

***January 4, 2026***

**Welcome to**  
**Maranatha**  
**Christian Fellowship**

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“Come to me with your ears wide open.  
Listen, and you will find life.  
I will make an everlasting covenant with you.  
I will give you all the unfailing love  
I promised to David.”

Isaiah 55:3

Sunday School & ABC 9:30

Church Service 10:30

Call to Worship: Pastor Peter Wiebe

Music Leader: James Harder

Messenger: Pastor Ron Shiels

Sermon Title: *Ready or Not, Here I Come* (1/2)

Sermon Text: Matthew 24:36-51

## Youth Programs

### **JUNIOR YOUTH**

Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00

January 6

Meet at the church

### **SENIOR YOUTH**

Wednesday 7:00- 9:00

January 7

Meet at the church

Call/text Jeremy at 204-362-1699  
or email [jeremy.chels@gmail.com](mailto:jeremy.chels@gmail.com)

## Church Cleaning

Group 6: Pastor Peter & Verna Wiebe

## Partners in Ministry

### **PARTNERS ABROAD**

#### **Generation Rising**

**(Rafael Duerksen)**

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

### **PARTNERS AT HOME**

#### **Providence University College & Seminary and Steinbach Bible College**

Pray the Word of God would be taught with boldness and clarity, and that students would encounter God and become approved "workmen" for Him.

## Happy Birthday to:

Barrett Fehr (Jan 6)

Quin Friesen (Jan 6)

Kandace Wiebe (Jan 6)

Isabeau Ryman (Jan 7)

Levi Krahn (Jan 9)

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## Family of the Day

*Mon/Tues:* Jake & Anne Giesbrecht

*Wed/Thur:* Jake & Erna Giesbrecht

*Fri/Sat:* Mike & Melissa Grenier

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## Prayer Requests

[Redacted prayer requests]

## Looking Ahead

**Next Week:**

**January 11**

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

**Church Service 10:30**

Call to Worship: Dave Lepp

Music Leader: Sharon Shiels

Messenger: Pastor Ron Shiels

## Announcements

**Pastor Peter & Verna's care group** will resume on Thursday **January 8<sup>th</sup>** 7:30 at church.

**Thank you** to everyone who put a special effort into working with our **Sunday School Christmas programs** and also with our **Christmas Eve Pageant**.

'Tis the Season! Please **submit receipts to Fred Thiessen** asap so he can complete the church's year end.

**Prayer partners**, if you haven't already, it's time to let your partner know who you are! **Sign up for this year's prayer partners by contacting Carmelle Fehr**.

Check out Maranatha's new website: **[maranathawinkler.ca](http://maranathawinkler.ca)**

**To access Right Now Media** use the following link:

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/maranathaCF>

# Sermon Notes

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## Introduction

### I. **It Will Be Life As Usual** (Mt 24:36-41)

What would you like to be doing when Jesus returns?  
One will be taken and the other left behind.

### II. **Keep Watch Because You Don't Know When - Like A Thief In The Night** (Mt 24:42-44)

### III. **Wise OR Foolish Slave** (Mt24:45-47)

Preamble about Wisdom

- What makes a person wise?
- What makes a person foolish?

#### 1. **The Wise Slave** (Mt 24:45-47)

#### 2. **The Wicked (Foolish) Slave** (Mt 24:48-51)

## Conclusion

## Prayer

## Benediction

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## Church Leadership

Pastor: Ron Shiels  
Associate Pastor: Peter Wiebe  
Youth Pastor: Jeremy Hoffman  
Elders: Dave Lepp  
James Harder