

PRAYER FOCUS – MAY 17, 2026



- ❖ 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:** Pray for Pete & Kathy, serving with WEC International: “Thank-you for your faithful prayers! The medical clinic went well. God bless you for your faithful partnership through prayer!”
- 2. Church Family:** Ken & Helen Dymond – Joan Ector – Russ & Angela Ens, Liam, Isaiah, Weston – Phil & Shirley Epp – Theodora Eshun
- 3. Birthdays:** Eden Regehr (today), Elizabeth Neufeld (Thursday), Deb Letkeman (Friday)
- 4. Prayer Requests:**
 - Pray for Verna Andres as she recovers from eye surgery.
 - Mike Morin is continuing to improve. Thank you for continuing to pray.
 - Abigail Stippelman’s heart surgery is scheduled for Tuesday. Pray that her health remains stable until then and for a successful surgery. Pray also for her parents, Michael & Deborah, as they navigate life as medical parents.
- 5. SEC:** Uphold our Council in prayer this week. Pray for God’s wisdom and guidance as they meet on Thursday.
- 6. Sister Churches:**
 - Region 1, SK/AB:** Antioch Community Ministries—Ryan & Lindi Davidson
 - 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:** Spanish Lookout—Blaine & Melissa Dueck
- 7. Westside Pastors’ Group:** Rob Shepherd—Westside Pentecostal Church
- 8. Parachurch Ministries:** Canadian Bible Society

*“I’d rather be able to pray than
to be a great preacher.
Jesus Christ never taught his
disciples how to preach,
but only how to pray.”
- D. L. Moody*

Sutherland 
Evangelical Church



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

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Youth Pastor: Josh Agent

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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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Ushers: Lindsay Neufeld & James Loepky

Prelude: Donna Friesen

Welcome & Prayer: Greg Nelson

Ministry Reminders: Greg Nelson

Worship in Song: Betty Guenter

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Dale

Children's Feature: Pastor Dale

Worship in Song: Betty Guenter

Scripture Focus: Colossians 1:15-23 (pg 954) – Greg Nelson

Children's Prayer & Dismissal: Greg Nelson

↳ For ages 3-7; children must be signed in to attend.

Message: "The Incredible Character of Jesus Christ" – Pastor Dale

Closing Song: Betty Guenter

Benediction: Pastor Dale



Today is the deadline to submit your nominations to Council.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY: Church office closed for the long weekend—no prayer meeting.

WEDNESDAY, 6:30PM: Spring wind-up for the Bible study group that meets at church. We'll meet outside at church for a wiener roast.

THURSDAY, 6:30PM: Council meeting in the Admin Building

FRIDAY –SUNDAY: Men's Quad Retreat

FRIDAY 7-9PM: Youth Night—Outside Games & Cleanup.
Devotional on Ephesians 4

SATURDAY, 10AM-2PM: Kitchen Spring Cleaning Bee



NEXT SUNDAY — PENTECOST

Coffee: Anita

Prelude: CD

Sound: Tori

PowerPoint: Roni

Livestream: Adam

Worship Leader: Dale

Offering Counter: Mo

Ushers: Mo & Liam

Message: "The Ministry of God—The Holy Spirit"



SEC NEWS

Congratulations to our high school graduates!

Liesel Nelson graduated last weekend, and Liam Ens will graduate on June 12th. God bless you as you plan your futures!



May is Mortgage Minimizer Month! This month, consider giving a donation above your regular giving to go to the principal payment on our mortgage. Reducing our debt can give us opportunity to be more impactful and generous. Be sure to clearly label your donation!

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 28, 7PM: SEC Annual Elections Meeting in our sanctuary

- Report books are in mailboxes today! Be sure to pick yours up.

MAY 30, 1PM: Dietrich Friesen funeral, here at SEC.

MAY 31: Sandwich Potluck & Dessert Auction—see insert for details!

- **SETUP CREW:** Kara, Betty, James & Sheryle, Mo & Elaine
- **CLEANUP CREW:** Paul & Liz, Don & Jance, Darrell & Darlene, Alice, Wayne
- Dessert auction proceeds to help with costs of Family Camp in Sept.

