

# PRAYER FOCUS – NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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

1. **Missionary Focus:** Pray for Pete & Cathy Dyck, serving in Mexico with WEC



International: "Greetings from Purpecha Plateau! In Angahuan the team working on the translation project continues to work diligently on translating the book of Mark into the Angahuan Purepecha. We are excited to hear that people are enthusiastically listening to God speaking in their native language. We have felt God leading us to

focus on Corupo and we are encouraged to see God at work here. Through an English class that we teach, we see progress being made in some reluctant contacts now opening up to us. Please pray for Alex and Juana, that God would reveal Himself to them in a way that will get them excited about their faith. Thank you for your faithful prayers...they are making a difference! Thanks also to those who have supported us financially. May God bless you for taking part in His work here. Wishing you all a joyous Christmas and blessings in the New Year. – Pete & Cathy Dyck"

2. **Birthdays:** James Loeppky (Mon), Tina Peters (Sat)

3. **Church Family:** Harv/Carol Bueckert – Wilma Chometsky – Dale/Sheryl Doerksen – Ken/Helen Dymond – Russ/Ang Ens, Liam, Isaiah, Weston

4. **Prayer Requests:**

-Helena Wiebe—an inoperable and life-threatening blood clot.

-Karen Faust—advanced cancer.

-Wayne Bertness (Crystal Nelson's father)—stage 4 cancer.

5. **SEC:** Board of Business: LaVerne, James, Brendan, Lindsay, Steve, & Nathan

6. **Sister Churches:**

Region 1, SK/AB: Vauxhall Mennonite Gospel—Henry/Tina Redekopp

Region 2, MB C: Niverville Community Fellowship—David/Kendra Funk

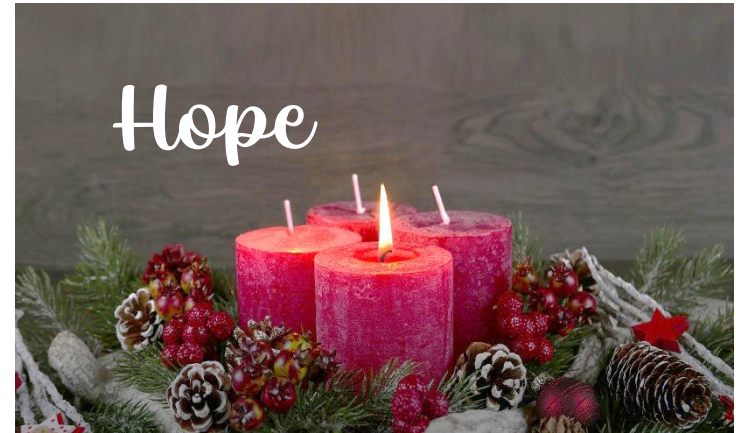
Region 3, MN S: Glencross Mennonite Church—Peter/Audrey Redekopp

Region 4, ON: Deer Run Church—Ike/Maria Unger

Region 6, MX: Colonia Del Valle

7. **Westside Pastors' Group:** Linda Walker – The Bridge on 20<sup>th</sup>

8. **Parachurch Ministries:** Power to Change



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YouTube: Sutherland Evangelical Church

Wi-Fi: SEC\_guest (password: [jesuslovesme](#))

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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## TODAY

### ORDER OF SERVICE

**PRELUDE:** *Amber Hamilton*

**WORSHIP IN SONG:** *Devon Atkings*

**WELCOME & MINISTRY REMINDERS:** *Pastor Dale*

**CHILDREN'S FEATURE:** *Pastor Dale (Advent #1-Hope)*

**WORSHIP IN GIVING-OFFERTORY:** *Amber Hamilton*

**WORSHIP IN SONG:** *Devon Atkings*

**SCRIPTURE FOCUS:** *Matthew 24:1-14 (pg 805 in pew Bible)*

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER:** *Pastor Dale*

**MESSAGE:** *"Living as if the End is Near (Part 1)"*

*— Matthew 24:1-14 — Pastor Dale*

**CLOSING SONG:** *Devon Atkings*

**BENEDICTION:** *Pastor Dale*

## THIS WEEK

**MONDAY, 7-9PM:** Youth workers' meeting @ The Beacon

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, 7PM:** Bible Study on Hebrews 10:1-18, 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.

