

PRAYER FOCUS – DECEMBER 4, 2022

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

1. **Missionary Focus:** Pray for Bolivia and the missionaries dealing with the unrest: “**Abe Harder is the MEM Field Director** in Bolivia, lives in Villa Nueva, affirms that the government is purposefully delaying the census to retain power and control. Earlier in the protest, Santa Cruz was under siege when government supporters blocked the four major highways to disrupt the food / supply chain. So we avoid all the hotspots and pray for the people, unpredictable developments and for the authorities. We continue to do life as usual, except that we are not travelling as much. We can't go to the city as usual; we must wait for roadblocks to be opened. We were affected some because we couldn't get gas as readily as usual, but we also needed less if we traveled less. For those of us going to Belice Colony it was a bit more complicated, but we managed. There is no end in sight, they continue to argue back and forth. Let's remember to pray for the country of Bolivia – that a peaceful resolution may be found.

UPDATE: On November 26 the president of the Santa Cruz Civic Committee, Romulo Calvo, announced that the general civil strike that lasted 36 days will be lifted. The lifting of the strike and blockades came after lawmakers approved a guarantee to review the demand for a national population census. The civic leader also announced that he will begin a review of the relationship of Santa Cruz with the Bolivian State. **Thank you for praying!**

(Taken from EMMC's Praise, Prayer & Pondering.)

2. **Birthdays:**
3. **Church Family:** Phil/Shirley Epp – David/Olayinka Fasooto, Emmanuel, James, Rebecca – Karen Faust – Adam/Britney Fehr – Greg/Teresa Fehr – Lois Fehr
4. **Prayer Requests:**
 - Pray for Paul Ginther as he recovers from ankle/foot surgery. He currently has to keep his leg elevated for 23 hours/day. Praise the Lord, he has not had much pain.
 - Helena Wiebe—an inoperable and life-threatening blood clot. Pray that the meds being tried will successfully keep it from growing.
 - Karen Faust—advanced cancer.
 - Wayne Bertness (Crystal Nelson's father)—stage 4 cancer.
5. **SEC:** Kadesh Board members from SEC: Adam Fehr, Keenan Regehr
6. **Sister Churches:**
 - Region 1, SK/AB: Open Arms Bible Fellowship—Marsden/Mandy Giesbrecht
 - Region 2, MB C: Austin Evangelical Fellowship—Colin/Dawn Bell
 - Region 3, MN S: Gospel Mission Church, Winkler—Claude/Micheline Lainey
 - Region 4, ON: Aylmer EMM Church—Michael/Anne Marie Krahn
 - Region 6, BZ: Spanish Lookout—Blaine/Melissa Dueck
7. **Westside Pastors' Group:** Rob Shepherd—Westside Pentecostal



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
Preparation

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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: *Prelude Pals*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Greg Nelson*

OPENING PRAYER: *Greg Nelson*

PRAISE & WORSHIP: *Hearts of Praise*

CHILDREN'S FEATURE: *Pastor Dale*

(Advent #2—Preparation)

SCRIPTURE FOCUS: *Matthew 24:15-28 (pg 805) – Greg Nelson*

WORSHIP IN GIVING—OFFERTORY: *John & Mandi*

PRAISE & WORSHIP: *Hearts of Praise*

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: *Greg Nelson*

MESSAGE: *"Living as If the End is Near (part 2)*

– Matthew 24:15-28 – Pastor Dale

CLOSING SONG: *Hearts of Praise*

BENEDICTION: *Pastor Dale*

USHERS:
Dave & Greg F
OFFERING COUNTER:
Lindsay
CHILDREN'S CHURCH:
Crystal



POINSETTIAS IN REMEMBRANCE OF:

~Aron & Tina Fehr

THIS WEEK

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

WEDNESDAY, 7PM: Bible Study on Hebrews 10:19-39, 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.

NEXT SUNDAY—ADVENT #3 – JOY

COFFEE: *Bonnie*

WORSHIP LEADER: *Ken*

LIVESTREAM: *Adam*

USHERS: *Ken & Russ*

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



PRELUDE: *Mandi*

POWER POINT: *Bonnie*

SOUND: *John B*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: *Jade*



- * Last day to bring your treat bag donations to Mandi!
(Signup sheet on the back table.)

