

WELCOME TO ELMWOOD MB CHURCH

December 3rd, 2023

“Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

2 Corinthians 12:7-10



“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

Psalm 27:1

First Advent

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus WT 279

Welcome & Announcements

Joel Stevens

Candle Lighting

Praise & Worship Music

Great is Thy Faithfulness

The Love of the Father

God the Uncreated One

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Ben Loewen

Message

“Unwanted Gifts: The Thorn” - 2 Corinthians 12:7

Pastor Ken Stoesz

Communion

We Remember You / Christ is Mine Forevermore

Please Pray For:

- our seniors@home: Agnes Bernstein, Nettie Enns, Teenie Wall
- the children at River Elm school who are receiving the pajamas EMBC has collected. Pray that they would know that Jesus loves them!
- other churches and ministries in our neighbourhood: One Hope Canada, Riverwood Church, Philadelphia Ministry, New Hope Community Church, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Square One World Media, MBCI, and more. Pray that these ministries would continue to faithfully point people to trust in Jesus.

Our condolences to Sieg and Teenie Wall on the passing of Sieg's sister, Ruth who passed on November 22nd. Funeral plans are being made for January.

This Week: December 4th - 10th

Tuesday: 9:30am Sewing Group

Thursday: 5:30pm Youth Christmas Party

Sunday: 9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Second Advent Service

- Pastor Ken Stoesz: Proverbs 27:5

Looking Ahead

Adult Sunday School: This month's theme is "Boundaries".

Pajama Drive: Today, Sunday, December 3rd, is the last day we will be accepting pajamas. Please drop them off in the library in the designated area.

Baptism: If you are interested in baptism, please contact Pastor Ken Stoesz or the office. Classes will be Decemeber 3rd, 10th, and 17th during Sunday School in Pastor Ken's office.

Women's Ministry Event: Tomorrow, Monday, December 4th, all women are invited to join us for an Advent event. Come at 6:30pm for coffee, tea, and dessert, after which, the video "Prepare Him Room" will start at 7:00pm. Sign up at the info desk.

Youth Christmas Party on December 7th! Reminder to bring a regifted item for our white elephant gift exchange. We also invite you to bring a dessert if possible.

Coffeehouse/Dessert Night - Saturday, December 9th 6:30pm. 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', 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. Bring desserts to share.

Christmas Cheer Board Hampers: We are sponsoring families from Lord Selkirk School again this year! We are collecting items from now until Sunday, December 10th. For more information, contact Sara Dueck at (204) 223-7751 or email saraelsiedueck@gmail.com. Cheer board lists can be found at the info desk.

Christmas Eve Practices: As the Christmas season approaches, children's and youth practices start for Christmas Eve!

Saturday, December 16th from 10:00am-12:00pm.

Sunday, December 24th at 9:15am (in the sanctuary). This will be in place of Sunday school that morning.

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

*Anika Enns, Marni Enns, Phil Enns, Petra Funk, Andrew Klassen,
Melissa Penner, Colin Rivard, Julian Wiebe*

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