

PRAYER FOCUS – JANUARY 22, 2023

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

1. **Missionary Focus:** Pray for Eugene Enns, General Director of Grace Mission: "Banners that teach truth and motivate! There are 12 million people in Haiti. Most of them wonder if there is any hope and if Haiti will ever change. They think the government is the problem. God is the only one with the answer. Proverbs 24:14 "If you find wisdom there is a future hope for you and your hope will not be cut off!" Haitians are enslaved by the "Haitian Way" which includes beatings, multiple women, deserted children, drinking, Voodoo, and laziness. This leads to poverty. Most men in churches have never heard a message on how a Christian man should live in his home. They do not understand love and leadership, only force, pride, and dictatorship. With banners about Godly wisdom, our conference ministry is trying to teach men how to live in their family (Wise Ways) so that the



future generations will have hope. The banners quickly get the point across and will hang in front of the Conference room. Please pray that this will impact their wives, children, church, and spread across Haiti. Pray for great impact!"

2. **Birthdays:** Mary Peters (Thurs), Jordyn Letkeman (Sat), Shirin Patres (Sat)
3. **Church Family:** Darrell/Darlene Loewen – Anne Loewen – Owen/Paula McKenzie – John/Tina Miller – Greg/Crystal Nelson, Liesel, Jorgen, Judah, Malek
4. **Prayer Requests:**
 - Karen Faust has moved to the Keedwell Assisted Living Centre. Pray that she receives the needed care and that she feels welcome.
 - Helena Wiebe—living with an inoperable & life-threatening blood clot.
 - Wayne Bertness (Crystal Nelson's father)—stage 4 cancer.
5. **SEC:** New Beginnings Committee: Britney, Veronica, Victoria
6. **Sister Churches:**
 - Region 1, SK/AB: Sutherland Evangelical Church—Dale/Sheryl Doerksen
 - Region 2, MB C: Niverville Community Fellowship—David/Kendra Funk
 - Region 3, MN S: Gospel Mission Church—Claude/Micheline Lainey
 - Region 4, ON: Aylmer EMM Church—Michael/Anne Marie Krahn
 - Region 6, BZ: Spanish Lookout—Blaine/Melissa Dueck
7. **EMMC Missionaries:** Willie & Margaret Enns—Santa Cruz, Bolivia
8. **Westside Pastors' Group:** Linda Walker—The Bridge on 20th
9. **Parachurch Ministries:** Wycliffe Bible Translators

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*But seek first
his kingdom and
his righteousness,
and all these things
will be given to you
as well.*

MATTHEW 6:33

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Lead Pastor: Dale Doerksen—Youth Pastor: Adam Fehr

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

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

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SUNDAY MORNING

USHERS: George & Greg F

PRELUDE: Mary Friesen

WELCOME & MINISTRY REMINDERS: Lindsay Neufeld

OPENING PRAYER: Lindsay Neufeld

DRAMA

PRAISE & WORSHIP: Betty Guenter

PASTORAL PRAYER: Pastor Dale

SCRIPTURE FOCUS: Matthew 24:36-51 (PG 806)—Lindsay Neufeld

COMMUNION SERVICE: Pastor Dale

BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

PRAISE & WORSHIP: Betty Guenter

MESSAGE: "Living as If the End is Near" Pt 4—Matt. 24:36-51—Pastor Dale

CLOSING SONG: Betty Guenter

BENEDICTION: Pastor Dale

*"Live as though
Jesus is coming
back today,
plan as though
he is not returning
for 100 years."*

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, 12 NOON: Prayer meeting in the Youth Wing. Everyone is welcome. Text prayer request to Pastor Dale or drop a note in the *Prayer Jar* on the Literature Table.

WEDNESDAY, 7PM: Bible Study on Hebrews 12:14-29, 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.

THURSDAY, 7-9PM: C&C Night in The Beacon

FRIDAY & SATURDAY: Youth Workers' Conference @ Lakeview Church

NEXT SUNDAY—EMMC REGION 1 PULPIT EXCHANGE

COFFEE: Anita

WORSHIP LEADER: Adam

LIVESTREAM: Veronica

USHERS: Jake & Russ

MESSAGE: Russ Wilson

PRELUDE: Eva R

POWERPOINT: Bonnie

SOUND: Victoria

OFFERING COUNTER: Russ

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Crystal/Jorgen

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB 5, 9:30AM: Plan to Protect training (see announcement→)

FEB. 9: Budget submissions due from board chairs to our treasurer

FEB. 11: Young Couple's Valentine's evening & Family Feud

FEB 19, 9:30AM: Plan to protect training

MARCH 9, 7PM: Annual Membership Budget Meeting

SEC NEWS

Congratulations to Brendan & Jade Neufeld on the birth of their daughter, Ella Jade, who was born on January 13th, weighing 10 lbs. Ella is a little sister to Elizabeth and Everly and a granddaughter to Glen & Karen.



Offerings: The SEC Council decided to take up an offering each Sunday on a trial basis from October to December. It seems people have learned to give in other ways so this will be discontinued. We would still like to give folks the opportunity to play special music from time to time. Please contact the church office if you would like to serve in this way.

The Region 1 Council is planning a visit to Vauxhall on March 19 or 26. If you are interested in being a part of this trip, speak to Dale Doerksen or Ken Peters.

Check Your Spam Folder: Lately some of the group emails that the church office is sending out have been ending up in your spam folders. This is just a reminder to check that folder when you check your email.

Change of Address for Karen Faust: Keedwell Assisted Living Centre, 110 Keedwell St, Saskatoon SK S7W 1B4. Please update your directory.

Baptism is an important step in Christian discipleship. Baptism classes will be offered starting in March 2023. If you are interested in attending or have any questions about baptism, please contact Pastor Dale.

Billet(s) Needed: A team from Millar College of the Bible will be here spending time with our youth on Feb. 4th and they need accommodations for one night. The 7 guys will be staying in our suite, so just the 4 ladies need a place to sleep and breakfast on Sunday morning. Contact Pastor Adam or the church if you are willing/able. Also, if anyone would like to donate breakfast food for the guys, please talk to Adam.

SEC Family Camp: A time to relax and spend time as a church family. Put it on your calendar!! Sept 8-10 at Camp Kadesh. No one is too young or too old. Come out and enjoy a time of fellowship and fun in God's creation. Watch for more information soon. Contact Darlene Loewen if you would like to be involved in planning.

Plan to Protect Training will take place on February 5th & 19th during Sunday School time for Children's Church volunteers and anyone else needing to take it. This training is mandatory for insurance purposes.

The EMMC journals are \$30 each with a portion of the proceeds going towards the SEC Youth Fund. If paying by cheque, make it payable to Sutherland Evangelical Church. Payment should be placed in an offering envelope marked "Journal" and placed in the offering plate or offering box or bring it to the church office. Contact the office with any questions.

Living as if the End is Near—Part 4

Matthew 24:36-51 – SEC – Jan. 22/23

Introduction:

A. The Nature of the Lord's Return:

1. His coming is _____—don't try to calculate a _____. (36-41)
2. His coming is _____—don't be caught _____. (42-44)
3. His coming is _____—don't squander your _____. (44-51), 2 Peter 3:8-9

B. Properly anticipating the Lord's return:

1. Be _____—don't become _____.
Matthew 6:33
2. Be _____—don't become _____.
3. Be _____—take a stand for _____.
4. Be _____—be willing to _____.

Conclusion: