

WELCOME TO ELMWOOD MB CHURCH

November 12, 2023

“Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. ‘What are we accomplishing?’ they asked. ‘Here is this man performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.’

Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, ‘You know nothing at all! You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.’ He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. So from that day on they plotted to take his life.”

John 11:45-53



"Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them. Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him."

John 12:36-37

Welcome & Announcements

Colin Rivard

Praise & Worship Music

Act Justly, Love Mercy

O Worship the King WT 48

King of Kings

O Lord, You're Beautiful

Video for the International Day of the Persecuted Church**Scripture Reading & Prayer**

Gord Funk

Message

"Is Belief Always Life-Changing Faith?" - John 11:45-57

Phil Kernaghan

Closing

In Christ Alone

Potluck today, after our morning worship service. Please join us.

Please Pray For:

- our Seniors@home: Anna Friesen, Katharina & Ken Krebs
- the persecuted church. Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP). We are praying for believers in Afghanistan who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus. Specifically, please pray for the Anwari family that has fled the country and are in a refugee camp in Pakistan. Pray for safety, for their trust in Christ to grow, and for a safe arrival to Canada.
- leadership council as they provide oversight here at Elmwood. Pray for wisdom, joy in their ministry, and protection over their homes.

This Week: November 13th - November 19th

Monday: Church Office Closed

Tuesday: 9:00am Sewing Group

Thursday: 7:00pm Youth

Sunday: 10:30am Worship Service

- Pastor Ken Stoesz: John 12:1-11

Kids Loft during the sermon

Looking Ahead

No Sunday School today, classes will resume next Sunday, November 19th.

Pajama Drive: Elmwood MB will be partnering with River Elm School as a host site to collect pajamas for the students of the school. We will be taking donations for brand new pajamas. A board is set up near the Welcome Desk with cards detailing the size, gender and grade of 50 students at River Elm. Choose a student to purchase pajamas for by taking an information card. Then bring your pajama donation to the church and put in donation box. For more information, please contact Amanda Opalko or Alannah Mittelstadt.

Afghan Family Update: *Tonight*, November 12th at 7:00pm, we will be hearing from Christians who are from Afghanistan to share their story of fleeing that nation after the Taliban moved in. There will be time for questions and discussion as well as an offering to help raise funds for an Afghan family in a refugee camp. If you cannot attend and would like more information please contact Gord Funk from the missions team.

Congregational Meeting on Sunday November 26th. We will be electing new council members and to ensure good participation we will be collecting ballots after the service. The rest of the agenda will be discussed in the evening meeting (7:00pm). Info packets have been attached to the weekly email and hard copies are available at the info desk.

Christmas Cheer board Hampers: We are hoping to sponsor families from Lord Selkirk School again this year. We will be starting to collect items from now until December 10. For more information contact Sara Dueck at 204-223-7751 or email saraelsiedueck@gmail.com.

Mitten Donations: Lord Selkirk School is looking for gloves for some of their students (ages 5-12). Please drop them off at the Welcome Desk.

Financial Position as of November 5, 2023

| | <i>Actual (YTD)</i> | <i>Budgeted (YTD)</i> | <i>Difference</i> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Receipts</i> | \$ 331,269 | \$ 343,834 | \$ 12,565 |
| <i>Expenses</i> | <u>\$ 324,462</u> | \$ 343,834 | \$ 19,372 |
| <i>Surplus</i> | \$ 6,807 | | |

Special thanks to those who helped with our service this Sunday:

Jordan Dueck, Phil Enns, Petra Funk, Jaden Jenson, Andrew Klassen,
Melissa Penner, Zach Reichardt, Nate Stoesz, Julian Wiebe

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