YOUTH/C&C

THURSDAY 7-9PM: College & Career

FRIDAY, 7-9PM: Youth Horizon Night—SNACK: *Betty Guenter*

SEC NEWS

Dates to Remember:

WEDNESDAY, DEC 14, 9:30AM: Fellowship Coffee in the church dining room—everyone welcome!

FRIDAY, DEC 16, Youth event in church – progressive supper. Thank you to those who have signed up to bring parts of their meal.

SUNDAY, DEC 18, 10:30AM: Christmas Program

SATURDAY, DEC 24, 7PM: Christmas Eve worship service. We are looking for two people to be involved in a short skit. Contact Pastor Dale or Darlene.

SUNDAY, DEC 25: No worship service

Congratulations to Lindsay & Kathy Neufeld on the birth of their 6th grandson, Tucker Mark Neufeld, born on November 28th, to Chris & Kayla Neufeld.



Treasurer's Report: General Fund as of November 30th:



\$245,177 Actual income
\$256,995 Actual expenses
(\$11,818) Net loss

\$245,177 Actual income
\$275,008 Budgeted income
(\$29,831) Budget deficit



Place a Poinsettia in Memory of a Loved One: During the month of December you are invited to place a poinsettia at the front of the sanctuary in memory of a loved one. Please contact the office (phone, email, or a note in mailbox #86) with your name and who the poinsettia is in memory of. Poinsettias may remain in the sanctuary throughout December and should be picked up January 1st.

Plan to Protect: If you need to get in on this training, please talk Pastor Adam, who will be setting a date ASAP.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dec 10 & 11: "Into the Light" a Millar Christmas Production. Pambrun, SK.
Freewill offering. millarcollege.ca

Introduction

A. Overview of the Passage:

1. The _____ that causes desolation. (15)
2. The urgency to _____ the turmoil. (16-20)
3. The _____ will be unequalled. (21-22)
4. The tendency to look for _____ hope & help. (23-26)
5. The _____ return of Jesus. (27-28)

B. Life lessons:

1. The power of _____—God works in the _____.
2. The power of _____—don't become _____.
3. The power of _____—let hardship encourage _____.

Conclusion:

Advent – Week Two - PREPARATION



Day One – Word of God – John 1:1

Studying Scripture should always drive us into deeper relationship with Jesus. Today, let your time in the Word drive you to spend time with The Word. Talk to Him. Invite Him to speak into your life.

Day Two – Truth – John 14:6

What lies about God, yourself, relationships, emotions, and life are you battling today? Write them down and then find truth in Scripture on that topic (use a concordance), write the verses down and spend time in the Truth.

Day Three – Lion of Judah – Revelation 5:5

Have you adopted our culture's view of Jesus as "safe"? Today, meditate on His power and glory as the Lion of Judah. Ask Him to awaken you to the reality of His grandeur and respond in humble worship.

Day Four – Holy One of God – John 6:69

Each time we confess our sins and yield an area of our lives to Jesus' control, we grow a little more in His holy likeness. Take time to confess your sins and thank Jesus for His faithfulness to forgive you and cleanse you from unrighteousness. Rejoice and walk in His holiness.

Day Five – Lord of Lords – 1 Timothy 6:15-16

Does Jesus have complete control of your time, finances, schedule, relationships, career, and dreams? Renew your allegiance to your Lord; bow in worship to Him; trust Him and obey His instructions.

Some activity suggestions for this second week of Advent:

1. Make cut out snowflakes with white paper. On one side write prayer requests; on the other side write Bible verses to correspond. Hang up your snowflakes!
2. Act out the nativity story as a play, a musical, or a puppet show.
3. Sing gospel-centred Christmas carols that centre your heart on Jesus.
4. Memorize a Christmas verse that features a name of Jesus. Write it out and carry it with you. www.unwrappingthenames.com
5. Write a letter to Jesus, responding to what you've learned about Him this week. Confess sins, surrender any area that is hurting, ask for His joy.