PRAYER FOCUS – MAY 21, 2023

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

1. Missionary Focus: Pray for Kevin and Marti Goertzen, serving with Ethnos



Canada: "Our sending church, Osler Mission Chapel, held a ceremony for Marti and I last year, officially 'sending' us off into full-time ministry with Ethnos Canada. While Marti and I were in Durham, I received a certificate 'Commending me to Clergy duties' for the ministry of Ethnos Canada! For years I have had the desire to be in full-time ministry and I always thought it would be in the church, but here I am - rather, here

Marti and I are, serving the church through a para-church organization. Why is God so good to me? Thank you all for your prayers. May God's blessings continue to be poured out upon you and your families. Please be in prayer for our team as we navigate some brand-new ground with a large church in B.C. And PTL, we are also heading up to a new indigenous community in June. We received an invitation, and we are going. Thank you for praying with us!"

- 2. Birthdays: Elizabeth Neufeld (today), Debbie Letkeman (Monday), James Fasooto (Monday), Lucas Neufeld (Wednesday), Eva Friesen (Saturday)
- **3. Church Family**: Barbara Radomske Keenan/Alicia Regehr, Hazel, Eden Steve/Eva Regehr Ejaz/Tamar Sahotra, Rehoboam
- 4. Prayer Requests:
 - -Pray for Shirley Loeppky (sister-in-law to James & Sheryle), facing terminal cancer. Pray for God's peace & strength for Shirley and her husband, Martin.
- 5. SEC: Kitchen Co-coordinators: Shirley Epp & Matilda Peters
- 6. Sister Churches:
 - Region 1, SK/AB: Vauxhall Mennonite Gospel—Henry/Tina Redekopp
 - Region 2, MB C: Lakeside Gospel Chapel, St Laurent
 - Region 3, MN S: Glencross Mennonite Church—Peter/Audrey Redekopp
 - Region 4, ON: Deer Run Church—Ike/Maria Unger
 - Region 6, BZ: Blue Creek EMMC—Henry/Sara Janzen
- 7. EMMC Missionaries: Benni & Lorina Dueck—Villa Nueva Church, Bolivia
- 8. Westside Pastors' Group: Dale Doerksen—SEC
- **9. Bereavement**: Our condolences to Paul & Liz Ginther on the passing of Liz's brother, Peter Bueckert, who passed away on May 7th, in Warman. The funeral was on May 12th.

Welcome to





Sutherland Evangelical Church

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Lead Pastor: Dale Doerksen Youth Pastor: Adam Fehr Sunday School: 9:30AM Sunday Worship: 10:30AM

MAY 21, 2023

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Prelude: Mary Friesen

Welcome & Announcements: Lindsay Neufeld

Opening Prayer: Lindsay Neufeld Worship in Song: Betty Guenter

Scripture Focus: Ephesians 2:11-22—Lindsay Neufeld

Children's Prayer: Lindsay Neufeld

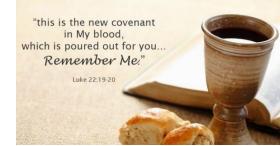
Message: The Indwelling of Jesus" – Eph.2:11-22; 3:14-21—Pastor Dale

Worship in Song: Betty Guenter

Communion

Benevolence Offering

Closing Song: Betty Guenter
Benediction: Pastor Dale



Ushers: Nathan & Keenan

OFFERING COUNTER: Keenan

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Kirsten

THIS WEEK

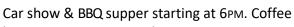
Tuesday: Office closed for Victoria Day weekend

THURSDAY, 7PM: Council Meeting in the Board Room

THURSDAY, 7-9PM: College & Career Night

FRIDAY, 7-9: Youth Night in The Beacon. Snack—Alicia R

SATURDAY, 6PM: Show & Shine Coffee House Outreach event.



house opens at 6:30 with music starting at 7PM. Bouncy castle for kids. *Let's all support this neighborhood outreach event.*



NEXT SUNDAY

Coffee: Judy Prelude: Betty Worship Leader: Keenan

POWERPOINT: Veronica LIVESTREAM: Devon Sound: Victoria

USHERS: Dave & Sheldon **OFFERING COUNTER:** Lindsay

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Kirsten

MESSAGE: Creation Ministries Int. If you can help with setting up, supervising, or

packing up a display table, please contact the office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 31, 7PM: SEC Annual Elections Meeting.

JUNE 11: Church Family Picnic!

JUNE 14, 9:30AM: Coffee Fellowship—everyone is welcome.

JULY 30: Registration deadline for church camp. **August 27:** Region 1 Joint service—hosted by SEC.



SEC News

<u>Congratulations</u> to Keenan & Alicia Regehr on the birth of their daughter Eden Grace, born on May 17th, weighing 7 lbs, 3 oz. Eden is a little sister to Hazel and a granddaughter to Steve & Eva Regehr.





Change of Address: Wayne Senger will be moving next weekend. His new address is: 804 - 439 5th Ave. N. Saskatoon S7K 6Z5

Evangelism Opportunity: We have been given a few "Free Admit One" tickets to help you to invite people to the Come Together evangelistic gathering at SaskTel Centre, June 2-4. Help yourself from the back table.

Church Camp '23!