JUNE 13, 6:30PM: Couples' Wedding Shower to celebrate Josh & Alison.

JUNE 14: Church picnic



For parents with young children, you must have a signed waiver on file with the church before your child will be allowed to use the inflatable bouncer. Pick up a waiver from the back table, sign it and put it in Box # 52.

SEPT 18-20: SEC Family Camp @ Kadesh. Registration forms will be available at the end of May! Registration deadline-Aug.30th.

COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNE 10, 7PM: Saskatoon Pregnancy Options & Support Centre Annual General Meeting. If you would like to attend, please contact them for more information. contact@saskatoonpregnancyoptions.com

GOSPEL ECHOES PRISON MINISTRY'S annual Watermelon & Rollkuchen Supper will be held at the Osler Community Hall, 508 1st St, Osler. Friday, June 5th, 5-7:30PM. Supper will be by donation with proceeds going towards sending Bibles and Bible Study courses to inmates in penitentiaries across Western Canada. Cash, cheque, debit/credit accepted.

The Incredible Character of Jesus Christ

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Introduction:

Statement: We believe in God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, fully God and fully human, who proclaimed the rule of God, lived a sinless life, died on the cross as payment for our sins, rose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, and reigns as Lord of all.

A. What does it say?

1. Jesus is eternally _____ as a member of the trinity and is active in _____ and sustaining our world.
Philippians 2:5-7; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:1-3, 8-12
2. Jesus became fully _____, by way of a virgin birth, so he could _____ with sinful humanity. Matthew 1:21-23; Luke 1:35; John 1:14; Philippians 2:7-8
3. Jesus lived a sinless life that proclaimed God's kingdom _____, demonstrated God's mighty _____ and intensified the standards of _____. Mt 5-7; 11:4-5; Mrk 1:15
4. Through his death on the cross, Jesus brought _____ for all humanity, and by his resurrection, Jesus reigns as our _____ in heaven.
John 3:16-18; Romans 5:18-19; Acts 5:29-31; Hebrews 2:17

B. Why does it matter?

1. Jesus _____ is fully divine and fully human. 1 Tim. 2:5
2. Jesus' sacrifice _____ paid for sin. John 19:30
3. Jesus' _____ comes to earth through our _____ and service. Matthew 22:37-39; 28:18-20

Conclusion:

EMMC Statement on Jesus Christ

God the Son. Jesus Christ our Saviour is God from all eternity. The Son is a member of the Trinity, loved by the Father, and active in creation and redemption. He is the exact representation of God's nature and character. The Son is the creator of heaven and earth who lives eternally. God sent the Son into the world to save those who believe in him.

God with Us. God the Son became fully human to identify with a lost and dying world. Mary, as a virgin, conceived Jesus through the agency of the Holy Spirit. So the birth of Jesus Christ conveyed the good news of God with us. The promised Messiah had come to bring salvation to a people in spiritual exile. The angels in the heavens announced the return of God's glory and peace on earth to those in God's favour.

Life and Teaching. Like a Hebrew prophet, Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom. But his teaching went beyond the other prophets. Jesus announced that the kingdom was coming through his very words and actions. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount intensified the standards of righteousness for living in the Kingdom. The parables revealed new meanings of God's rule in the world. The miracles demonstrated God's power through the Messiah. Jesus' fellowship with sinners revealed a love that overcame boundaries. The Great Commandment to love God and neighbour, and the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations, were central to Jesus' life and teaching.

Work for Us. Jesus came to be the Messiah, the Saviour of the world. At the Passover celebration before his death, Jesus explained that his body and blood would take on new meaning in the meal. The death of Jesus' body on the cross was the final sinless sacrifice for the sins of the world. Through his blood, the penalty for sin was paid. God's sacrificial love brought forgiveness. Humanity could now be reconciled to God. The power of Satan, sin, and death were broken in God's victory of raising Jesus from the dead. As our High Priest, Jesus Christ opened our access to the presence of God in heaven. Now Jesus Christ serves as our advocate and reigns as our Lord.