

## Welcome to

# Maranatha Christian Fellowship

"The Root of Jesse will spring up, One who will arise to rule over the nations; in Him the Gentiles will hope."

Romans 15:12



## Today's Service: 1st Sunday of Advent

No Sunday School & ABC

Church Service 10:30

Call to Worship: Gabe Hiebert

Music Leader: James & Karlene Harder

Messenger: Pastor Ron Shiels

Sermon Title: Held By God's Love! --- Are You Sure You Know?

Sermon Text: Romans 8:31-39

Communion

Potluck to follow the service. Everyone welcome to join!

## Youth Programs

#### JUNIOR YOUTH

Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 December 2 Meet at the church

#### SENIOR YOUTH

Wednesday 7:00 - 9:00 December 3 Meet at the church

Call/text Jeremy at 204-362-1699 or email jeremy.chels@gmail.com

## **Church Cleaning**

Group 11: Brian & Dorothy Doerksen

## Partners in Ministry

#### PARTNERS ABROAD

## Generation Rising (Rafael Duerksen)

A faith-based non-profit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty in Latin America through Christ-centered education.

## PARTNERS AT HOME

## **Boundary Trails Chapel**

Pray the chapel would be a place where the presence of God is felt, and that it would bring comfort and peace to patients and their families as they face illness or injury. Pray the chaplain would share God's hope and comfort with wisdom and compassion.

## Happy Birthday to:

Dorothy Braun (Dec 3) Lisa Krahn (Dec 4) Hazel Friesen (Dec 6)

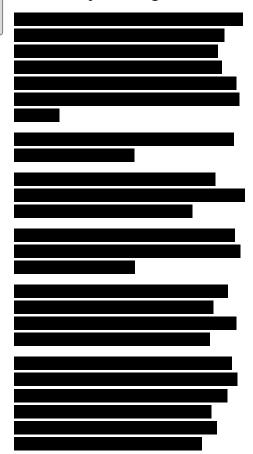
## Happy Anniversary to:

Jake & Annie Froese (Dec 6)

## Family of the Day

Mon/Tues: Nathaniel Fedack
Wed/Thur: Bill & Carmelle Fehr
Fri/Sat: Brad & Cindy Fehr

## **Prayer Requests**



## **Looking Ahead**

Next Week: Second Sunday of Advent December 7

Sunday School & ABC (Adult Bible study & Coffee) 9:30

Church Service 10:30

Call to Worship: Dave Lepp

Music Leader: Gabe & Jenelle Hiebert Messenger: Pastor Peter Wiebe

**Sunday, Dec 14**th Pastor Ron & Sharon will be hosting a *'Come and Go Christmas Tea'* at their home. All of our church family is invited. It will begin at 2:30 and go till around 8:00 in the evening.

Sunday, Dec 21st morning Sunday School Christmas Program

Christmas Eve Christmas Pageant

Doors open at 5:30pm for hot drinks and snacks. Pageant begins at 6:00pm.

## **Announcements**

**Peter Wiebe's Care Group Christmas party** will be on **Thursday**, **December 4**, **at 6:00** pm at the church. The meal will be catered. Cost is by donation. Please sign up or call Dorothy.

**Remember to pray for the shoe boxes,** their journey and the children that will receive the boxes filled with treasures, love and prayers.

**Sunday School kids** have been given parts for the Christmas program. Parents, please help your kids memorize their lines.

**Trees will be cut down** on the church yard on Saturday, **Dec 13** morning. If this sounds like fun to you, grab your hearing protection and come on down. Talk to Pete Krahn for more details.

**Thailand Mission Exposure trip:** Zeb would like to help you with your projects as a way of raising funds for his mission trip to Thailand in June!

Check out Maranatha's new website: maranathawinkler.ca

**To access Right Now Media** use the following link: https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/maranathaCF

## Sermon Notes

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#### Introduction

How do you know if someone loves you? How much do you think God loves you?

#### 1. Is God Really For Us? Rom 8:31

- What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?
- Romans 5:8 This is how God showed his love for us!
- -! John 4:10 We know God loves us by what he did to bring us in!

## 2. Can Our Sins Separate Us From The Love Of God? NO! Rom 8:32-34

- a) v 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?
- b) v 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.
  - c) v 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

#### 3. What About God Disciplining His People? 1 Cor 11:30-32

- \* 'When we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.'
  - "Whom the Lord disciplines He loves" Heb. 12:5-6

## 4. Can Our Troubles Separate Us From the Love of Christ? Rom 8:35-37

- Troubles can make us wonder if the Lord cares about us.

## 5. Nor Can Anything else Separate Us From the Love of God Rom 8:38-39

#### Conclusion

We know God loves us because ......
We know Christ loves us because ......

#### COMMUNION

#### Benediction

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Church Leadership

Pastor: Ron Shiels Associate Pastor: Peter Wiebe Youth Pastor: Jeremy Hoffman

Elders: Dave Lepp James Harder