



May 17, 2020

From the Lead Team

Hello All!

I trust that all of you are settling into the groove that is life with COVID-19 in the world. One of the lessons I have been learning recently is that of thankfulness, especially when things are tough. I am sure that none of us would say that we prefer life in a pandemic, but I also feel like sometimes the negativity of it is somewhat forced on us, despite some of the good things going on. I would like to challenge that and instead encourage us to look at the positive things that are going on. Here are a few I came up with:

- Our church body has been helping each other and caring for each other in ways we otherwise might not have. I have heard several stories of people offering help and encouragement for those who need it. This sort of love for each other is what we are all called to do everyday, and this pandemic has opened up the opportunity for us to put it into practice!
- Our live streaming services are reaching people far beyond the borders of Winkler, or even Manitoba. Pastor Sean mentioned he has received encouragement from

people all over North America! God is using Grace in this time in a new and exciting way!

- How many of you, a year ago, if I had asked if you would like to have more time to spend with your family would have said no? Amidst all that is going on, and the frustrations that come from being cooped up with the same people all day everyday, don't forget to thank God for the people around you whom you love and get to spend extra time with these days. Take this opportunity to teach your children something new, or to start up a new hobby together! Kids, I bet if your parents get bored enough they might even be willing to play video games with you!

So with all of the negativity going around, I would encourage us all to be thankful for what we still have, and what God is doing in this time. As Steve said last week during his message, "Every time Satan has sought to stifle or suppress the Church, God has risen up and brought victory!" And if nothing else, that is certainly reason for thankfulness!

- Reyburn Franz

Prayer Triads This is the final week to sign up for a prayer triad. If you prefer to create your own group that is fine, but please let Jolene Neufeld know so we can encourage you and track participation.

Even if you do not join a triad we encourage everyone to join us for 100 days of prayers for our church and our nation this summer.

Contact Jolene @ neufeldjb5@gmail.com to sign up today.

Got old video equipment?



We have an unusually specific request that you might be able to help us out with. We're looking for cameras that record in 1080i or 720p (with frame rates of less than 60 fps). It also needs to be able to connect to a TV or computer with an HDMI connection. If your camera was a higher end (around \$1000+) about 5-12 years ago... it might be what we're looking for!

Right now we're operating our live-streams with a lot of borrowed equipment that won't be available to us long term. We have a plan to progressively replace this older technology with current technology but that comes with a price tag (that is much easier to manage in stages).

Not sure if that camera collecting dust is the right thing? Just snap a picture of it (particularly the areas that show the model number and the connections) and text it to Steve at 204-362-6518.



Have you subscribed to our YouTube channel? Find us by searching 'Grace Church Winkler'. Check out the latest video posted this week from our Pastors!



How kindness is shared may look different during this pandemic, however, sharing kindness is more important than ever.

Together, let's pay it forward with kindness this May and brighten someone's day!

Prayer and Praise

Pray for our shut-ins and those with on-going health issues: Margaret Peters, Marie Klassen, Agnes Giesbrecht, Harv Thiessen, Maria Loewen, Marie Brown, Justina Penner, Dennis Wiebe and Katherine Krahn.

Humour

Hope these bring a little smile to your day:

Church bulletin bloopers:

Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion.

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The Rev. Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.

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Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a great chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

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The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 P.M. Please use the back door.

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