## **Giving Update**

Budget for the year \$375, 000 Income to date: \$296, 127

Needed: \$78, 873



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Sermon Notes		
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### **Church Calendar**

Dec. 19 -S.S. Program -4<sup>th</sup> Advent

Dec. 24 - Candlelight Service - 7:00pm

Dec. 25 -Keith Friesen/Christmas Day-10:30am

Dec. 26 -Sharing Service - 10:30am

# **Prayer List**

# Missions

Village

-Werner & Marlene Ens
-Helen Janzen
-Valentine Zacharias
(Recovering at home)
-Ken Fehr
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## **Church Announcements**

-CHURCH RETREAT is being planned for February 4-6, 2022, here at the church! Our speakers will be Len and Sharon Harms, on the topic of God as our Foundation. More details to come! Please keep this weekend open and plan to attend!

# **Community Announcements**

## Winkler Bible Camp

Winkler Bible Camp presents Christmas Glow in the Country! This leisurely 2 km ride is a great way to spend quality time with family and friends and celebrate the season from the comfort of your vehicle. We are open December 11, 12 and 16 - 19 from 6-8 pm. \$10.00 per vehicle (cash preferred). No sign-up required. For more information visit winklerbiblecamp.com or call our office at 204-325-9519. This is a fundraising event for Winkler Bible Camp.



# **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.

Worship Leader: Keith Friesen

Speaker: Harley Dyck

Song leader/Pianist: Kendra Fehr & Tyson Fehr

Advent Feature: Carmen Friesen Date: December 12th, 2021

# December 12, 2021 3rd Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Prayer
Worship in Song
Advent Feature
Prayer
Worship in Song
Scripture Reading
John 1:9-14
Message - "What Are You Waiting For?"
Closing Song
Benediction

## **Verse for the Week**

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." - John 1:14

# **Prayer for the Week**

"Heavenly Father, we thank you for coming into your own creation, showing us who you are and bringing us your ultimate revelation in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Amen."

### **Church Announcements**

The <u>Candlelight Service</u> will be taking place on December 24th at 7 pm. The service will consist of singing and Scripture readings to celebrate the coming of our King! With our current seating areas, we will be able to have 125 people join the service in person, with the service also being livestreamed. There will be ushers both indoors and outdoors to help people find seating. Please contact Melita Enns (431-775-3440 or melitaenns@yahoo.ca) if you have any questions.

For the <u>Sharing Service</u> on the 26th, we will have the livestream for those watching from home at 10:30. However, because there may be personal things shared, we will not be leaving the service up on the YouTube channel, after the service airs. So, if you are planning to watch from home, be sure to tune in at 10:30.

### **Usher Ministry**

Do you love the church and enjoy being here for worship on a Sunday morning? We would love to invite all those who might be interested in serving as an Usher to let Jaime Falk know. The Ushers help all those coming in, to get to an available space for the service, which is an important ministry on a Sunday morning, especially with the current restrictions and now during the Christmas season. Ushers are a valuable resource for the church body at our worship gatherings, and so we are looking for all those men or women who are willing to commit to serving in this way when scheduled.

## **Prayer**

Please pray for Jake Wall. He is Amanda (and Dustin) Nickel's Dad, and an uncle to Gerry (and Cassie), Chris (and Yvonne), and Eric (and Jess) Giesbrecht. He was taken to BTHC Dec 6 from worsening Covid symptoms and then transferred to HSC, the family would appreciate all prayers for his strength and a recovery. Pray for Amanda's mom, Marge, as she waits for updates and for the medical staff that are caring for him.

<u>Take Note - Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> - No Sunday School</u>. Sunday School will resume on January 2. 2022.

### Ice Rink Update

Railway ties have been set up and flooding has been started for the Ice Rink on the North side of the Church. We are still looking for someone that would be willing to be the point person on this. They would take charge of making sure the Ice is maintained (flooded, cleared, etc.) This would involve checking on the ice a couple of times a week and contacting volunteers to make sure the ice is flooded regularly and cleared when it snows. Please contact Pastor Keith or Pastor Gerry if you have a passion for skating and would like to take this on!

#### **Youth Calendar**

December 15 - Christmas Banquet - Starts with Supper at 6:30pm (Pepperoni and Bacon Pizza and Caesar Salad). Bring a \$5 Grab box gift. There is no dress up theme. Come as you are. Ends at 9pm. This is the last youth night before Christmas break. Youth will resume on January 12 @ 7pm.