

Giving Update

Budget to date: \$400, 477
Income to date: \$296, 563
Needed: \$103, 914



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Sermon Notes



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Church Calendar

Dec 15 - Herb Franz/3rd Advent
Dec 22 - Sunday School Program
Dec 25 - Gerry Giesbrecht/Christmas Day

Prayer list-Werner & Marlene Ens

Missions - Kendra Fehr, Ryan Thiessen,
Joshua Dyck (CCBR) Murray & Carol Honsberger,
Eagles Wings Children's Village

Community Announcements

~One Hope Canada

Join us for a Christmas Carol Concert & Sing
-Along, TODAY, (December 8th) at 4pm at the
P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall in Winkler.
Directed by Howard Bredin with
special guests The Chapel Brass & Male Chorus.

~Annual Longest Night Memorial Service on
Dec 21st:

In this busy time before all the Christmas and
Holiday celebrations, grief over losing a beloved
person in our lives can be very hard. **The Altona
Palliative Volunteer Team** presents a Longest
Night Memorial Service each year on December 21.
It's meant to give those who attend a time and
space specifically to recognize and mourn their lost
loved ones, or to recognize losses of ANY kind. It is
a time for quiet reflection, music, and candle
lighting, with a short meditation. The names of
loved ones will be read out loud for those who wish.
This year the Longest Night Memorial Service is at
the Altona United Church at 7:00 pm, address 45
3rd Ave SE, Altona. All are welcome.

~Canadian Blood Donor Clinic - Altona Pioneer
Centre - Thursday, December 12. Register with
Blood.ca



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: Dustin Fehr
Speaker: Dave Rempel
Song Leader: Kendra Fehr
Children's Story: Alyssa Fehr

Date: December 8, 2024

December 8, 2024 Second Advent

Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Advent Candle Lighting
Worship in Song
Children's Feature
Congregational Prayer
Offering
Worship in Song
Scripture Reading -Isaiah 9:1-7
Message - "The Prince of Peace"
Closing Song
Benediction

Verse for the Week

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God."
Romans 5:1-2 NIV

Prayer for the Week

God, we thank you that you are a God of peace and that you desire each of us to have right relationship with you, and with those around us. Amen.

Church Announcements

~The Church Council has recommended that we hire **Rudy Franz** as **Interim Pastor**. We will be having a vote of affirmation during the service on December 15, 2024.

~**December 29th will be our annual sharing Sunday**, please contact Pastor Gerry if you have something that you would like to share. Some examples of things that people have shared in the past are: Special music, scripture recitation, or reflections on what God has been doing in your life, or what He has been teaching you over the past year.

~**You are all invited to attend BMC's annual children's Christmas program December 22** during the service. Dress rehearsal will take place Saturday morning December 21, 9:00 at church. All children attending Sunday school are expected.

BMC Church Retreat

Save the date for our annual BMC Church Retreat on Jan. 31 to Feb. 2 at Camp Arnes. Our speaker will be Jeff Banman on the topic "Politics with Jesus". Full weekend: \$275. /Family, \$175. /Couple and \$75/individual. For those that want to come for the Sunday Morning Service only, please sign up as well if you are staying for lunch. Lunch cost is \$10. /Adult and \$5. /Child. **There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer, and here is the online sign-up link**

<https://forms.gle/kcHYRCL6vqqkpHb88>

Deadline will be in the beginning of January. If you have never attended a retreat before, give it a try. We hope to see you there!
from the Education Committee

Deacon Ministry

-Seth & Erica Klassen - 384-7384, 332-1690
-Kevin & Helen Krahn - 324-4395, 304-1521,
(H) 327-5448.

We invite you to contact us anytime if you have prayer requests, need someone to talk to would like a visit, or have anything specific we can help with.

Community Announcements

~**Winkler Bible Camp - December 2-15**
Christmas Glow in the Country a fundraising event put on by Winkler Bible Camp, is a great way to spend quality time with your family or friends and celebrate the season! Come take a leisurely drive through the 2 km route in the comfort of your vehicle, tune your radio to our Christmas Glow station and enjoy the festive displays and goodies. Reserve your tickets online or call 204-325-9519.

~**Mennonite Collegiate Institute** invites you to ring in the Christmas season with us on Dec. 19th at 7:30pm. Join us in Buhler Hall for our Christmas Concert! All are welcome.

Youth (Grades 7-12) Calendar

December 11 - Christmas Party - Supper at 6pm (Spaghetti, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert) Bring a \$10 grab box gift, and dress formal or Christmassy. Best dressed in both categories will get a prize!