

# WELCOME TO ELMWOOD MB CHURCH

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December 4, 2022

“And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old... Because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Luke 1:67-70;78-79



*Second Advent*

“Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.” Psalm 25:6

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel WT 278*

**Welcome & Announcements**

Paul Kornelsen

**Praise & Worship Music**

*10,000 Reasons*

*God So Loved*

**Candle Lighting & Reading**

Al Enns

*Sing We the Song of Emmanuel*

**Children’s Feature**

**Message:**

*First Impressions of Advent:*

Zechariah and Elizabeth – Luke 1:5-25; 57-80

Pastor Ken Stoesz

**Communion**

*Behold the Lamb of God*

**Please pray for:**

- Our shut-ins: Anna Petkau, Henry Dahl, Ruth Abrahams
- The many families who have experienced illness, pray for healing and restored health.
- Kay Visch with recent health concerns, pray for wisdom and for peace as she and her family navigate these challenges.
- The staff & leadership of YFC who work to reach kids with the gospel. Pray recent opposition would not distract from their ministry.

## This Week

**Tues. 9:30am** Sewing Group

**Tues. 6:30pm** UGM

**Wed. 9:30am** Mom's Group

**Thurs. 7:00pm** Youth

**Sun. 9:30am** Sunday School

**Sun. 10:30am** Worship Service

Pastor Ken Stoesz

Matthew 1:18-24

## Looking Ahead

**Christmas Cheer Board Hampers:** We are sponsoring 7 families this year. Please bring your non-perishable items to the Welcome desk.

**Advent Resources:** Devotional books are available at the Welcome desk, cost \$10.

**Adult Sunday School Next week:** this week and next week we will provide time for discussion as a follow up to our recent congregational meeting.

**Coffee House:** December 11 from 6-8pm. Come for a fun, Christmas themed event with desserts, music and stories as we gather for a time of celebration and anticipation of Christmas. If you or your family have a special 'talent' or have a reading or poem or even a song that you would be willing to share please contact Marni Enns as we would love to have many different voices sharing memories and their gifts to help us enjoy the Christmas season and to get to know each other a little more.

**Congregational Meeting Update:** Thank you to all those who participated in last week's congregational meeting. There will be two follow up meetings during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:15, December 4, 11). After the service on December 11 all members are encouraged to stay for a short time as we take time to decide on a recent proposal. Details of the proposal (which affect our budget for 2022) can be found at the info desk or the office.

**Prayer Meeting:** December 7 at 7:00pm

**Christmas Eve Concert:** December 24 at 6:30pm.

**Christmas Morning Service:** December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

*Thank you all for your prayers and calls, Lloyd is doing well and we wait for more results. - Blessings Lloyd and Katherine*

**Financial Position as of November 27, 2022**

	<i>Actual (YTD)</i>	<i>Budgeted (YTD)</i>	<i>Difference</i>
<i>Receipts*</i>	\$ 323,152	\$ 340,280	(\$ 17,128)
<u><i>Expenses</i></u>	<u>\$ 327,067</u>	\$ 340,280	(\$ 13,213)
<i>Deficit</i>	\$ (4,274)		

*\*Receipts do not include \$31,346 for the Refugee Project and \$19,286 from an estate gift.*

***A special thanks to those who helped with our service this Sunday:***

*Damien Brodal, Austin Deleske, Taylia Deleske, Laurie Dyck, Willard Dyck,  
Marni Enns, Phil Enns, Andrew Klassen, RandyMac Mittelstadt,  
Elayna Oswald, Ruth Schellenberg*

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