

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Pre-Service Music:	Becky Wall
Service Leader:	Randy/Jo Driedger
Advent Reading:	Randy & Jo Driedger
Congregational Singing:	Worship Team
Meditation:	Steve Kauenhofen

PRAISE & PRAYER ITEMS

MISSIONARIES - Pray for:

- **Glencross Mennonite Church.** Peter Redekopp serves as lead pastor.
- **KLP** are based in Canada and travel frequently to work with their mission partners in Asia with Engage Today.

LOCAL - Pray for:

- **our Librarians.** Thanks for your work in providing materials and in helping with check-out and check-in on Sunday morning.
- **our Worship Committee and musicians.** We are blessed by you!
- **Harv & Brenda Thiessen.** Harv serves with Operation Mobilisation as Area Director for the North American and Oceania areas. Harv & Brenda work out of Port Colborne ON.

IN SYMPATHY

Caroline Ens, sister-in-law to MaryAnne Zacharias, passed away on Monday, December 15. Memorial services will be held on Monday, December 29, at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church.

Johan Klassen, father to Jake & Sarah Klassen, grandfather to Rebecca & Riley Sawatzky, Joshua & Megan Klassen, and Jakob Klassen, passed away on Wednesday, December 17. Memorial services will be held on Sunday, December 21, at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church.

May the presence of Jesus and the power of His resurrection bring comfort and strength to the families now sorrowing.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Thursday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Service - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 28 - **NO Sunday School**; Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

YOUTH NEWS

HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS BREAK!

Youth start-up is Thursday, Jan. 8 with the Christmas Banquet!

TAKE NOTE



1. Congratulations to **Agnes Gerbrandt**, who celebrated her **100th birthday** on Dec. 6.
2. **Holiday Office Hours:** Church offices will be closed on Christmas Eve at 12 noon and remain closed on Christmas Day, & Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Jan. 2.
3. There will be **NO childcare this Sunday and next Sunday.**
4. A great big **THANK YOU** to the Winkler EMMC, from the Living Word Christian Fellowship in Gnadenthal. Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement and support. Your donations from FETB 2024 and the Thanksgiving supper, together with everything else you do to help us along, is greatly appreciated. We are getting closer to actually purchasing the property, and we praise the Lord for this. May God bless you richly for your faithfulness and continued support. For more information, feel free to contact Diedrich Friesen at 204 312-0041.

5. **YEAR-END DONATIONS** must be handed in to the church office or to our church treasurer Mike Slobodian by Dec. 31/2025 in order to be received for 2025. Gifts received after that date will be received in 2026. Church offices on New Year's Eve will remain open until 5:00 p.m.



6. **Congregational Meeting Minutes & Revised Constitutions** are available at the Information Center in the foyer.
7. **WEMMC is seeking a reliable and detail-oriented individual to serve as our Church Custodian.** This is the primary cleaning role at the church, responsible for maintaining a clean, welcoming environment throughout the week and supporting weekend rental functions, which may extend late into the evening. For more details or to apply, please contact Jake Wiebe, Administration Committee Chair at 204-362-4519 or by email at wiebejake8910@gmail.com or Mike Slobodian, Director of Administration, in the church office or by email at treasurer@winkleremmc.com.



LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, Jan. 4 - Baptism Class - 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

1. **Baptism Classes** are set to begin on Sunday, Jan. 4, at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in being baptized, please sign up at the Information Center. For more information, please contact Pastor James or Pastor Tim.





2. **Update on Renew(ed) Parenting Forum:** Pastor Tim & Pastor James are both involved in teaching the Baptism classes beginning on Jan. 4. Because of this, Renew(ed) will be paused until Fall 2026.
3. **Membership 101 Class** (for those who wish to transfer their membership to our church) will be held in February 2026.

MISSIONS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

1. **Steinbach Bible College January 2026 Courses:**
Theology of God, Prayer and Community with Layton Friesen, Thursday, 6:30-9:15 p.m.
Ministering to At-Risk Youth with Kent Dueck, ICYA. Thursday, 1-4 p.m.
In the Image of God: A Biblical Theology of Human Nature with Pierre Gilbert, Jan. 30-31—1 credit hour course.
 Seniors are able to audit these courses at no charge. More information and registration can be found at www.SBCollege.ca/upcomingcourses.

STEWARDSHIP BUDGET REPORT		Nov/25
Year 2025 Budget	\$760,250	100%
Budget Receipts & Other Income	\$576,892	76%
Budget Expenses	\$625,090	82%
Income vs Expense Shortfall	(\$48,198)	



December 21, 2025

4th Advent

The Angels' Candle

Steve Kauenhofen

**Topic: "The Eyes That See Salvation:
Simeon, Anna, and the Praise of the Redeemed"**

Text: Luke 2:13-14, 21-40

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Lead Pastor: James Peters
 Youth Pastor: Tim Goertzen
 Children's Ministry Director: Purity Zacharias
 Director of Administration: Michael Slobodian