



## First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

Welcome & Announcements  
 Call to Worship  
 Prayer  
 Congregational Singing  
 Lighting of the First Advent Candle  
 Offertory  
 Prayer Time  
 Congregational Singing  
 Message: "Preparations: Are We Ready?"  
 Communion Service  
 Closing Song  
 Benediction

Worship Leader – Rudy Franz  
 Song Leader & Pianist – Kirsten Warkentin  
 Speaker – Jake Friesen

### MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the Blumenort Mennonite Church, commit to worship God with our lives, enabled by the Holy Spirit to follow the example of Jesus the Christ.*

### VERSE FOR THE WEEK

*But as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him," these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.  
 1 Corinthians 2: 9-10*

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*in the Youth Centre*  
 For ages 1-4 during the Sunday morning service. Drop off your child(ren) at 10:15am.

#### CLUBS

December 4

### YOUTH

December 4 - Bible Study

### SAVE THE DATE

December 8 – Child Dedication

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### DECEMBER

8 – Second Sunday of Advent – Child Dedication – Rudy Franz  
 15 – Third Sunday of Advent – Rudy Franz  
 22- Sunday School Christmas Program  
 24 – Candlelight Service @ 7:30 pm  
 25 – Christmas Day Worship Service @ 10:30 am  
 29 – Sharing Sunday

### GIVING UPDATE

Budget to Date // \$ 356, 168  
 Income to Date // \$ 290, 372  
 Needed // **\$ 65, 796**

### MISSIONS

- Ryan Thiessen
- Tyler Loewen
- Murray and Carol Honsberger
- Laure and Her Family
- Eagles Wings Children's Village

### PRAYER LIST

We pray for those facing illness, recovery or other difficulties

- Werner & Marlene Ens
- Helen Janzen
- Jake Rempel
- Elma Kehler, recuperating at home
- Katrina & Justin Rempel
- Dave & Erica Rempel

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

*We are waiting, O God. We know You work wonders; You announce mysteries, You choose the surprising, You startle the unsuspecting, You keep hope, joy and peace alive, You fulfill Your promises. May we not only know, but may we also through the encouragement of Your Holy Spirit practice believing while we are waiting.*

*Amen.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

#### *MENNONITE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE*

*SCCFV* - [www.genesishouseshelter.ca](http://www.genesishouseshelter.ca)

*MDS* – check the bulletin board or go to <https://mds.mennonite.net> for updates and current volunteer needs.

*MCC* – check the bulletin board or go to <https://mcccanada.ca/> for updates.

**Winkler Bible Camp** *is hiring a Guest Experience Assistant. This position is to provide an excellent impression and communication to guests and to assist the Guest Experience Director in a variety of tasks. Applicant should have administrative experience and have good people skills. For more information on this position or to apply, please visit our website [www.winklerbiblecamp.com](http://www.winklerbiblecamp.com).*

#### **Canadian Red Cross**

*Canadian Blood Services - Community Donor Clinic will be held Tuesday December 10th, 2019 at Rhineland Pioneer Center, 227 - 10th Ave NW, Altona 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm*

*Southern Manitoba Choral Society presents "A Christmas Greeting", Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 7 pm in the Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler, and Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 3 pm in the Altona Berghaler Mennonite Church. Freewill offerings will be taken at each program.*

*Faith & Life Choirs, under the direction of Janet Brenneman & Ben Pauls, present "O Come Let us Adore Him" on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 3 pm in the Altona Berghaler Mennonite Church. Freewill offering will be taken.*

\*Note: These are not all the organizations we partner with. In order to keep the bulletin less crowded, we've just included those that have sent us recent updates.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to this first Sunday of Advent Worship Service. As we prepare to enter this season, we trust that our hearts will be stirred to receive anew the significance of Emmanuel-With-Us. Thank you so much to the decorating committee for all your work in helping us to anticipate the Season.**

### **ADDRESS/PHONE CHANGES**

if you have moved, or your current name, address or phone number is not correct in the annual meeting book from March, 2019, please leave any changes in Hedy's mailbox, send to [blumenortmc@gmail.com](mailto:blumenortmc@gmail.com) or call the office. A copy of the book is in the hallway by the ushers.

### **CLUBS**

Wednesday's for grades 3-6. Cookie sign-up sheet is on the bulletin in the front foyer. Please sign up if you can help with this!

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

Next Sunday, December 8 our worship service will include a child dedication for Mike & Janel Peters, Jon & Melissa Wiebe, Felix & Heidi Houle, Chris & Yvonne Giesbrecht. We invite your prayers for these families as they welcome additional members into their homes.

**Thursday, December 5** marks the date for our monthly 24 hour prayer vigil for Eagles Wings Children's Village in Uganda. We trust that the birth of a Savior will also be meaningful for the students, staff and all their families.

### **KATRINA REMPEL**

Katrina has been granted a pass so that she can go home this weekend. She has also demonstrated that she is able to do what she needs to do at home for her continued recovery, so the Doctors are giving her a discharge date of Tuesday, December 3. We are grateful to God for continued recovery.

**The Rhineland Empty Stocking Fund** - The RESF is now accepting referrals for Christmas Hampers. These referrals can be called in to 204-324-7167. When calling in referrals please have the following information: name of referral, number of children in the family with age and gender of child, address and phone number. Deadline for referrals is noon on December 5. Just a friendly reminder that the referrals must live in the R.M. of Rhineland; - December 7, at 9:00 a.m. volunteers will be needed to help wrap Christmas gifts for these hampers. This wrapping will take place in the empty space beside Pembina Valley Pharmacy across from the Altona Mall; - December 14, at 9:00 a.m. volunteers will once again be needed to deliver these Christmas hampers to the recipients. Again these deliveries will be coordinated out of the empty space beside Pembina Valley Pharmacy across from the Altona Mall; - Many people have reached out with a helping hand over the years with the RESF, and we sincerely "Thank You". If you would like to be a part of this mission, donations can be hand delivered to Pembina Valley Pharmacy, Rexall Drugs, at the Access Credit Union - Gretna, Altona or Plum Coulee locations or simply by mailing the donation to Rhineland Empty Stocking Fund, Box 2255, Altona, MB R0G 0B0.

