

SONGS OF WORSHIP: *Hearts of Praise*

"THE NATIVITY" – *Youth Class*

SCRIPTURE FOCUS: *Luke 2:25-35 (pg 832)*

WORSHIP IN GIVING—OFFERTORY: *Aviannah Letkeman*

Ushers: Jake & Darrell; Offering Counter: James

SONGS OF WORSHIP: *Hearts of Praise*

CHILDREN'S FEATURE: *Pastor Dale*

DEVOTIONAL: *Pastor Dale*

CLOSING SONG: "The First Noel"

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION: *Pastor Dale*

HANDING OUT OF CANDY BAGS (please remain in your seats.)



THIS WEEK

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

SATURDAY, 7PM: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Join us for music, drama and a celebration of the story of Christmas.

NEXT SUNDAY—No service on Christmas Day.

(There won't be a bulletin until January 1st, so keep this one handy for the next two weeks.)

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)

~Ruth Naherney (John & Mandi Letkeman)



"But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship." ~Galatians 4:4-5

SEC NEWS

New Music Schedules in mailboxes today.

The EMMC has produced beautiful journals containing original artwork & photos from the latest EMMC Art Contest. They are \$30 each. A portion of the proceeds will go towards the youth fund of our church. If paying by cheque, make it payable to Sutherland Evangelical Church. You can give your money to our treasurer, Karen Neufeld, or bring it to the church office. They are perfect for Christmas gifts or for journalling in the new year. Contact the office with any questions.

SEC holiday hours: the office will be closed Dec 27, 28 & Jan 3. Pastor Adam will be away from Dec 20 - Jan 1. Pastor Dale will be away from Dec 25 - Jan 3. In case of emergency, please contact Council Chair, Glen Neufeld.



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

Our nursery is giving away some of the abundance of toys! Help yourself from the giveaway pile, in the nursery.



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 Treats: Read your Bible for a minimum of 15 min each day, starting Sunday thru Saturday. Everyone who does this may come get a treat from Grant's Candy Bag at the back of the sanctuary. This will be in effect Dec. 18th thru Jan. 1st. Start reading today. You must read 7 days in a row. Share what you learned with those around you. God bless, Grant Loepky

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

WORSHIP @ 10:30AM (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)

COFFEE:

WORSHIP LEADER: *Glen Neufeld*

LIVESTREAM:

USHERS: *Nathan & Keenan*

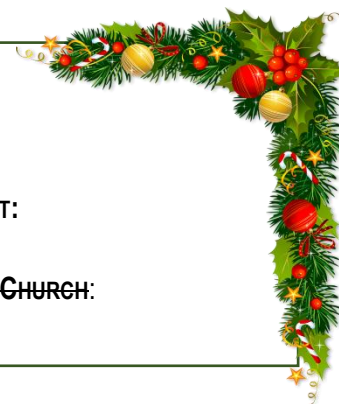
MESSAGE: *Jake Friesen*

PRELUDE:

POWERPOINT:

SOUND:

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:



Please Join Us

at 7PM on Saturday, December 24th

for our

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



"O Come Let Us Adore Him!"

Take the opportunity to set aside all the busyness and come together as a church family to worship and praise Jesus for His gift of coming to earth to bless and teach us and give us eternal hope.

Please extend this invitation to family and friends.

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

~John 1:14



Advent – Week Four - LOVE

Day One – Jesus is the Good Shepherd – John 10:11

Through whatever you are facing, you are not alone. The Good Shepherd does not leave your side. As you go about your day, talk to Jesus and tell Him what you're facing. He knows and cares for you. He will protect you with His own life.

Day Two – Jesus is Immanuel (God with us) – Matthew 1:23

Spend time in God's presence, worshipping Him. Set aside the shopping, baking, holiday frenzy and take a few moments just to be with Him. He longs for you and waits for you. Immanuel.

Day Three – Jesus is the Son of Man – Mark 10:45

Jesus humbled Himself to wash His disciples' feet. Read John 13:3-17. Jesus' example calls us to bow low in humble service. Who is God calling you to serve today? Imitate Him and use your spiritual gifts to serve others as you would serve Christ Himself.

Day Four – Jesus was a Man of Sorrows – Isaiah 53:3

For many, the Christmas season brings disappointment, loss, heartache, regret, and pain. Instead of ignoring this pain, allow it to surface and then bring it to the feet of Jesus. Reflect on the suffering that Jesus faced, and then spend the day worshipping Him, who was a Man of Sorrows, but is now exalted at God's right hand.

Day Five – Jesus is the Lamb of God – John 1:29

Have you lost the wonder and awe of Jesus' sacrifice for your sins? Today, worship Jesus for His sacrificial atonement, for taking His sins on Himself.

Some activity suggestions for this fourth week of Advent:

1. Write a letter to each of your children recounting a special Christmas memory.
2. Host a free pancake breakfast of international students.
3. Bake a birthday cake for Jesus.
4. Have a hot (chocolate) date with your spouse and reconnect in the midst of a busy season.
5. Tape coins on washers in a laundromat to serve those who may be going through hardship.
6. Shovel a neighbour's driveway, or some other yard work.