

PRAYER FOCUS – DECEMBER 21, 2025

- To activate the prayer chain, contact the church office, or text Bonnie Wiebe
- To add a prayer request to the bulletin, contact the church office.

- 1. Missionary Focus:** Please pray for Tony & Janet Ens, serving with NCEM in northern Canada: “Please pray for:
 - Those grieving in Yukon communities—a lot of deaths recently.
 - Many to find freedom from addiction through faith in Jesus Christ. Too many deaths each year continue to be drug or alcohol related.
 - Inmates who find it hard to be separated from family during the Christmas season.
 - Preparation for the Pelly Crossing Bible Camp planned for June 29- July 3.
 - For us as we take a break and head to Atlin BC, January 2-7. Pray for some good rest before ministries restart in the New Year.”
-Tony & Janet (full letter posted on our bulletin board)
- 2. Church Family:** Steve & Eva Regehr – Athoniel & Daigey Sarker, Ariel, Joshua – Amanda Scherr, Nicholas, George - Leo & Alice Scherr – Wayne Senger
- 3. Birthdays:** Paul Ginther (Tues), Lyndon Neufeld (Fri), Teresa Fehr (Fri)
- 4. Prayer Requests:**
 - Nicholas Patres is undergoing rehab at City Hospital. Pray for continued progress and for the return of full mobility.
 - Abigail Stippelmans has recovered enough to go home! Please pray for continued improvements and good health as Michael & Deb provide care at home and continue with many appointments.
 - Joan Ector continues to recover from open-heart surgery. Thank you for praying!
 - Pray that Logan Neufeld’s health continues to improve.
 - Praise the Lord Carol Janzen’s surgery went well and she is home. Pray for Carol as she waits for test results from the polyp removed.
- 5. SEC:** Pray for Council members: Glen, Karen, Lindsay, Darlene, Janice, Wayne and Keenan
- 6. Sister Churches:**
 - Region 1, SK/AB:** Vauxhall Mennonite Church—vacant
 - Region 2, MB C:** Morrow Gospel Church—Colin Plett
 - Region 3, MN S:** Bergfeld Mennonite Church—James & Rhonda Friesen
 - Region 4, ON:** Aylmer EMMC—Ryan Law
 - Region 6, BZ:** Gospel Fellowship Chapel, Shipyard—Herman & Mary Banman
- 7. EMMC Missionaries:** Diedrich & Judy Harms—Mexico
- 8. Parachurch Ministries:** Pray for Samaritan’s Purse Canada - “Samaritan’s Purse is working with local churches to provide life-saving food to children and families displaced by conflict in Ethiopia. God is opening doors.”

Sutherland Evangelical Church



Glorifying God – Building Relationships

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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

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- Tithes/offerings can be placed in the Offering Box on the back table.
- Etransfer to 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.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Ushers: George Froese & Greg Fehr

Prelude

Ministry Reminders: Pastor Dale

Worship in Song: Betty Guenter

Sharing/Prayer: Pastor Dale

Children's Feature: Sheryl Doerksen

Worship in Song: Betty Guenter

Scripture Focus: Luke 1:26-38 (pg 830) – Pastor Dale

Children's Prayer: Pastor Dale

Message: "Learning from the Characters of Christmas" – Pastor Dale

Closing Song: Betty Guenter

Benediction: Pastor Dale



TONIGHT

6:00PM: Sunday School Christmas Program

- * Please have children at church by **5:30PM** to be in costumes by 5:45PM.
- * Everyone is welcome to stay for coffee and goodies following the program.



THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, 7PM: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

THURSDAY & FRIDAY: Office closed



NEXT SUNDAY—10:30AM

* **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

PRELUDE: Leesa

LIVESTREAM: Jorgen

POWERPOINT: Roni

SOUND: Ken D

WORSHIP LEADER: Adam

USHERS: Riley & Keenan

OFFERING COUNTER: Keenan

GUEST SPEAKER: Eric Doerksen

DATES TO REMEMBER

DEC 31, 7PM: New Year's Eve Celebration at church. Bring snacks and table games, including crokinole! We'll pray in the New Year.

JAN 12, 6:30PM: Baby Shower for Kaitlyn & baby Brooks

SEC NEWS

The SEC Connection Newsletter: Our December '25 edition is out! It has great articles including an introduction of Pastor Josh. A digital copy has been emailed to everyone, and paper copies are available at the back. Don't miss it!

Poinsettia Memoriam:

- * In memory of Jake & Hazel Froese, brother & sister-in-law to George & Verna.
- * In memory of Grandma & Grandpa Bergen, Aunt Dorothy, Aunt Florence, Uncle Art & Cousin George, from Amanda Scherr.



Thank you to those who have brought the poinsettias!

Bible Reading Certificates: If you have read through the Old Testament, New Testament or the whole Bible in 2025, we would like to recognize your achievement! Please let the church office know by January 1st.

"**Thank you** for praying for me while I was in the hospital." - from Lois Fehr

The EMMC Office will be closed from Dec 24-Jan 2. If you would like to make an EMMC donation to be receipted for the 2025 tax year, you can:

- Ensure the cheques are in the mail, or post-marked before Dec 31, 2025
- Contribute through the EMMC website at www.emmc.ca/donate
- Forward contributions via etransfer at finance@emmc.ca

"Christmas cards, the smell of pine drifting through the house, the fireplace crackling—all of these things turn our thoughts to those we love. But often it is a sad time for those who are alone, without close friends or family. We all should look for others to reach out to especially at this time of year and extend a hand of fellowship, a heart of love. This is what Jesus did for all mankind. He reached down from Heaven by giving Himself to us—a people in great need of a relationship with their God and Maker." – Billy Graham

Learning From the Characters of Christmas

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Introduction:

1. Zechariah and Elizabeth teach us about _____.

Luke 1:5-25

↳ What would it _____ like for you to be more faithful this Christmas?

2. Mary reveals to us what it means to be _____.

Luke 1:26-38

↳ What would it look like for _____ to be more submissive this Christmas?

3. Joseph show us how to act with _____.

Matthew 1:18-25

↳ What would it look like for you to be _____ courageous this Christmas?

4. The Magi display a strong _____ in Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-12

↳ What would it look like for you to become more invested in _____ this Christmas?

Conclusion:

First: _____

Second: Put aside your _____