- A Variety/Talent Show is being planned for the Saturday evening of the church camp weekend (Sept. 9). Please see the signup sheet at the back to participate!
- Registration Forms are now available. There are two options: Fill in the paper option (on Literature table) and submit your filled in form to Paul & Liz Ginther (Box 35); Or, a fillable form has also been emailed to everyone, which can be filled in and sent to plginther@sasktel.net. Either version is due by July 30, 2023.

<u>The EMMC journals</u>—Reduced price—\$25. Would make a great grad gift! Make cheques payable to Sutherland Evangelical Church and placed in an offering envelope marked "Journal" and place it in the offering box.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

<u>June 2-4</u>: Come Together 2023 @ SaskTel Centre—a gathering to worship Jesus and to bring others to meet Him. <u>www.cometogether.day</u>

<u>June 9, 5-7:30PM</u>: Gospel Echoes Annual Come & Go Watermelon & Rollkuchen Supper. By donation. Osler Community Hall.

<u>June 24</u>: Teen Challenge Golf Classic fundraiser. For more info: tcsk@tcgolfclassic.ca. To register: www.tcgolfclassic.ca.

Tithes & Offerings:

No offering plate will be passed this morning, but we do still need, encourage, and appreciate the giving of tithes/offering. Several giving options:

- Place your tithe/offering in the Offering Box on the entrance table (offering envelopes are available in the "pews").
- Etransfer your tithe/offering to treasurer@sutherlandevangelicalchurch.com (be sure to leave a comment with your address if this is a first-time gift).
- You can be set up for automatic monthly withdrawals—contact our treasurer or the church office for details.



The Indwelling of Jesus

Ephesians 2:11-22; 3:14-21 - SEC - May 21/23

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A. In Christ we have:									
1. Peace with and each (2:11-17)									
2 to God through the Holy (2:18, 22; 3:17)									
3. The of a spiritual (2:19-21)									
B. Paul prays for Christ to give us:									
1 strength – let God (3:16)									
2 faith – believe God is (3:17a)									
3. A appreciation of God's (3:17-19)									
4. A understanding of God's (3:20-21)									
Conclusion:									

- **1. God's love is perfect.** (1 Cor 13:4-7) Everyone needs this type of love, but if you expect it from another person, you will be let down. God is the only one who can love perfectly.
- **2. When you fully experience God's love, you have nothing to fear.** (1 John 4:18) God chooses to love you despite the wrong things you've done as well as any you will do.
- **3. Nothing can separate you from God's love**. (Rom 8:35, 37-39) When you accept Jesus' invitation to begin a relationship with God, you are secure in His love forever.
- **4. God's love is too great to fully understand.** (Eph 3:18-19) Do you long to be known and loved for who you are? God is the only one who can truly do that.
- **5. God's love is a shield surrounding you and keeping you safe.** (Psalm 5:11-12) Being in God's love is a position of not just joy but also safety—His shield of love.
- **6. God will not let you down because His love cannot fail.** (Psalm 36:5-7) God's love is truly unconditional. Though people may let you down, God never will.
- **7. God calls you His child.** (1 John 3:1) When you begin a relationship with God, you don't just become God's friend, you become His child. God delights in you.
- **8. God chose to adopt you.** (Eph 1:5) God loves His children as a proud Father.
- **9. God sacrificed His Son for you.** (John 3:16) God loves you so much that He was willing to let His Son come to earth, be mistreated, and die for your sins.
- **10.** Jesus died for you when you were still rebelling against Him. (Rom 5:8) You do not need to change before you come to God. He will help you change and get to a better place. All you need to do is accept His sacrifice.
- **11. You could never earn or deserve the love God offers you.** (Eph 2:4-5) You do not deserve God's love. No one does. But the amazing news is that He loves you anyway.
- 12. God's love allows you to grow into the person He wants you to be. (2 Cor 5:14-
- 15) God's forgiveness and the Holy Spirit allows you to let go of negative aspects of your personal history and move toward positive change.
- **13.** God gives us the Holy Spirit because He wants us to be filled with His love. (Rom 5:5) The Holy Spirit can give a deeper understanding of God's love for you.
- 14. God disciplines you to help you learn because He loves you. (Prov 3:11-12)
- Turn to God for help and discover what He is teaching you through hardship & challenges.
- **15. God cares when you are suffering.** (Ps 31:7) When things are hard, it can be easy to feel alone or like no one cares. But God cares about your sadness and hardships.
- **16. Even when things seem hopeless, you can hope in God.** (Lam 3:20-23) Ask Him to fill you with His peace that is more powerful than all of the hard things in your life.
- **17. God is loving & compassionate.** (Lam 3:32-33) Because of sin, God has allowed people to make a mess of the world, but He will make it right again some day.
- **18. Jesus' love is an example of sacrifice & service.** (John 13:3-5, 34) Jesus showed His love by stepping down from His position of power to take on the role of a lowly servant.
- **19.** God is love, so our love for others points them to Him. (1 John 4:9-12) You can share the message of God's love and help others experience it through your love for them. **20.** Because God loves us so much, His love should overflow from us into others.
- (Gal 5:22-23) Don't keep the love of God to yourself; allow Him to use you to show His love.