

PRAYER FOCUS – DECEMBER 10, 2023

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

1. **Missionary Focus:** Pray for Michaël and Deborah Stippelmans, serving in France with Greater Europe Mission: "We still have room on our team for another dozen or more individuals or families for this next season! Do you know anyone interested in France, Europe, sports ministry or church planting? We'd be thrilled to be introduced! We leave Saskatoon on Jan 17th and Canada on Jan 21st. We are looking forward to returning to France while also wanting to invest time well in many areas during these last 6 weeks."



Many blessings during the Advent season. We are so thankful that Christ came to this earth, that He was and is a personal Lord and King, and that we are able to have a relationship with Him. We pray that He will become ever more near and dear to you in this season, whether it is one of joy, of grief, of lament or of hope – or all mixed together.

Several people have asked for clarification on my name in the case of having wanted to write a cheque. Though GEM Canada will recognize me as either Deborah Stippelmans or Unruh in any personal writing, my name hasn't been legally changed since our wedding. We hope to someday do this after receiving my 10-year visa, but the international paperwork implications have been too complicated up to now, in countries where name changes aren't common. So, I'm still legally Deborah Unruh on documents, bank accounts, etc. To partner with us in giving, please visit www.gemission.ca/donate/stippelmans. Thank you for reading, praying and sharing in our journey, Deborah and Michaël."

2. **Church Family:** Tom/Penny Lowes – Owen/Paula McKenzie – Jayce Mellquist – John/Tina Miller – Greg/Crystal Nelson, Liesel, Jorgen, Judah, Malek
3. **Birthdays:** Greg Nelson (Monday), Tina Miller (Wednesday), Mary Friesen (Friday)
4. **Prayer Requests:**
-Mary Cloutier's son, Dennis—waiting to have surgery on his gallbladder.
5. **SEC:** EMMC Region 1 Representative—Ken Peters
6. **Sister Churches:**
Region 1, SK/AB: Open Arms Bible Fellowship—Marsden & Mandy Giesbrecht
Region 2, MB C: Morrow Gospel Church
Region 3, MN S: Bergfeld Mennonite Church—James/Rhonda Friesen
Region 4, ON: Deer Run Church—Ike/Maria Unger
Region 6, BZ: Spanish Lookout—Blaine/Melissa Dueck
7. **EMMC Missionaries:** Guadalupe Mercado—Santa Cruz, Bolivia
8. **Westside Pastors' Group:** Curtis Zoerb—Massey Pl Community Church
9. **Parachurch Ministries:** Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre—Dee Cook

Welcome to **Sutherland** **Evangelical Church**

*"Worship is a place for testimony and celebration.
It is a place where we remember the past,
receive power to face the present and
conceive hope for tomorrow."*

*"Worship depends on your heart,
not your circumstances."*



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

December 10, 2023

TODAY:

USHERS: Dave Peters & Sheldon Fehr

COUNTER: Keenan Regehr

PRELUDE: Eva Regehr

PIANO DUET: Angels We Have Heard on High
—Eva Regehr & Mandi Letkeman

WORSHIP LEADER: Ken Peters

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 42:1 – 43:5 (page 452)

MESSAGE: “Where is Your God?” – Pastor Dale

❖ **NOTE:** Our dining/kitchen area has been rented out for today from 1-9PM.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, NOON: Prayer meeting at church in the Youth Wing. Prayer requests can be texted to Pastor Dale.

WEDNESDAY, 9:30AM: Fellowship Coffee in the dining area. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY: NO BIBLE STUDY—we’ll resume on January 10, 2024.

YOUTH / C&C

THURSDAY, 7-9PM: C&C Night

FRIDAY, 7-9PM: Youth Night—Snack: Bonnie



NEXT SUNDAY, DEC 17TH —THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COFFEE: Judy

WORSHIP LEADER: Greg N

OFFERING COUNTER: Russ

POWERPOINT: Veronica

MESSAGE: “Our Security in God” – Psalm 16

NEXT SUNDAY (DEC 17), 9:30AM: Treat Bag Assembly! **Volunteers are needed** to help fill bags. Please let Mandi know if you can help with this.

All donated items need to be at church before 9:30AM on Dec 17th.

NEXT SUNDAY (DEC 17), 6:00PM: Sunday School Christmas Program!
(All people involved, be at church by 5:45PM!)

Children’s Advent activity sheets available on the Literature Table. Please return clipboards & crayons to the bin.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DEC 17, 6PM: SEC Christmas Program

DEC 24, 10:30AM: Worship service (no evening service)

DEC 26 & 27: Office closed



SEC NEWS

From our Treasurer: General Fund as of Nov 30th: \$274,593.65 Actual income
\$277,445.88 Actual expenses
\$(2,852.23) Net loss

Spring Drama Production: We are making plans and are hoping to do a drama production in the spring of 2024. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Shirley or Darlene. We will need to know your availability for practices as well. Plan is to have the scripts distributed by mid January, practices starting early February and presentation being in early May.

Bible Reading Certificates: If you have read through the Old Testament, the New Testament, or the entire Bible in 2023, please let the office know so that we can recognize your achievement!

Are you receiving our emails? Our bulletin is emailed out each Friday and the Wednesday Bible Study lesson is emailed out each Tuesday. If you are not receiving emails from the SEC office and would like to, please contact the office.

The EMMC Journal—We have a few left to sell! \$25/each—money goes to our youth!

Benevolence Pantry: We now have a small freezer to hold frozen food, which gives us the freedom to accept donations of meat, bread, or other frozen food.

Poinsettia Memoriam:

- In memory of Roly Cloutier—from Mary Cloutier
- In memory of Henry & Lena Lesser—from Darrell & Darlene Loewen
- In memory of Wilf Loewen—from Anne Loewen and Darrell & Darlene Loewen
- In memory of Pete & Tina Friesen and Ray & Cathie Bradford—from Dietrich & Donna Friesen



During December, you are invited to place a poinsettia at the front of the sanctuary in memory of a loved one. Please contact the office with your name and who the poinsettia is in memory of.



Tithes & Offerings Giving Options:

- Place your tithe/offering in the Offering Box on the back table (offering envelopes are available in chairs).
- Etransfer your tithe/offering to treasurer@sutherlandevangelicalchurch.com (be sure to leave a comment with your address if this is a first-time gift).

Where Is Your God?
Psalm 42 & 43 – SEC – Dec 10/23

Introduction:

A. The Internal Battle

1. God feels _____ (42:1-4)
↳ But he chooses to _____ (42:5)

2. Life feels _____ (42:6-7)
↳ But he chooses to _____ (42:8)

3. The _____ feels oppressive (42:9-10)
↳ But he chooses to _____ (42:11)

4. He feels completely _____ (43:1-3)
↳ But he chooses to _____ (43:4-5)

B. Call to Action:

1. The importance of _____

2. The importance of _____

Conclusion: