

Welcome to
Grantham MB Church

Sunday, May 10th, 2026

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.” John 14:21 (NIV)

Call to Worship

This Is Amazing Grace

Greeting & Prayer ~ Psalm 66

*Christ Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed
I Sing the Mighty Power of God (WT#251)
Knowing You*

Hearing the Word

Scripture: John 14:15-21

Children's Prayer Time and Sending for Gather Round

Scripture: Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22

Sermon: Pastor Michael VandenEnden
“Knowing and Loving: God's Spirit in You”

Responding to the Word

God Be the Love

Prayer of Confession

Ministry Focus & Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Sent out into the World

Kirisuto No Heiwa (May the Peace of Christ Be with You)

Benediction

Passing the Peace

Song Leader: Pastor Tabitha VandenEnden

Service Leader: Ruth Wiebe

Scripture Reader: Bill Huizer

TODAY: Mother's Day

10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship Time

10:30 AM ~ Worship Service

Nursery (ages 0-3): Judy Wall & Kenna Janzen-Dyck

Gather Round

Elementary Class (JK—Gr.4): Marg Huizer & Patti Jones

Junior Class (Gr.5—Gr.8): Beth Thiessen

After the service ~ Library Open

NEXT SUNDAY: Ascension Sunday

10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship Time

10:30 AM ~ Worship Service

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Sermon: Pastor Tabitha VandenEnden

Nursery (ages 0-3): John Himes & Emily Fast

Gather Round

Elementary Class (JK—Gr.4): Taya Himes & Madison Plett

Junior Class (Gr.5—Gr.8): Gillian Giesbrecht

After the service ~ Library Open

THIS WEEK:

MON: Badminton.....7:00 PM

WED: Leadership Board Meeting.....7:00 PM

FRI: Grantham Youth Bible Study.....7:00 PM

SAT: Grantham Car Rally.....3:30 PM

Pizza Supper.....5:00 PM

TODAY is the deadline to sign up for both events! (*see insert for details*)

UPCOMING:

May 24 ~ Grantham's Annual General Meeting

May 29 ~ Pie Baking for MCC

Pie Baking for the MCC Relief Sale 2026! On Friday, May 29, rhubarb and cherry pies will be made here at Grantham for the MCC New Hamburg Sale. We will need volunteers to assemble and bake the pies from 8:30am to approximately 12:00 noon. This project is a long-standing tradition in our congregation and is a most enjoyable time to combine our culinary skills while visiting together and providing support for MCC. More updates will be given regarding purchasing pies at the church. If you are willing to help or would like more information, please contact Ruth Wiebe or Emily Fast (in the office).



JOINING TOGETHER IN PRAYER:

We want to raise the needs of our community and our world before God (Philippians 4:6). If you have prayer requests, please bring them to a pastor or any member of the Congregational Care Committee.

- Today, as we celebrate Mother's Day, we give thanks for mothers the world over—those who have nurtured and care for us, remembering especially birth mothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, surrogate mothers, aunts, grandmothers, teachers, neighbours, and all women who have shared their faith with us. We also pray for those mothers who have been hurt, disillusioned, or disappointed in their role as mother. We pray for those who have been denied a longed-for chance at motherhood, and for those whose years of mothering have been cut short by the loss of a child. We also pray for those who are estranged from their mothers. Compassionate God, in all situations give us the grace to receive your unfailing, mothering love in our lives.
- Mennonite World Conference (MWC): Pray for MWC Commissions (Faith & Life, Peace, Deacons and Mission) which will meet in the Netherlands in May, prior to Mennonite European Conference 2026 (CMERK). May their time together build relationships within the groups and advance their collective mission to resource the global Anabaptist family. May they also have a blessed time gathering with members of European Mennonite churches at CMERK.
- Multiply: Pray for Sean & Amy Hildebrand, Multiply workers in Uganda. Pray for wisdom as they serve alongside a key national partner in this country, for mentoring of pastors and prospective church planters at a local Bible school, and for training of local healthcare professionals for holistic care of nationals.

(Prayers of last Sunday, May 3rd)

- The Grantham Community Children's Choir
- MWC: David Chow as he takes on the role of Regional Representative to North America
- Multiply: Sean (alias), Multiply worker in East Asia, based in Canada.

JOINING TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY:



We join Darryl & Becky Loewen in praising God for the safe arrival of their first grandchild, Andie Joy Loewen-Collard, on April 25th. Andie is a healthy 7 lbs baby girl born to Emma Loewen.

TODAY is the final day to sign up!



GRANTHAM CAR RALLY

May 16, 2026 @ 3:30 - 6 PM



SIGN UP SHEET IN THE FOYER | PIZZA SUPPER @ 5 PM

All Ages are invited to participate!

- Individual sign up - teams will be made by organizers
- Children Gr. 5 and under will be placed with a parent/guardian (or parent's discretion)
- No cost for the car rally
- Come for the whole event or just for the pizza!
- \$5 / person; children 5 & under are free
- Use the sign up sheet in the foyer to let us know you're coming!



**A car rally is a city-wide scavenger hunt where you follow a defined route and look for answers to the clues provided, pick up specific objects, and take photos for additional points.*

***Contact Emily Fast in the office with questions or requests*

JOINING TOGETHER IN LEARNING:

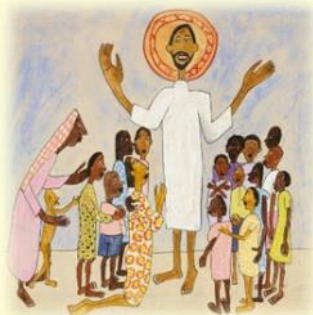
Knowing and Being Known

Easter Series 2026

In John 17, Jesus prays to His Father and states that eternal life is knowing the Father and knowing Jesus Christ whom He sent. He prays for unity among all believers in the way that Jesus and the Father are in union. It is a knowing and being known in union with the triune God that leads to love. This eternal life Jesus speaks of is the gift that comes through the resurrection of Christ and the sending of the Spirit. Indeed, throughout John's gospel, there is a theme of drawing close to Jesus. This Eastertide, we will reflect on how John's Gospel invites us to know and be known by God ever more deeply.

*Now this is eternal life:
that they know you,
the only true God, and Jesus Christ,
whom you have sent.*

John 17:3



Bulletin Image: "Watts Chapel - Ceiling Apex with Four Seraphs," by Mary S. Watts, 1895.

Notes: "The mortuary chapel at Compton in Surrey, England, was designed by Mary Seton Watts and executed by local people using local materials. Its basic design is Byzantine: it is a drum with a domed roof. Into this is set a Greek or Celtic cross which protrudes as four gables... The circle is the prehistoric sign of eternity and the cross the sign of salvation... The Celtic imagery draws parables from nature to address the deep uncertainties that related to the purpose of life and the emotions that are prompted by the inevitability of death... The Path of the Just is traced in the frieze on the outer walls, each section representing the spirits of hope, truth, love and life..." [from: *The Art of the Sublime: Principles of Christian Art and Architecture*, by Roger Homan, 2006, p. 37-38.]

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS:

Eden Spiritual Life Centre Worship Night!

The SLC is hosting its third community worship night on Thursday, May 21st at Eden High School. It is a powerful night of music and prayer, with a talented student band!

Join us as we celebrate what God is doing in our midst and continue to pray that we might be ready for all He is going to do. The event will run from 7-9pm and doors open at 6:30pm. There is no charge.

Eden High School is located at 535 Lake St. St. Catharines, On. All are invited and we hope to see you there. God bless!

Support food security in St. Catharines

Volunteers needed at the Queenston Produce Market

Tuesdays, June - August

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