

## PRAYER FOCUS – DECEMBER 3, 2023

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

1. **Missionary Focus:** Pray for Tony & Janet Ens, serving with NCEM, in Whitehorse, YT: "In late September I (Tony) met a new neighbour and at our second meeting he asked me if there was any possibility of doing a Bible study together. He is very open to talking and praying about the challenges he is facing.  
It was great to attend the NCEM General Conference in MB after having it canceled twice in previous years. The series, 'Bible Heroes Who Spent Time in Jail' seems to be speaking well to the male inmates I see at chapels. Please pray for inmates who are in jail at Christmas as it can be a particularly difficult time.  
More prayer requests: For another facilitator so we can run two GriefShare groups starting in January; For our son Justin and his bride, Sunny, as they adjust to married life; For our son Brett—he had to let go of his job, since the cold weather was affecting his energy.  
May you experience Christ's hope & peace this Christmas season—Tony & Janet."  

2. **Church Family:** Victoria Loeppky – Anne Loewen – Darrell/Darlene Loewen
3. **Birthdays:** Tina Peters (today)
4. **Prayer Requests:**
  - Steve Froese—PTL, Steve is recovering at home. Pray for continued healing.
  - Mary Cloutier's son, Dennis—waiting to have surgery on his gallbladder.
5. **SEC:** New Beginnings Committee: Britney, Veronica, and Victoria
6. **Sister Churches:**
  - Region 1, SK/AB: Vauxhall Mennonite Gospel—Henry/Tina Redekopp
  - Region 2, MB C: Lakeside Gospel Chapel
  - Region 3, MN S: Altona EMMC—David/Jessica Friesen
  - Region 4, ON: Blenheim EMMC
  - Region 6, MX: Gospel Fellowship Chapel—Daniel/Anna Penner
7. **EMMC Missionaries:** Abe & Margaret Harder—MEM Field Director in Bolivia.
8. **Westside Pastors' Group:** Life Baptist Church—Larry Parschauer
9. **Parachurch Ministries:** Canadian Bible Society
10. **Bereaved:** Carl Loeppky passed away on Nov 29<sup>th</sup> and we extend condolences to Myrtle, Carl's wife of many years, Grant, Anita, Veronica, Victoria, Mary Friesen and Betty Guenter. The viewing will be at 7:30PM on Thursday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at the Dalmeny Funeral Home, which everyone is welcome to attend. The funeral will be at 11AM, on Friday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at SEC.

Welcome to

**Sutherland**  
**Evangelical Church**



*'The Lord is King  
for ever and ever!  
Psalm 10:16*



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Lead Pastor: Dale Doerksen—Youth Pastor: Adam Fehr

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

**December 3, 2023**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**USHERS:** Lindsay (counter) & Greg

**PRELUDE:** Donna Friesen

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Keenan Regehr

**MISSION REPORT:** Michaël & Deborah Stippelmans

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 10 (pg 435)

**MESSAGE:** "Praying to a God Far Away" – Psalm 10 – Pastor Dale

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

## THIS WEEK

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

**TUESDAY, 6-8PM:** Youth Workers' meeting

**TUESDAY, 7PM:** His Praise practice

**WEDNESDAY, 7PM:** Bible Study on Jeremiah in the Admin Building. Read Jeremiah 1 and Lamentations 1-5. The questions and Zoom link will be sent out on Tuesday. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastor Dale.

**THURSDAY:** Kadesh Cookie Pickup...for those who preordered.

**SATURDAY:** Private rental group in dining/overflow.

**SATURDAY, 7PM:** Young Couples' Minute to Win It social in the Youth Wing. Cost: \$5/couple. Please bring a snack to share.

## YOUTH / C&C

**THURSDAY, 7-9PM:** C&C Night

**FRIDAY, 6-8PM:** Youth Night—Snack: Donna—Music: John & Mandi, Roni, Tori

**DEC 15<sup>TH</sup> SNACK:** Bonnie

## NEXT SUNDAY—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**COFFEE:** Janice A

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Ken P

**OFFERING COUNTER:** Keenan

**POWERPOINT:** Janice A

**MESSAGE:** "Where is Your God?" – Psalms 42 & 43



**PRELUDE:** Eva

**USHERS:** Dave & Sheldon

**SOUND:** John B

**LIVESTREAM:** Ken D

### Tithes & Offerings Giving Options:

- Place your tithe/offering in the Offering Box on the back table (offering envelopes are available in the pew-chairs).
- Etransfer your tithe/offering to [treasurer@sutherlandevangelicalchurch.com](mailto:treasurer@sutherlandevangelicalchurch.com) (be sure to leave a comment with your address if this is a first-time gift).
- Automatic monthly withdrawals—contact our treasurer or the church office.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**DEC 10, 1-9PM:** Private rental group in dining/overflow

**DEC 13, 9:30AM:** Fellowship Coffee in the dining area. All are welcome!

**DEC 17, 6:30PM:** SEC Christmas Program

## SEC NEWS



**A Note** from Arie Van Duyvendyk: "Merry Christmas to my church family. Thank you for all your prayers and visits with me. You have blessed me dearly." (Mr. Van Duyvendyk's complete letter is posted on the bulletin board.)

**Poinsettia Memoriam:** 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 (by phone, email, or a note in mailbox #86) with your name and who the poinsettia is in memory of.

*—Dietrich & Donna Friesen have brought a poinsettia in memory of Pete & Tina Friesen and Ray & Cathie Bradford.*



**Christmas Treat Bags:** Please see the signup list on the back table to see how you can help us fill treat bags this year.

**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:** Thank you for the donations! It is very full. 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, to help those in need. Thanks for your support.

**Kadesh News:** Camp Kadesh dessert auction fundraiser @ Lakeview Church on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Free to attend, raffle prizes. *We need bakers to make fancy cakes/desserts to donate—talk to Keenan or Adam (SEC Kadesh reps).*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Teen Challenge:** To write an encouraging note to Teen Challenge clients, please visit: [www.teenchallenge.ca/note-prairie](http://www.teenchallenge.ca/note-prairie).

**Dec 5, 7PM:** Thrive presents a Christmas Extravaganza @ West Portal Church. Christmas drama and coffee. By donation. Book your spot: [admin@thrivesk.com](mailto:admin@thrivesk.com)

**Dec 9 & 10, 7PM:** "Just Sing!" A Millar College Christmas production. A freewill offering will be taken. [www.millarcollege.ca](http://www.millarcollege.ca)

## **Praying to a God Who is Far Away**

Psalm 10 – SEC – Dec 3/23

### **Introduction:**

#### **A. David's complaint (1)**

#### **B. The Character of the Godless (2-11)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and selfish (3, 5)
2. Proud and self-\_\_\_\_\_ (2, 4, 6)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ and foul-mouthed (7)
4. Conniving and \_\_\_\_\_ (8-10)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ of God (4, 11, 13)

#### **C. The Reality of God (12-18)**

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ and able to help (12, 16)
2. God is \_\_\_\_\_ and desires to help (14, 17-18a)
3. God holds the wicked \_\_\_\_\_ (13, 15-16, 18b)

### **Conclusion:**

- ↳ **Keep praying, even when the wicked seem to be \_\_\_\_\_.**
- ↳ **Keep seeking, even when God seems \_\_\_\_\_ away.**
- ↳ **Keep trusting God to take \_\_\_\_\_ of you.**
- ↳ **Keep living like \_\_\_\_\_, even when its dark.**