**SATURDAY, 5:30PM:** SEC Family Christmas Celebration (see insert)

## YOUTH / C&C

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

**FRIDAY, 7-9PM:** Youth Night

↳ **YOUTH SNACK:**

Dec. 2—Shirley Epp

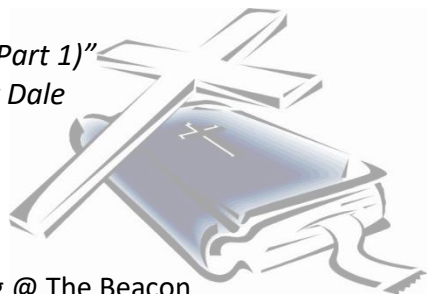
Dec. 9—Betty Guenter

**USHERS:**

*Sheldon & James*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:**

*Delilah*



"Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be afraid or terrified for  
the LORD your God goes with you;  
he will never leave you nor forsake  
you." ~ Deuteronomy 31:6

## NEXT SUNDAY—ADVENT #2 – PREPARATION

**COFFEE:** *Judy*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** *Greg N*

**LIVESTREAM:** *Veronica*

**USHERS:** *Dave & Greg F*

**MESSAGE:** *"Living as if the End is Near (Part 2)" – Matt 24:15-28 – Pastor Dale*



**PRELUDE:** *Adam*

**POWER POINT:** *Bonnie*

**SOUND:** *Victoria*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** *Crystal*

## SEC NEWS

### Dates to Remember:

**SUNDAY, DEC 11:** Last day to bring your treat bag donations to Mandi! (Signup sheet on the back table.)

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

**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



**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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Youth Fundraiser:** Our youth have an ongoing fundraiser called "Road to Retreat", which will provide funds for the youth to attend a retreat at Camp Kadesh at the end of February. Donations will be tallied, and rewards will be given for each amount shown on their poster/thermometer. (The reward for \$750 total is that Pastor Adam's legs will be waxed.) Please designate your gift "youth fundraiser".

**More Youth News:** On Dec 16 the youth are planning for a progressive supper that will be held at various stations throughout the SEC buildings. If you would like to join the fun and help with part of their meal, please talk to Pastor Adam.

**The SEC Connection**, fall 2022 edition, is available at the back table!

**Plan to Protect:** Pastor Adam is going to be discussing another Plan to Protect training for those who are interested or were unable to attend the previous one. Training will happen in late Nov or early Dec.

**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 2 & 3:** Thrive presents Christmas Extravaganza @ the Hepburn MB Church. Drama, dessert, music & silent auction. \$30/ticket:

[admin@thrivesk.com](mailto:admin@thrivesk.com)

**Dec 10 & 11:** "Into the Light" a Millar Christmas Production. Pambrun, SK. Freewill offering. [millarcollege.ca](http://millarcollege.ca)

**Introduction:**

**A. Background on Matthew 24:**

**B. The disciples ask two questions:**

1. When will the \_\_\_\_\_ be destroyed?
2. What will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world?

**C. Interpretive \_\_\_\_\_ – Jesus answers both questions without \_\_\_\_\_.**

**D. Characteristics of the time \_\_\_\_\_ the end:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_/false messiahs
2. Wars/calamities
3. \_\_\_\_\_ disasters
4. Persecution
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Increase in wickedness/lovelessness

**E. Characteristics that we are \_\_\_\_\_ the end—the gospel being preached to the \_\_\_\_\_ world.**

**F. Application:**

1. Prophecy is given to teach and \_\_\_\_\_ us.
2. Do not become deceived or \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Keep your \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:**

**Advent – Week One - HOPE**

**Day One – Jesus – Matthew 1:21**

As you enter this season of Advent, what expectations do you have of Jesus? Regardless of how He answers your prayers, ask Him to show you what He wants to do in your life. Begin this Advent season with an open heart.



**Day Two – Resurrection and the Life – John 11:25**

Jesus nullified death's hold on His creation when He willingly laid down His own life and defeated death. Those who believe in Him have also been raised to new life with Him. Jesus' resurrection gives us hope both for today and for the future.

**Day Three – King of Kings – Matthew 2:2**

The whole universe worships the King of kings—but as humans we often miss out on this privilege. We focus on ourselves and become prideful, angry, and annoyed with others, especially during this busy holiday season. Today, take your eyes off yourself and fix your gaze on the King of Glory.

**Day Four – Light of the World – John 1:9**

Christmastime is filled with lights. On trees, on houses, on signs. It is easy to let these lights drown out the shining light within us. Ask God to shine in you to help you see God in your surroundings, and through you so that others may see the hope that you have.

**Day Five – Christ (Messiah) – Matthew 2:4**

Reacquaint yourself with Jesus through the gospels. Chuckle at His wit; weep as He is rejected; rejoice as the stone is rolled away.

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**Some activity suggestions for this first week of Advent:**

1. Decorate the Christmas tree together, reflecting on the beautiful meaning of this season of celebrating.
2. Bake cookies for your mail carrier, garbage collector, or others who care for your needs. Include a card/note that shares our reason for the season.
3. Make Christmas cards for families in the NICU. Pray for them.
4. Participate in a program that provides gifts for needy children.
5. Help decorate your church for Christmas.