# PRAYER FOCUS – FEBRUARY 12, 2023

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

- 1. Missionary Focus: Pray for Ken & Bertha Guenther, serving with SEND International: "It does not seem likely that we will return to Ukraine any time soon. A few of our missionaries have returned, but the daily electrical shutdowns and lack of a functioning airport in all of Ukraine would make Kyiv a poor choice for Ken's ministry base. He needs consistent Internet access and the ability to freely travel to other countries. We have been considering purchasing a home in Canada. As we consider and evaluate several different options, we ask for your prayers. If you have wisdom to share with us, we welcome that as well. Prayer Requests: Peace in Ukraine an end to the war; God's wisdom, direction and provision as we look for a house to buy in Canada and as we evaluate options for future ministry locations; God's strength & wisdom to accomplish the goals we have for 2023; The team leaders in Ken's online course from Feb 6 March 11."
- 2. Birthdays: Jayce Mellquist (Monday), Amber Hamilton (Saturday)
- **3. Church Family**: Keenan/Alicia Regehr, Hazel Steve/Eva Regehr Ejaz/Temar Sahotra Leo/Alice Scherr, Nicholas Rathje Wayne Senger
- 4. Prayer Requests:
  - -Karen Faust-cancer.
  - -Helena Wiebe—living with an inoperable & life-threatening blood clot.
  - -Wayne Bertness—cancer.
- **5. SEC**: Church Camp Planning Committee: Shirley Epp, Paul & Liz Ginther, Veronica Loeppky, Darlene Loewen, & Nathan & Janie Wiebe.
- 6. Sister Churches:
  - Region 1, SK/AB: Vauxhall Mennonite Gospel Church—Henry/Tina Redekopp
  - Region 2, MB C: Gospel Fellowship Church, Steinbach—Darrell/Corinna Dyck
  - Region 3, MN S: Altona EMM Church—David/Jessica Friesen
  - Region 4, ON: Aylmer EMM Church—Michael/Anne Marie Krahn
  - Region 6, BZ: Spanish Lookout—Blaine/Melissa Dueck
- 7. EMMC Missionaries: Abe & Margaret Harder—Bolivia
- 8. Samaritan's Purse is preparing to airlift a 52-bed Emergency Field Hospital to Turkey near the epicenter of two devastating earthquakes that struck on Feb. 6. Thousands were killed and tens of thousands are injured in Turkey and Syria. Many of those affected were already displaced by the civil war in Syria. Freezing temperatures are hampering rescue efforts. Emergency relief supplies, including tarps, blankets, and solar lights, are also being readied to send. We have staff on the ground now and dozens more of our disaster relief personnel, including doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals, are on their way. We are working alongside local church partners to bring not only physical relief but also spiritual comfort and hope through the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for those who have lost loved ones and for those who are suffering. Pray also for our teams as they serve as the hands and feet of Jesus.



## **Sutherland Evangelical Church**

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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.

**FEBRUARY 12, 2023** 

## SUNDAY MORNING

**Ushers:** Dave & Phil - **Offering Counter:** Lindsay

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (FOR AGES 3-7): Amber

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** 

PRELUDE: Mandi Letkeman

WELCOME & MINISTRY REMINDERS: Glen Neufeld

OPENING PRAYER: Glen Neufeld
Worship in Song: Hearts of Praise
CHILDREN'S FEATURE: Wayne Senger

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Dale

SCRIPTURE FOCUS: 1 Peter 4:1-11—Glen Neufeld

WORSHIP IN SONG: Hearts of Praise CHILDREN'S PRAYER: Glen Neufeld

**Message:** "The Graciousness of Jesus" –Pastor Dale

CLOSING SONG: Hearts of Praise

**BENEDICTION:** Pastor Dale

"When you have a lot of rough edges, you're easy to get hold of but hard to embrace."

"Some minds are like concrete—all mixed up and permanently set."

"Speak all kind words and you will hear kind echoes."

## 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**, **9:30**AM: Coffee Fellowship in our dining room. Everyone welcome!

**Wednesday, 7pm:** Bible Study on Philippians. We are beginning a new study on the book of Philippians. Join in person or by Zoom. This week is Philippians 1:12-18.

Everyone is welcome.

THURSDAY, 7PM: Council meeting—budget planning.

THURSDAY, 7-9PM: C&C Night in The Beacon FRIDAY, 7-9PM: Youth Night. Snack—Shirley

# NEXT SUNDAY—MISSION SUNDAY

COFFEE: BonniePRELUDE: BettyWORSHIP LEADER: AdamPOWERPOINT: BonnieLIVESTREAM: AdamSOUND: LaVerne

**USHERS:** Nathan & Keenan **OFFERING COUNTER:** Keenan

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Delilah

GUEST SPEAKER: Kevin Goertzen (Ethnos Canada)

Next Sunday (Feb. 19) is our Fellowship Potluck Lunch. Please bring a main dish <u>and</u> a salad or dessert.

-February Crew: Gratitude Gang-

## DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB 19, 9:30AM: Plan to Protect training –MOVED TO MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>!

**FEB 26, 10:30**AM: Teen Challenge SK Men's Team will share testimonies of finding freedom from addiction.

MARCH 5, 9:30AM: Plan to Protect training—Session 2

MARCH 9, 7PM: Annual Membership Budget Meeting



## **SEC News**

<u>Congratulations</u> to Pastor Dale & Sheryl on the birth of their grandson, Marshall William Doerksen, born on January 30th, to Eric & Jill, in Red Deer, Alberta.

A Big Thanks to those who have come on board as the new Church Camp Planning Committee: Shirley Epp, Paul & Liz Ginther, Veronica Loeppky, Darlene Loewen, and Nathan & Janie Wiebe.



**<u>2022 Charitable Donation Receipts</u>** are in the mailboxes. If you would prefer to have your receipt mailed to you, please contact the church office.

<u>From our Sunday School Superintendent</u>: Parents of Sunday school kids—we will be resuming taking up an offering during the Sunday school hour. This is a great opportunity to teach your kids about giving. All money from the offering will go towards the cost of Sunday school materials.

**Region 1**: EMMC Region 1 churches are planning a trip to visit the Vauxhall Church in Alberta, on March 19 or 26, depending on people's availability. Vauxhall will arrange billets for Saturday night; we'll have a service together on Sunday. If interested, contact Dale Doerksen or Ken Peters.

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

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

"The kindest word ever said is the unkindest word that was never said."

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**April 28-29**: Women's Journey of Faith Spring Conference @ Circle Dr. Alliance Church. Early Bird tickets (until Feb 15)—\$65; Regular price—\$95. Group of 8 or more is 40% off regular price. See poster. For tickets go to WJOF.com or Kennedy's Parable Store.

# The Graciousness of Jesus SEC - February 12, 2023

#### Introduction:

A. His gracious life increased Christ's appeal:
1. Jesus displayed grace and from very young. Luke 2:40, 47, 51-52.
2. Grace is what drove Jesus to himself. 2 Corinthians 8:9
3. The amazing results of Christ's grace—It is sufficient:
1. To for our sin. Rom. 3:23-24; 1 Tim. 1:12-13
2. To meet need. 2 Cor. 12:9
3. To enable us to live lives. 2 Cor. 1:12
for whatever we have to face.  1 Timothy 1:14; 2 Timothy 2:1
C. Christ's grace lived through us is compelling—therefore we are urged:
1. To in God's grace. Acts 11:23; 13:43
2. To ourselves before God. James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5
3. To not or abuse God's grace. 2 Cor. 6:1



## Conclusion: